

# **Selah Police Department**

Officer Report for Incident 20H2110

**SIGNS** 

Nature: UNWANTED GUEST Address: 207 W NACHES AVE Location: H1 SELAH WA 98942

Offense Codes: UNWG, TPOT

Received By: West Jennifer How Received: T Agency: SEPD

Responding Officers: Worrell Co

**Responsible Officer:** Worrell Co **Disposition:** PRV 08/30/20

Assigned To: Detail: Date Assigned: \*\*/\*\*/

Status: Status Date: \*\*/\*\*\* Due Date: \*\*/\*\*\*

Complainant:

Last: First: Mid:
DOB: \*\*/\*\*

Dr Lic: Address:
Race: Sex: Phone: City: ,

**Offense Codes** 

**Reported:** Observed: TPOT Theft, Property, Other

**Additional Offense:** UNWG Unwanted Guest **Additional Offense:** TPOT Theft, Property, Other

Circumstances

LT20 Residence or Home

Responding Officers: Unit :

Worrell Co H546

**Responsible Officer:** Worrell Co **Agency:** SEPD

**Received By:** West Jennifer **Last Radio Log:** 20:16:33 08/30/20 CMPLT **How Received:** T Telephone **Clearance:** CRO Cleared by Responding

Officer

 When Reported:
 18:58:50 08/30/20
 Disposition:
 PRV Date:
 08/30/20

 Judicial Status:
 Occurred between:
 18:57:40 08/30/20

 Misc Entry:
 and:
 18:57:40 08/30/20

Modus Operandi: Description: Method:

## **Involvements**

Date	Type	Description	
08/30/20	Name	LANTZ, CHARLES W	SUSPECT
08/30/20	Name	CALLAHAN, LESTER W	CONTACTED
08/30/20	Name	WHITLOCK, ANNA K	VICTIM
08/30/20	Name	FABIAN, GABRIEL	CONTACTED
08/30/20	Cad Call	18:58:50 08/30/20 UNWANTED GUEST	Initiating Call

#### **Narrative**

Se	elah	Pol	ice	Departme	ent -	Incident	Narrative	Report
DO	NOT	DISC	CLOS	SE	DISC	LOSE		
	SENI	OT C	PRO	DSECUTOR	FOR	REVIEW		

On 08-30-20 at approx 1858 hrs, I was dispatched to in reference an Unwanted Guest. Call comments stated subjects were putting signs in people's yards and video taping.

While en-route to the call I was flagged down by Gabriel Fabian and several others in front of Kings Row; 200 blk of S 1st St. While speaking with Gabriel he was informing me of the incident which occurred on W Naches Ave about the signs being put near Selah City Hall. I was informed of a confrontation at about the signs and people trying to take the signs after they were put up. I was told all signs were put on City property. As I was handling this call, Sgt Reeves was on a similar call where more people were near the Selah Civic Center placing signs on the grass area in front of the Civic Center. Random citizens were showing up and removing those signs as they were being placed. Sgt Reeves and I also noticed traditional chalk markings in the roadway stating nowayman.org. Reference Selah Case 20H2109.

While speaking with Gabriel, I also spoke with Anna K Whitlock Anna explained to me that she owned the signs and they were her property. I was told the signs were political speech and the removal of these signs was a violation of RCW 29A.84.040.

RCW 29A.84.040 states:

A person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political advertising including yard signs or billboards without authorization is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable to the same extent as a misdemeanor that is punishable under RCW 9A. 20.021. The defacement or removal of each item constitutes a separate violation.

I was further told these signs had been placed all over the city. During my conversation with Anna, I was informed the signs that had been removed so far had been returned. I finished my conversation with Anna, Gabriel and Lester W Callahar and began to clear the call when I observed an older male removing a BLM sign from the grassy area in front of the Auto Spa car wash; 202 S 1st St.

I contacted the male who was identified as Charles W Lantz 11-28-50. I asked Charles why he was taking the signs and he stated he was tired of all this racist crap. Charles told me he spoke with City Administrator Don Wayman personally and Don told him he could remove the signs if he wanted to. I noticed Charles had several signs in the back seat of his vehicle. I explained to Charles that the signs belonged to someone and he needed to return the property to its owner. Charles then reached in his vehicle and began taking the signs out of his vehicle. Charles handed me the signs and told me to give them back. I collected all 18 signs in his possession and returned them to Anna.

Upon returning the signs, I was told Anna would like to pursue charges for the removal of the signs under RCW 29A.84.040. I have taken pictures of the Selah BLM sign and the Fire Donald Wayman (NOWAYMAN.ORG) sign and attached them to the

case file.

I will be forwarding this case to Prosecutor Dornay for review that the signs stating Selah BLM and Fire Donald Wayman meet the criteria for political signs. If it is determined that signs meet criteria for political signs then the aforementioned RCW is to be used in the issuing of the citation to Lantz.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing report, written in the County of Yakima, City of Selah is true and correct, and I am entering my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it.

Date, Time, Reporting Officer: Mon Aug 31 02:52:19 PDT 2020 C. Worrell #546

### **Name Involvements:**

#### **CONTACTED** :243686

Last: FABIAN First: GABRIEL Mid:

DOB. Dr Lic: Address:

Race: W Sex: M Phone: (509)731-0132 City: SELAH, WA 98942

VICTIM: 193640

Last: WHITLOCK
DOB:

First: ANNA
Mid: K

Dr Lic: 42.56.230(5)
Address:

Race: W Sex: F Phone: () - City: SELAH, WA 98942

SUSPECT: 46201

Last: LANTZ

DOB:

Dr Lic: 42.56.230(5)

Address:

**Race:** W **Sex:** M **Phone:** (509)697-3660 **City:** SELAH, WA 98942

**CONTACTED**: 178329

Last: CALLAHAN

First: LESTER

Mid: W

DOB

Dr Lic: 42.56.230(5)

Address.

Race: W Sex: M Phone: ()- City: SELAH, WA 98942



