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on
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On Friday, April 16, 2021 at 4:50 PM I was dispatched to Old County Road at the parking lot across the street from the elementary school. When I arrived I was met by Dawn Barnes, the reporting person, who stated 2 dogs, a Newfoundland and Australian Shepherd, were running in traffic and for their safety she put them in her car. I then transferred them to the animal control truck recognizing the Australian Shepherd, from previous incidents, belonging to Shane Fisher. I did not recognize the Newfoundland. I attempted to call Mr. Fisher but did not get through to his phone. By the time I got to the kennel I received a garbled message that I couldn't understand. I then called the number back and the person on the other end said the Newfoundland was his dog. I said that I was still at the kennel and if he could come by in the next 15 minutes or so there would be no boarding fee. When the person arrived I asked for his name and phone number to fill out the intake report, he then asked what right I had to request that type of information he then stated "I heard you were an asshole", up to that point everything was calm. Then he asked me what chapter and section allowed me to pick up dogs. In an attempt to de-escalate the situation I said I just needed to know who the owner is as I just can't release a dog to anybody. Then he said the dog belongs to Angels Helping Animals so I told him he can use the rescue's information on the report. I asked what his relationship to the rescue was and he stated he was fostering the dog. He started to give the information for the rescue, became agitated, continued to use vulgar language, scribbled what he started to write on the form then left the kennel without the dog.

The following day I was off duty and my assistant, Kimberly Andrade, was on duty. She called me in the morning and said there were five different people trying to pick up the Newfoundland. She also said Cheryl Dewitt, a veterinarian, was present. Dr. Dewitt said she was the representative of Angels Helping Animals and handled all their paperwork. Dr. Dewitt also stated the Newfoundland had a heart condition. I instructed ACO Andrade to release the dog to Dr. Dewitt. I also instructed ACO Andrade to request proof of a license, she was told that it would be emailed on the following Monday. As of this date I have not received the proper license for the Newfoundland. Subsequently I was notified by the West Tisbury Police Department that Mr. Sam Hurd called them asking what he needed to do to get his dog. The process was explained to Officer Hollinger to communicate to Mr. Hurd.

Respectfully submitted,

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