



Status	Approved
Report Type	Incident
Primary Officer	Kyle Van Haren
Investigator	Kyle Van Haren
Reported At	05/01/24 09:01
Incident Date	05/01/24 09:01
Incident Code	PROTES : DEMONSTRATIONS AND PROTESTS
Location	750 LANGDON ST, MADISON, WI 53703 (LIBRARY MALL)
Disposition	Closed
Disposition Date/Time	12/09/24 13:29
Review for Gang Activity	None

Offense Information

Offense	Resisting/Obstructing Police Officer
Statute	UWS18.10(7)
NIBRS Code	90Z - All Other Offenses
Counts	1
Include In NIBRS	Yes
Completed	Yes
Bias Motivation	None (no bias)
Location	Government/Public Property
Entry Forced	No
PBT:	

Offender

RITVO, HANNAH HOPE - Age 22 - Sex Female	UWS18.10(7) - Resisting/Obstructing Police Officer
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Form Title Supplemental Narrative - Warning Letter and Disposition

Date/Time

06/21/24 15:53

Officer

Van Haren, Kyle

Force Used

None

Custodial Arrest

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Compliantly Handcuffed

No

Force Included or Resulted In

Not Applicable

Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

As identified in a separate supplemental report, prior to Hannah Ritvo being detained and removed from Library Mall, UWPD officials played a recorded message with a final warning to comply with Chapter 18 of the UW Administrative Code, which prohibits Camping on University Property. The announcement also stated: "Any supplies used for camping must be removed immediately. Any equipment or supplies not removed will be removed by public safety personnel. Attempts to interfere with the removal of camping equipment may be met with law enforcement action." The message was played for 15 minutes (on loop), plus at least another 10 minutes while clearing activities were initiated.

After a review of all available information, it was determined that the actions of Hannah Ritvo did not rise to the level of a citation, criminal referral, or additional law enforcement action beyond being detained and removed from Library Mall on May 1, 2024.

DISPOSITION:

On Thursday, June 13, 2024, I sent a warning letter to Hannah Ritvo related to her actions on Library Mall on the University of Wisconsin-Madison Campus on May 01, 2024. This was sent to her via her UW-Madison directory email address of [REDACTED]. A copy of that later is attached to this report. At this time no further law enforcement action is believed to be needed and I recommend this case be considered inactive pending any new information.

END OF SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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Form Title Supplemental Narrative - Investigative Review

Date/Time

06/21/24 15:52

Officer

Van Haren, Kyle

Force Used

None

Custodial Arrest

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Compliantly Handcuffed

No

Force Included or

Resulted In

Not Applicable

Narrative

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE:

I, Detective (Det.) Kyle Van Haren, while working for the University of Wisconsin - Madison Police Department (UWPD), was requested to conduct a review and follow-up of UWPD Case 24-0791. This case was associated with an unauthorized and illegal encampment located on the UW-Madison Campus in the area known as Library Mall, located at 750 Langdon St. in the City of Madison, Dane County WI. Specifically, this case was associated actions that occurred on May 01, 2024 in response to the removal of that encampment by UWPD and assisting law enforcement agencies. During the removal process a group of individuals obstructed law enforcement efforts to remove the encampment materials. As a result of their actions, multiple individuals were arrested or detained and arrested and brought to a nearby arrest processing area where the individuals were identified. After which, unless dictated otherwise due to the severity of the incident, the individuals were released with warnings against returning to Library Mall to either participate in camping activities or interfere with law enforcement actions in that area. Follow-up was to be completed later if needed. Please see the primary narrative under this case for further details.

As part of the follow-up of this case involving the arrest and subsequent release of Hannah Hope Ritvo (██████████) I was assigned to conduct an investigative review. As part of this review I conducted a review of the information provided to the arrest processing area by involved or assisting officers, I also reviewed the UWPD Milestone Camera Surveillance System Footage that recorded the area where the incidents occurred and I reviewed Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Footage from UWPD Officers who were on scene in that area.

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INITIAL OFFICERS AND ARREST PROCESSING AREA:

The following was information I received from the arrest processing area related to the incident as provided by arresting or involved officers or staff working in the arrest processing area.

