

NARRATIVE FOR POLICE OFFICER TIMOTHY K PELOQUIN

Ref: 09-937-AR

Offense: MISUSE OR FAILURE TO DISPLAY PLATES

Plate NH 2398855 1989 Chevrolet pick-up
Michael Mattil 03-30-87
29 North Lincoln St.
Keene, NH

Vehicle 80's red Toyota MR-2

Narrative

I was westbound on Cross St., when I took note of an older Toyota MR-2 coming to a stop, east bound on Cross at Elm St. The Toyota had no front plate and no inspection sticker. As the car went by me, I noted that it had a NH plate on the back, with the month sticker on the left lower corner--but no year sticker in the right corner.

I turned around and caught up to the vehicle as we turned down Beaver St.. I was in the process of running the plate through the cruiser's MDT, when the operator of the vehicle pulled to the right hand side of the road and stopped. I now called the stop in.

At this time the driver opened to door and began to step out of the vehicle...I asked him to step back in--he did not want to and I asked again. I am not going to attempt to quote and recreate the next fifteen minutes verbatim or in full. Relative to the plate being on the car.

Mercer, having been id'ed as the driver via a NH CDL, told me that he bought the vehicle in Vermont and needed to get it home--wherein he had a fully registered/legal vehicle. He offered that he worked and had no idea, other than to do what he had, which was...take a plate off a vehicle belonging to his room mate, Mattil, and attach it to his newly bought vehicle.

Over the next fifteen minutes, we repeatedly engaged in the same conversation...

He accused me of being mean and heartless. I have cost him hundreds of dollars, I had Keene Auto Body steal his vehicle, he is going to loose his job because of me...I was referred to as an, "Asshole" on several occassions. This just continued on and on....he would not agree that this was not "my fault", but his. That my actions were in reaction to his. Mercer was hostile and never stopped trying to assert himself while engaging in verbal judo. I expressed my sincere condolences and offered that I understood his frustrations, but again, I was reacting to a

situation he created and adhering to the policies of the State of NH and the City of Keene--this did little--nothing actually--to calm him.

Mercer wanted to know why I would not let him drive him, escort him via cruiser or let him push the vehicle. I explained why I would not engage, or let him, in any of those "solutions". Again, I could not provide an answer to him that would sate his dissatisfaction.

The car was towed to 29 N. Lincoln St.; he had to pay the tow fee before the drop. I took the plate and it has been entered into the property module.

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Police Officer Timothy K Peloquin