

KERN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

CASE NO. <u>7-9683</u> ACTUAL OFFENSE <u>Refusing to disperse upon lawful command.</u> INJURED PARTY <u>W. B. Camp, Jr. RANCH</u> ADDRESS <u>Driver Rd., 1/2 mile south of Woolons Rd.</u> PHONE _____ <u>XXXXXX</u> SPECIAL REPORT SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT	SUSPECTS <u>THE NATIONAL FARM WORKER' ASSOCIATION,</u> <u>THE AGRICULTURAL WORKERS' ORGANIZING</u> <u>COMMITTEE and</u> <u>CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS demonstrating</u> <u>inseparably with these two unions.</u>
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DETAILS:

At approximately 10:30 AM, this date, pickets numbering approximately 50 in number started to gather at this location. Deputy Marshall advised that these subjects were chanting, "Huelga, huelga, huelga" in a loud voice, approximately 45 to 50 strong when he arrived.

At 10:53 AM, the tape recorder was put into operation and a recording was made of this chant. At 11 AM, Deputy Walston and I arrived on the scene and this chant was still continuing. We went to Picket Captain SOLODOW and attempted to stop this and were unsuccessful. We attempted to get the names from individuals who were obviously disturbing the peace, they refused to give us their names. I finally wrote down SOLODOW'S name and had Deputy Kleier take a photograph of me with another subject who was shouting, "Huelga, huelga, huelga" and obviously disturbing the peace, who refused to give me his name. We waited approximately 15 minutes while this disturbance went on before I finally read, "To those gathered on the locale of this scene, this is Deputy Dodd, a Peace Officer in and for the County of Kern. I hereby declare this to be an unlawful assembly and I command you in the name of the People of the State of California to immediately disperse. If you refuse to leave the area immediately you will be arrested." Deputy John Armendariz then read this order in Spanish. Then because there was some back feed in the public address system at the time I was reading over it, I went up and down the picket line advising the people that this was an unlawful assembly and that they should disperse upon pain of arrest. These subjects refused to disperse.

The three picket captains were notified in person that this had been declared an unlawful assembly and were commanded to disperse, they refused, they were arrested. When I opened the doors to the paddy wagon these people lined up and entered the paddy wagon chanting, "Huelga, huelga, huelga" and tossing their picket banners and signs in a pile at the rear of the paddy wagon. After I had put as many bodies into the paddy wagon as I possibly could, we opened up the door to one of the cage units and put as many persons in there as we could put in it and then opened up a second cage unit and put the rest of these persons in it. At this time the Reverend C. WAYNE HARDMEYER who had also been ordered to disperse went over and started to make a news release to the news agencies gathered. I went over and advised him that the only persons who would be allowed to remain and not dispersed was those persons from the legitimate press and I twice demanded him to leave the area. He refused to leave the area and was placed in a car to be transported to Bakersfield.

At the time I made the lawful order some persons, including the Reverend DAVID HAVENS, got in his car and drove approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away and remained until all persons had been arrested. He then returned to that he could take care of the vehicles left on the scene. Another person who was in the immediate area and who left upon the command to disperse was ROD FREELAND.

INVESTIGATOR:

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After the arrests were completed, we learned through the press that the names of all persons arrested, excluding the Reverend C. WAYNE HARDMEYER had already been prepared by the FARM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION along with the news release prior to their even leaving the FARM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION headquarters and going out to be arrested. These people came to Delano for the express purpose of being arrested.

As evidence of this having been a planned arrest on the part of the CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS and outside groups demonstrating with the FARM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION, we immediately began getting telephone calls from points all over California including some national coverage. I have seen printed copies of the names of all those persons arrested and a printed news release stating the position of the FARM WORKERS' ASSOCIATION that were already completed at the time the arrests were completed. They obviously had been prepared well in advance.

Immediately after this arrest was completed, Deputies Walston and Gutierrez went out into the fields and took the names and the statements from several of those persons working in the field. They also went down and took the name of the 87 year old woman who lives alone approximately 100 yards from where this center of this commotion was in progress.

Our reason for having declared this an unlawful assembly was that several persons had congregated in one spot along side a road, deliberately disturbing the peace, shouting and attempting to intimidate those persons working in that field and trying to force them out away from that field.

We attempted to obtain the names of several persons prior to making the actual arrest. These persons advised us that they had been instructed not to reveal their names to us until they had been arrested and charged with a specific violation. There was no effort on the part of any of these persons to cooperate with us in restoring order in any manner and further, everytime we attempted to use radios these people increased their chanting for the benefit of any person who could hear it over our radios.

Supplemental reports will be added to this, including the names of those arrested.

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Gerald Dodd, Sergeant #14
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