On that day, Hannah Ritvo, was contacted on Library Mall by law enforcement. Ritvo was part of a barricade line of protesters. Ritvo was extracted from the line by law enforcement officers and secured in handcuffs by officers on scene. She was escorted by law enforcement officers to the arrest processing center. The law enforcement officer who escorted her to the arrest processing center and filled out an initial contact report was Officer A. Gonzalez #6082 with the City of Madison Police Department.

Ritvo was identified as Hannah H. Ritvo (██████████) and was a UW Student. A local address was provided for Ritvo of (██████████) and a phone number of (██████████). The reason for contact was listed as "moving crowd".

UWPD MILESTONE CAMERA VIDEO FOOTAGE:

Part of my job duties as a Detective for UWPD is the reviewing of video footage from the UWPD Milestone Surveillance Camera System. The cameras reviewed on this system related to this case were in color but had no sound. The cameras reviewed included both fixed and Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras. The cameras are named and are also time

stamped. The timestamp is synced with the UW-Madison Division of Information Technology (DoIT) time servers which was also consistent with the official U.S. time as identified on the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) website time.gov. During this review I located pertinent video footage on the following Milestone Video Cameras with approximate timeframes.

07:59 AM to 08:56 AM

Memorial Library Exterior Northwest PTZ
Memorial Union Exterior Southeast PTZ
Red Gym Exterior Southwest PTZ

08:54 AM to 08:58 AM

Memorial Union Exterior (Langdon/Park)
Memorial Union Exterior Southwest Exit Door

08:55 AM to 08:59 AM

Memorial Union West Loading Dock

09:07 AM to 09:10 AM

Memorial Union 1st Floor Theater Lobby (1)
Memorial Union 1st Floor Theater Lobby (2)
Memorial Union 1st Floor Theater Northwest Entrance

UWPD BWC VIDEO FOOTAGE:

Additionally, during this review I reviewed the following video footage on the following UWPD Officer BWC with approximate timeframes.

Mark Silbernagel (06:59:56 to 07:17:24)

Adam Boardman (06:52:12 to 07:17:28)

Luis Perez (06:52:27 to 09:09:25)

Dan Burgoni (06:52:49 to 09:08:09)

Connor Cunningham (06:52:58 to 07:58:25)

Pierce Kaufman (07:11:06 to 08:28:59)

Seth Wahl (07:12:38 to 07:48:32)

Eric Grudzinski (07:14:25 to 07:47:15)

David Brnusak (07:15:10 to 07:22:08)

Mark Silbernagel (07:19:10 to 07:29:41)

Kyle Van Haren (07:19:17 to 07:55:00)

Jake Tincher (07:22:30 to 07:48:53)

Mark Silbernagel (07:30:41 to 07:33:57)

Adam Boardman (07:33:07 to 08:04:01)

Mark Silbernagel (07:34:19 to 07:39:30)

Mark Silbernagel (07:40:20 to 07:44:20)

Kyle Van Haren (07:58:14 to 08:27:06)

Seth Wahl (07:58:16 to 08:27:06)

Jake Tincher (07:58:19 to 08:43:27)

Eric Grudzinski (07:58:57 to 08:26:28)

Mark Silbernagel (07:59:09 to 08:42:04)

Meg Hamilton (08:00:00 to 08:19:37)

Heather Banuelos (08:00:44 to 08:25:17)

Cherise Caradine (08:01:25 to 08:31:23)

David Brnusak (08:01:37 to 08:43:22)

Elizabeth Lopez (08:01:48 to 08:31:34)

Kenan Goyette (08:02:57 to 08:33:50)

Ryan Jesberger (08:06:00 to 08:51:49)

Peter Grimyser (08:15:12 to 09:21:33)

Adam Boardman (08:17:47 to 09:13:22)

Connor Cunningham (08:19:19 to 09:29:49)
Kyle Van Haren (08:32:46 to 08:46:32)
Meg Hamilton (08:33:58 to 09:09:25)
Pierce Kaufman (08:34:05 to 09:09:26)
Eric Grudzinski (08:39:12 to 08:40:31)
Seth Wahl (08:40:29 to 08:41:47)
Heather Banuelos (08:47:30 to 09:07:58)
Mark Silbernagel (08:47:52 to 09:12:19)
Eric Grudzinski (08:48:26 to 08:49:13)
David Brnusak (08:48:27 to 09:08:19)
Kyle Van Haren (08:48:32 to 09:09:05)
Seth Wahl (08:48:38 to 09:11:50)
Andrew Nielsen (08:48:43 to 09:09:33)
Kenan Goyette (08:50:31 to 09:09:44)
Eric Grudzinski (08:51:12 to 09:09:19)
Jake Tincher (08:51:12 to 09:08:29)
Elizabeth Lopez (08:51:37 to 09:10:08)
Cherise Caradine (08:57:40 to 09:10:29)
Ryan Jesberger (09:06:09 to 09:18:10)

