



ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

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Charges:

ARS 13-1505A1	Possession of Burglary Tools	C6F	Long Form Complaint
ARS 28-622A	Fail to Comply with Police Officer	C2M	Citation 11153490
ARS 13-2906A	Obstructing a Public Thoroughfare	C3M	Citation 11153490
ARS 28-729.1	Unsafe Lane Usage	Civil	Citation 11153490

Evidence List:

1. Two vehicle slim-jims 18-24 inches in length.
2. One vehicle door lock puller, approximately 18 inches in length.

Subpoena List:

Officer: Lopez L. A. #6253, Arresting Officer
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Officer: Waltermire J., #6694,
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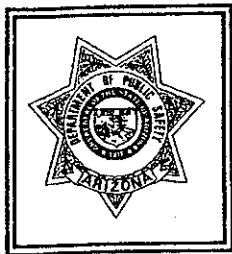
Officer: Roberson J., #7110,
2610 South 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034
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Officer: Cottrell J. T., #6679,
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Supporting Documents:

- Copy of Photo ID
- Vehicle Removal Report
- Supplemental Reports
- Form 4
- Arrest/Booking Record
- Inmate Property Inventory

Synopsis: On Sunday 03/29/2009 at 2120 hours on 16th Street and University, Fronzo West was arrested for failing to comply with police officers, obstructing a public thoroughfare and possession of burglary tools. West was booked into the MSCO 4th Avenue Jail.



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Initial Observation:

On Sunday 03/29/2009 at 2115 hours I was working my assigned area, central Phoenix. I was traveling S/B on I-17 and saw a beige 4 door sedan in the number three lane, I observed the vehicle weaving within its lane of travel. The vehicle exited on 16th Street. As the vehicle was exiting, the right front and rear tires crossed over the fog line by a full tire width.

The vehicle was also covered in red anti-police graffiti/slogans such as "Fuck the Police" and "Stop Police Brutality" I initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle by turning on my overhead emergency lights. The vehicle made a right turn onto 16th street heading S/B. The vehicle was slow to yield and passed 3 parking lots that were appropriate to pull into. The vehicle came to a stop south of university blocking the number two lane.

The driver a black male immediately exited the vehicle pointing a silver object in my direction that was in his left hand as he stood in the roadway. I exited my patrol car and gave the subject several verbal commands to get back into his vehicle using my vehicle loud speaker. The subject refused to comply with my commands. I noticed the object he was holding was a video camera. I again gave the driver a lawful order to get back into his car and move it into the parking lot.

There was moderate traffic on 16th street and S/B and traffic had to divert around us. The subject did not comply but rather started to walk to the back of his car. The subject leaned up against the back of his car and continued to point the video camera in my direction.

Initial Subject Contact:

I made contact with the driver and asked him for his driver's license. The driver handed me a stack of cards that were tied with a rubber band. I told him I was not going to go through the stack of cards and to hand me his driver's license. After several requests the subject gave me his Arizona driver's license. I identified the driver as Fronzo West. I told West I had stopped him for unsafe lane usage and asked him if he had been drinking alcoholic beverages. I also asked him why he didn't pull into one of the parking lots. West refused to talk or say anything to me. West continued filming me. It should also be noted West was wearing a black baseball hat and white overalls that were covered in the same anti-police slogans.

Several other officers were on scene to assist. West then started to walk towards the other officers. I told West to stay put, he again refused my lawful order. Officer J. Roberson then grabbed West's right arm in an attempt to keep him from walking away. At that point myself and officer Roberson struggled with West and had to lean him over the trunk of his car.

Arrest:

At 2120 hours I placed west under arrest for the following:

- Disobeying a lawful command
- Obstructing a public thoroughfare



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Arrest Continued:

I handcuffed him behind his back and double locked the handcuffs. As I began to search West he began to resist again and had to be physically restrained. During the search incident to arrest, no contraband was found. West however had several safety pins in his coveralls, some were facing up and open so as to cause injury while searching him. No contraband was found. I placed West in the back seat of my patrol car.

