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PRESS RELEASE

May 1, 2021  
3:15 p.m.

On April 29 at 2:13 a.m., officers were sent to Perkins Family Restaurant, 501 Gordon Dr., for a complaint of an intoxicated female party trying to fight with other costumers.

During officers’ initial contact with the complainant, a male subject who was later identified as 29-year-old John E. Wright Jr. of Sioux City interjected himself into the situation and disrupts the conversation officers were having with the complainant and staff. The original complainant and an employee of the restaurant intervenes with Wright and take him away from officers.

Officers locate the female who was being complained about and ordered her to leave. She complied with the officers and left without incident.

While attempting to collect additional information for the report, an officer was concerned with the way Wright was treating staff and requested that Wright be “nice” to the staff. Wright became more agitated and started being more provocative in his conduct. He was asked to stop his behavior, or he would be asked to leave. Wright continued to be loud and disruptive.

At the request of the manager, Wright was ordered to leave or face arrest. Wright refused those commands and when officers went to place in into custody, he resisted arrest.

An officer displayed a taser during the arrest attempt as a method to dissuade Wright from active aggression and to overcome his active resistance to his arrest. In addition to this de-escalation tactic, another officer is able to convince Wright to surrender. Eventually Wright followed officers’ orders and was placed into handcuffs.

An officer injured his shoulder trying to prevent Wright from falling when he tripped or threw himself down while being walked out of the restaurant.

Wright was charged with trespass, interference with official acts, and failure to comply with orders of a peace officer. He was suspected of being intoxicated in public but was not charged for that.

We have provided the body camera footage for the three primary officers that were involved in this incident.

We have made the following redactions: the original complainant identity as she was not directly involved in the arrest of John Wright, personal identifiable information such as dates of birth and SSN’s,

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medical information and other persons in the jail booking area. Clips were also trimmed once the officer involved no longer had contact with Wright.

This incident is under review by command.

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