IDENTIFICATION AND DESCRIPTION OF HANNAH RITVO:

As stated previously in this report, Hannah Ritvo was identified during their contact with law enforcement. Upon arrival at the arrest processing area UWPD staff confirmed the identities that were provided by the arrested individuals through the WI TIME System. Additionally, for those individuals who were associated with UW-Madison as students or staff they additionally confirmed identities through the directory and campus ID's.

During the course of the follow-up I also ran Ritvo through the WI Time System and viewed their driver's license information from California. I also reviewed their directory information and campus ID photo. This combined with my review of the video footage through the UWPD Milestone Surveillance Camera System and UWPD BWC video footage showed the appearance of the individual in the videos was consistent with Ritvo. As such, when describing the video footage that individual will be referred to as Ritvo.

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIONS BY HANNAH RITVO DURING THE INCIDENT:

A description of the events and related actions relevant to this case, based on the information provided by the arrest processing area and my observations of the UWPD Milestone Surveillance and BWC video footage is as follows.

At approximately 06:50 AM on May 01, 2024, upon the arrival of UWPD staff at Library Mall, Ritvo exits a tent which was part of an illegal and unauthorized encampment on Library Mall. The tent appeared to be a large two-toned green and light-colored tent with a screened in entry awning and a Palestine Flag hanging from the awning. Upon law enforcement arrival an unknown person appeared to tap on the tent, multiple unknown people then entered and exited the tent. At approximately 06:50 Ritvo exited the tent and then went back in and then at approximately 06:51 AM Ritvo and another person exited the tent. That other person was later identified by law enforcement as Bianca Czeslawski, who was also the person of interest in UWPD Case 24-0778. Please see that case for further details on law enforcement's contact with Czeslawski.

Prior to Ritvo being detained and removed from Library Mall, UWPD Law Enforcement played a recorded message with a final warning to comply with Chapter 18 of the UW Administrative Code, which prohibits Camping on University Property. The announcement also stated: "Any supplies used for camping must be removed immediately. Any equipment or supplies not removed will be removed by public safety personnel. Attempts to interfere with the removal of camping equipment may be met with law enforcement action." The message was played for 15 minutes (on loop), plus at least another 10 minutes while clearing activities were initiated. This was supplemented by uniformed UWPD law enforcement announcing themselves via megaphone reaffirming the message and the time limit for removal along with the warning about possible legal consequences failing to comply and requesting the groups cooperation.

While this recorded message was being played and announcements given, Ritvo and the other individual went back to

the tent and appeared to gather some items of property from the tent and carried them with them but left the tent standing as they joined with the group who stood in a line in-between the officers and the encampment and did not make any movements to remove the camping materials utilized.

At approximately 6:59 AM, Ritvo joined the group in making an encircled line around a portion of the encampment and interlocked arms. This encircled area increased as additional individuals joined and were able to encircle more of the encampment.

After the 15-minute warning timeframe had lapsed, Ritvo remained with the group with arms interlocked surrounding several tents from the encampment with no movement to remove any camping equipment or separate from the blockading group. As law enforcement officers moved in for crowd control and removal of the encampment materials that had not been removed by the deadline. Ritvo remained a part of the barricade group with arms inter-locked which adjusted in size as additional people joined.

At approximately 7:59 AM as law enforcement moving in for crowd control attempted to move through the barricade line of the crowd, Ritvo was at the line where law enforcement was. As law enforcement pushed through Ritvo fell to the ground and then stood-up, withdrew and re-joined the barricade line on the opposite side of the circle.

It appeared that Ritvo remained in the area of Library Mall and would transition from being part of an arm interlocked barricade line or circle or standing back from the group at different times as the crowd or law enforcement movements changed.