Driver's License Status and History:

West was in possession of a valid driver's license. A license check came back negative

Wants/Warrant Check:

An ACIC/NCIC check came back negative.

Vehicle Disposition:

The vehicle was removed by Unique Heavy Recovery to their location in Phoenix. A detailed inventory of the vehicles contents was completed. The tow truck operator was present during the vehicle inventory.

The vehicles windows were all covered with wire mosquito screens, except for a few holes for video cameras. There was a camera mounted in the rear of the vehicle facing out of the back window.

The vehicles trunk and passenger compartments were full to the point where nothing else would fit in the car. During the vehicle inventory several video cameras and two television monitor were found inside the vehicle. There were over one hundred CD's in the vehicle, a majority of them related to political rallies and police issues. Also the following burglary tools were found in the vehicle: 1) One vehicle door lock puller, approximately 18 inches in length. 2) Two vehicle slim-jims 18-24 inches in length.

West was also informed he was being charged with possession of burglary tools.

BOOKING:

At 2330 hours Officer J. Waltermire and I booked West into the MCSO 4th Avenue jail. Upon arrival at the jail West again passively resisted by making his whole body go limp, and refused to exit the back of by patrol car. West had to be physically removed from my vehicle and carried into the jail by MSCO detention officers. During the medical screening west refused to answer any questions, but yelled out that I had beat his face. West remained non-compliant during the entire phase of the booking process and had to be carried everywhere. The only time West walked on his own was when he had to urinate and was told to walk to the bathroom or urinate on himself. West was video taped and photographed by the MSCO Officers and myself. No injuries or abnormalities were noted.



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Officer: J. Roberson #7110
2610 South 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034, Voice Mail 602-223-2006-6828 #,
Fax 602-223-2508, Email address: jroberson@azdps.gov.

Summary

On Sunday 03-29-2009 at 2105 hours, I assisted Officer L. Lopez #6253 with the arrest of Fronzo West.

Initial Observation

On Sunday 03-29-09 at 2105 hours I responded to the area of 2610 S. 16th Street to assist Officer L. Lopez with a traffic stop. Officer Lopez initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle and it was slow to yield, passing many appropriate areas to stop. The vehicle was covered in anti-police slogans such as, "fuck to police," and "Stop Police Brutality." Officer Lopez reported via radio that the driver of the vehicle stopped while blocking the roadway, that the driver was standing in the road with a video camera, and the driver was not responding with police commands to return to his vehicle and remove it from the roadway.

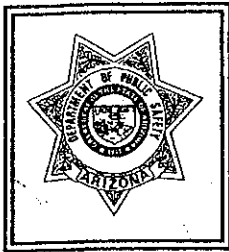
I arrived at 2105 hours and observed a white Buick sedan blocking the number 2 lane, and a black male standing at the rear of his vehicle holding a video camera, video taping Officer Lopez. Officer Lopez was asking the male to get back into his vehicle, which the male did not.

At this time the driver was identified by his Arizona driver's license as Fronzo West. A short time later another officer arrived and the male driver of the Buick started to walk in the direction of the officer that arrived. At that time I told the West to get back into his vehicle, West did not comply with my commands. After west kept walking toward the Officer I grabbed west's right arm and told him not to walk away and get back into his vehicle. Once I grabbed his arm, West turned toward me and pulled away. At this point Officer Lopez and me struggled with West and made him lean over the truck of his vehicle and we cuffed his arms behind his back. After placed handcuffs on West, Officer Lopez told him he was under arrest. West kept trying to stand up and move away from his vehicle. Officer Lopez told West multiple times to stay down and finally had to hold West down in able to search him.

During the search incident to arrest, no contraband was found. However, several safety pins were located on the left leg portion of West's coveralls. The safety pins were open and the sharp ends were pointing up, so as to cause injury to an officer if they were going to search or pat west down.

Vehicle Inventory

Officer Waltermire and I conducted a detailed inventory of the vehicle's contents before it was towed from the scene. The trunk and passenger compartment were full to the point were no other items could fit inside the space. Most of the items inventoried were of little monetary value.



