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3 candidates charged since election or campaign announcements

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DEADWOOD — Three candidates in local elections have been charged with misdemeanor offences since they announced their candidacy or became elected officials.

The Black Hills Pioneer looked into criminal charges only made South Dakota.

In Deadwood, Blake Joseph, who is a city commissioner and a mayoral candidate, is fighting two charges stemming from a July 2024 incident at the Days of '76 parade.

He was arrested and charged with two misdemeanors — traveling through a roadblock, a Class 1 misdemeanor, and careless driving, a Class 2 misdemeanor.

His trial was scheduled for March, but he was granted a continuance, and the trial has now been set for May 21.



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In Lead, Dustin Heupel, a city commissioner and a mayoral candidate, was cited in August 2024 for smoking/consuming marijuana by a passenger in a vehicle, a Class 2 misdemeanor.

He paid his fine of \$178.50 later that month admitting his guilt.

And in the Lead-Deadwood School District, Robin Lucero, a school board member who is seeking re-election, received a speeding citation March 5. The charge is a Class 2 misdemeanor. Lucero paid her fine of \$178.50 admitting her guilt.

The Pioneer did not list any charges candidates may have received before they announced their candidacy or became an elected official. The Pioneer also did not include any charges that may have been filed in other states.

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