Ritvo remains a part of the arms interlocked barricade group that encircled some of the unauthorized camping materials in order to prevent law enforcement officers from removing it. At approximately 08:51 AM, Ritvo was still a part of the group linking arms in a barricade stand-off with officers. At this time, law enforcement officers moved into the group in an attempt to remove additional unauthorized camping materials. As part of that movement multiple members of the crowd were separated from the line in order to gain access to the area and where then detained, secured in handcuffs and removed from the area. Ritvo was one of these individuals.

Due to the size of the crowd and movement of the individuals it was difficult to determine each individual person's actions and multiple appeared to fall into a pile. However, it appeared that Ritvo was pulled from the line and was in part carried by law enforcement officers including from the Wisconsin State Patrol, City of Madison Police and UWPD as she was stabilized on the ground and placed in handcuffs. UWPD Police Officer Eric Grudzinski assisted with stabilizing Ritvo on the ground while law enforcement officers from the City of Madison Police Department secured her in handcuffs.

Ritvo was assisted to standing and escorted away from the crowd. It appeared Ritvo may have been yelling as she was being escorted and providing passive resistant to movement but it was difficult to confirm due to her wearing a surgical mask and the overall noise and movement at the scene. Ritvo was escorted by UWPD Police Officer Jake Tincher to a group of City of Madison Police Officers where they were secured in handcuffs by the City of Madison Police officers at approximately 8:52 AM. At that time Ritvo was escorted by the City of Madison Police Officers to the arrest processing center.

At approximately 9:08 AM, Ritvo was released from the arrest processing center. By that time, the primary law enforcement presence at Library Mall had been removed as law enforcement had removed the unauthorized camping materials. As a result, Ritvo did not further interfere or obstruct any law enforcement activity to related to that removal.

This case is still an open investigation and additional follow-up or case disposition will be documented in additional supplemental reports as needed.

END OF SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

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Form Title Primary Narrative

Date/Time
 05/01/24 09:01

Officer
 Van Haren, Kyle

Force Used
 None

Custodial Arrest
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Compliantly Handcuffed
 No

Force Included or Resulted In
 Not Applicable

Narrative

Background:

Approximately 120 fulltime police officers, deputies, and troopers, primarily from agencies within Dane County and the Wisconsin State Patrol, responded to assist with an illegal encampment on Library Mall under the supervision of the UW-Madison Police Department.

The UW-Madison Police Department, including officers working under the supervision of the Department, recognizes and respects the value and sanctity of each human life. The primary duty of members of the department is to preserve the life of all individuals, including the lives of individuals who are in the custody of law enforcement.

When vesting police officers with the lawful authority to use force to protect the public, a careful balancing of all human interests is required. Therefore, it is the policy of this Department that police officers shall use the least amount of force they believe reasonable and necessary to effectively stop a threat or bring an incident under control. The application of deadly force is a measure of last resort, only to be employed when an officer reasonably believes all other options have been exhausted or would be ineffective.

Video cameras are located in various areas around campus to assist with crowd and event monitoring. These cameras are recorded (maintained by the Division of Information Technology-DoIT for 120 days). This video is also retained for evidentiary value and training purposes. Images from these cameras are maintained to the agency standard of 180 days.

Narrative:

I am a Detective for the UW-Madison Police Department and have worked for this department for over 6 years.

Prior to May 1, 2024, UW-Madison leadership repeatedly asked the protesters to bring their demonstration into conformity with the law that prohibits camping on UW grounds. They declined to do so.

Shortly before 7 a.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2024, a team of UWPD officers arrived at Library Mall and began a series of warnings, asking individuals to remove tents and camping materials from the grounds. These warnings followed prior communications, including two messages from campus leaders, that clearly delineated the expectation of consequences if the encampment was not removed

After 15 minutes of constant warnings, officers issued one final warning, that officers would begin removing tents and camping equipment - and arrests would happen if protesters confronted officers or tried to interfere. A group of individuals, including faculty, staff, students, and community members, obstructed law enforcement efforts to remove the tents and were arrested.

Contacts and arrests requiring a citation (Interfering with lawful police actions / Uncooperative / Refusal to ID / Engaged in Camping Behavior after Warnings / Resisting or Obstructing) were brought to the Arrest Processing area. After the individuals were positively identified, they were released and warned that returning to Library Mall to participate in Camping Activities, or interfering with the removal of campers/camping equipment may result in an arrest.

This narrative and supplemental narratives contains additional information obtained through follow-up investigations after the incident/arrest.

Any additional investigative follow-up, if needed, will be documented in supplemental reports.

End of Report

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