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Subpoena List:

- Officer J. Waltermire #6694, 2610 S. 16th St. Phoenix AZ 85034, 602-223-2006 Xt 6117, Fax (602) 223-2508, jwaltermire@azdps.gov, Lead Investigator

Summary:

On Sunday 03-29-2009 at 2104 hours, I assisted Officer L. Lopez #6253 with the arrest and processing of Fronzo WEST into MCSO 4th Avenue Jail on charges of failure to comply with police officers, obstructing a public thoroughfare, and possession of burglary tools.

Initial Observation:

On Sunday 03-29-2009 at 2104 hours I was working in my assigned area, Central Phoenix. I responded to the area of 2610 S. 16th Street to assist Officer L. Lopez #6253 with a traffic stop. Officer Lopez had initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle and it was slow to yield, passing many appropriate areas to stop. The vehicle was covered in anti-police slogans such as, "Fuck the Police," and, "Stop Police Brutality." Officer Lopez reported via radio dispatch that the driver of the vehicle stopped while blocking the roadway, that the driver was standing in the road filming him with a video camera, and that the driver was non compliant with police commands to return to his vehicle and remove it from the roadway.

Upon my arrival at 2110 hours, I observed a white Buick sedan blocking the #2 lane of 16th Street, just south of the intersection with University Avenue. Officer Lopez was standing to the rear of the Buick securing a handcuffed subject. The subject was later identified through his Arizona Driver's License and Veterans Affairs card as Fronzo WEST. WEST was wearing white coveralls and a white sweatshirt with more anti-police slogans on it.

I observed the Buick was full of items, electronic equipment, vide cameras, recording devices, and two television monitors. There was a video camera mounted on the rear deck, facing backwards. The windows were all covered with metal mosquito screening so as to block one's view into the vehicle, with holes for the video cameras.

Officer Lopez informed me WEST was under arrest for failure to comply with a lawful police order, and for obstructing a public thoroughfare. There was moderate traffic in the area, and southbound traffic had to divert around us, or divert into on-coming traffic.

WEST was searched incident to arrest with no contraband found. However, he had several safety pins in his coveralls, and some of the pins were open, facing up so as to cause injury to an officer if they were to search/pat WEST down.



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Initial Driver Contact:

WEST was secured in a patrol vehicle. I spoke to him and asked him if he needed any medical attention. He refused to answer. I informed him that I would take his silence as a refusal for medical attention. I asked him again if he was in need of medical attention and he refused to answer. Three more times during our time with WEST, I asked him if he needed medical attention and he refused to answer each time. He had no visible injuries or abnormalities on any part of his body throughout our contact with him, and he complained of nothing.

I attempted to talk to WEST to check for signs of impairment but he refused to talk, looked away, and shut his eyes. He had no odor of alcohol about him. I received intelligence from the DPS Gang Unit that WEST was a known IV drug user, had multiple police contacts in the past, and was always non-compliant or aggressive/combatative with police.

Vehicle Disposition:

The vehicle was towed from the scene by Unique Heavy Recovery Towing to their Phoenix yard: 21830 N. 20th St., Phoenix AZ 85024. The tow operator was present while we conducted the inventory, and he informed us that the vehicle would be secured at the tow yard in a location where it was under constant video surveillance for safekeeping.

A detailed inventory of the vehicle's contents was completed before it was towed. The trunk and passenger compartment of the vehicle were both full to the point where hardly anything else could fit in the vehicle. Most of the items inventoried were of little monetary value. The electronic equipment in the vehicle was old, battered, piecemeal parts. There were several butcher knives, razor blades, and scissors hidden throughout the vehicle, most of them within lunge distance of the driver from the driver's seat. There were three auto batteries wired into the electronic equipment as a power supply. It is unknown if any of the electronic equipment or cameras were in working order. There were over one hundred CD's in the vehicle, most of them titled reference political rallies, protests, police contacts, prior press releases about officer brutality issues, etc. There was also a lot of clothing in the vehicle with anti-police slogans such as were written on the vehicle, and cloth-marking paint for creating more clothes.

