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Thursday, October 25, 2012 at approx. 1130 hrs. I was assigned to the Palmer Town Hall Auction area to assist in registering potential bidders.

At a briefing prior to the auction, we were informed by the chief and the town's attorney that there were going to be people present who supported Jay Noone, the former owner of one of the properties. These people made it known through the media that they were going to be present at the auction for the express purpose of preventing it.

We had been advised that one of the means planning to be used to disrupt the auction was to attempt to intimidate those attending the auction with verbal communications and the use of video tape. For this reason we were instructed by the chief that no one would be allowed to electronically record in the town building. Also, no one would be allowed to create any kind of disturbance inside the town building that would potentially interfere with the auction. Signs were posted throughout the building indicating that no recording was allowed.

Registration for the auction started at 1130 hrs. with several people waiting to register. A little after 1130 hrs. as I was standing by the door to the meeting room, where the auction was to take place, with several other workers for the auction and Sgt. Haley when several people walked in to the hallway. One person in particular had a video camera in his hand. This gentleman later identified himself as Ian Freeman (Bernard), asked me if this is where the auction was. I advised him he had to shut off the video camera, that there was no video taping in the building. Mr. Freeman stated he was going to video tape in the building.

I then turned his attention to the sign by pointing to it that was posted on the assessors window that read no video taping. He stated he was going to video tape anyways. I advised him he would have to shut the camera off. He refused to shut the camera off and stated he video taped inside in the past. I asked him if he was refusing to shut the camera off and he said he was going to video tape. His voice was becoming louder and he was argumentative and confrontational. He asked me how I felt about the town auction off stolen property. He also asked me if I was aware of the Glick court decision. His actions were causing a disturbance in the hallway and were interfering with the registration process for the auction.

After my requests to turn off the camera went unheeded and his behavior continued, I took Mr. Freeman (Bernard) by the arm and led him down the hall to the police department. As he was being led into the booking area he said, "You know you are being video taped." I led him through the door and at the booking bench advised him he was under arrest.

Mr. Ian Freeman aka: Ian H. Bernard was booked and afforded all his rights. He was fingerprinted and asked if he would like to make a phone call. Mr. Freeman stated he would not make a call at that time, but might make one later.

The above report is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted:

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