Booking/Release Information:

At 2333 hours, Officer Lopez and I escorted WEST to MCSO 4th Avenue Jail where he was booked. WEST again passively resisted, refused to exit the vehicle, refused to walk, and so was carried into the jail by MCSO Detention Officers. When asked by the medical admittance staff if he had any medical complaints he yelled that Officer Lopez had beaten his face in. He remained non-compliant with all stages of the booking process and had to be carried everywhere. At one point, he chose to walk to the restroom instead of voiding on himself. He was photographed again with no injuries or abnormalities noted.



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Further investigation:

It should be noted that an internet search of the name Fronzo WEST, revealed several hits out of the Phoenix area. The articles revealed that WEST's non-compliance and passive resistance that Officer Lopez experienced were the norm for WEST during his law enforcement contacts. Also, he had been forcibly removed from many venues to include political gatherings and court hearings due to his offensive and obscene attire. In talking with several other law enforcement officers who had prior contact with WEST, I learned that WEST's behavior tonight was typical, that he steps out of his vehicle and videotapes all police encounters, is non-compliant, remains silent, and goes limp (The Fronzo-Flop) when escorted.

This concluded my involvement in this case.



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Officer J.T.Cottrell #6679, 2610 S. 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034, 602-223-2006 Mailbox 6082#.

This is a supplemental report to Officer L.Lopez's report regarding 2009-016945.

Additional Information:

On March 29, 2009 at 2104 hours, I responded to a call to back up Officer L.Lopez #6253 on a stop he was on in the area of 2610 South 16th Street.

At 2110 hours I arrived on scene and observed Officer Lopez and Officer J.Roberson #7110 at the back of a white Buick sedan blocking lane 2 on 16th Street with a male subject in handcuffs. Officer Lopez had stopped a vehicle that was occupied by 1 male subject later identified with his Arizona Driver's License and Veterans Affairs Card as Fronzo West.

After speaking to Officer Lopez I observed Mr.West was passively resisting all of Officer Lopez' requests to stand up, walk or sit down in the back of a patrol car. I asked Mr.West if he needed any medical attention and he did not respond with either verbal or any physical indicators. I explained to him I wanted to make sure he was not leaving any medication in his vehicle that he may need while at MCSO 4th Avenue Jail. Once again he showed no response to my concerns.

I asked the investigating officers if he had any identification and I saw he had a Veterans Affairs Card so I called the VA Hospital in Phoenix to see if their records showed if required any medication. The only information they were able to give me was that he was not on any medication, was not infected with any airborne communicable diseases and he had an appointment in a couple of days. I advised the other investigating officers the information I learned.

I assisted in placing Mr.West in the back of a patrol car. Mr.West passively resisted all of our instructions from lifting his feet to sitting down in the back seat of the patrol car. With the assistance of two other officers we had to support all of his weight while placing him in the back of a patrol car. During this move after we had him in a sitting position he refused to even bring his feet into the vehicle. I had to lift each leg up and place them inside of the car.

The patrol car was moved off 16th Street to a safer location in an adjacent commercial parking lot directly west of the stop location. While sitting in the back of a patrol car with the door open I observed Mr.West face to face looking for any signs of a response to an attempted conversation with him. I reintroduced myself and

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informed him that I contacted the VA Hospital and they had told me he had an appointment in a couple of days. Mr. West responded to this with a very slight smile. Mr. West had been driving a vehicle which had slogans like "FUCK THE POLICE" and "STOP POLICE BRUTALITY" written all over the outside and inside of the vehicle. Mr. West also had these slogans written on all of the clothing he was wearing as I spoke to him. I explained to him my concerns for his health and my inquiries with the VA Hospital was to see if he needed any medical care. I stated to him that I understood he had some issues with police officers but he needed to understand that police officers are humans too and that some may be nice and some may not be nice in general. While I was telling him this he responded with slight nods of his head in an affirmative way. Earlier I learned from the investigating officers Mr. West had served in the Navy. I decided at this point to thank him for his service in the Navy. Mr. West responded to this statement with tears in his eyes.

Mr. West was soon after transported to MCSO 4th Avenue Jail by Officer Lopez and Officer J. Waltermire #6694.

This concludes my involvement with this case.

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