



Case#: 1-17-006639

WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL POLICE INCIDENT REPORT				
Occurrence Date/Time: 5/23/2017 15:33 / 5/23/2017 15:33		Classification: THEFT	Status: Referred to Investigative	Day of week: Tuesday
Location: 2 E MAIN ST MADISON		Common Name: WI STATE CAPITOL		
Location Type: Government/Public Building		Reporting Officer: BAUER, G.	Supervisory Employee:	
Property:		Alcohol Related:	Drug Related:	
Dispatch Date / Time: 5/23/2017 15:35	Respond Date / Time:	Arrive Date / Time:	Clear Date / Time: 5/23/2017 18:54	

OFFENSE INFORMATION # 1			
Federal Classification:	State Classification:	Statute:	Att/Complete:
Weapons:		Criminal Activity:	
State Disposition:	Federal Disposition:	Exceptionally Cleared:	

SUSPECT INFORMATION # 1							
Name: KOOYENGA, DALE P				Address: 15365 SAINT THERESE BLVD BROOKFIELD WI 53005			
Birth Date: 2/12/1979	Age: 38	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnic: Unknown	Hair Color: Blond	Height:	Weight:
Eye Color: Blue	Build:	Facial Hair:	Speech:	Caution:	Driver's License #:		
SSN:	Occupation:	Employer:	Employer Phone:	Alias:			

IMAGE.UDSHT1

VICTIM INFORMATION 1							
Name: JOHNSON, DONALD E				Address: [REDACTED]			
Birth Date: [REDACTED] 1936	Age: 80	Sex: Male	Race: White	Ethnic: Not of Hispanic	Hair Color:	Height: 602	Weight: 205
Injury Type:			Extent of Injury:			Driver's License #: [REDACTED]	

SSN:	Occupation:	Employer:	Employer Phone:
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PROPERTY INFORMATION #1			
Property Type: Camera/Photo Equipment		Category: EVIDENCE	
Description: ONE DVD CONTAINING TWO PHOTOS			
Make / Model:		Condition:	
Color:	Value: 0.00	Serial #:	Recovered Value: 0.00
Insured By:			

PROPERTY INFORMATION #2			
Property Type:		Category: ** STOLEN/ETC. **	
Description: POSTER/SIGN		POLITICAL	
Make / Model:		Condition:	
Color:	Value: 40.00	Serial #:	Recovered Value: 40.00
Insured By:			

**Narrative: REPORT**

Incident: Theft of permitted sign

Date: 05-23-2017

Case number: 17-6639

Time: 11:22 am

Location: First floor

Suspect: State Representative Dale P. Kooyenga, M/W, d.o.b.  
02-12-1979, P.O. Box 8952 Madison, WI 53708-8952

Complainant: Donald E. Johnson M/W, d.o.b. [REDACTED] 1936, [REDACTED]

Reporting Officer: Gary M. Bauer #155

Venue:

On 05-23-2017, I was on duty and in the full uniform of the Wisconsin State Capitol Police. I was assigned to the Capitol building and grounds general police patrol duty, working from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

At approximately 1:30 pm, a Mr. Donald Johnson approached me on the ground floor rotunda of the State Capitol to inform me that his permitted sign had been stolen. I went up with to help him search for his sign. I called dispatch to inform them of this. We searched the first floor looking in garbage cans and outside the first floor doors. We did not locate the sign.

I asked Mr. Johnson if he wanted to file a complaint. He said, It probably wouldn't do any good. I told him that it might be hard to determine who took the sign, but that I would do a short report on its theft.

Mr. Johnson told me that he paid \$40.00 to have the sign printed up at a commercial copy/printing establishment. He also told me the sign was 40 inches by 30 inches.

I was familiar with his sign because I had moved it to the [REDACTED] because of a request/complaint from another permit holder who was part of a large permitted event being held on the first floor that day.

I felt their request was reasonable and I know other displays have been temporarily moved in the past. I did contact Sgt. Davis of this and explained my reasoning for it. Mr. Johnson's sign was right behind her table and she didn't want people to think they endorsed or were affiliated with the information contained on the sign. I didn't take the complainant's information.

I did tell Mr. Johnson about the circumstances of moving his sign. He told me he thought that was reasonable.

#### Verification of permit:

I contacted Sue Barica of the Capitol P.D. to confirm that Mr. Johnson had a permit. She told she was familiar with him he did. Permit number 2017P184. She told me he basically has one for the entire year.

#### Other information:

It should be noted that Mr. Johnson's sign was very critical of President Trump, U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, Governor Scott Walker, and the GOP in general. Representative Kooyenga is listed as a Republican from the 14th. district.

#### Video:

Later in the afternoon, I was informed by Officer J. Wichman that there are cameras in the [REDACTED]. I was unaware of this. Due to my assignment at the Governor's office at that time, He volunteered to go to dispatch and review the video. He called me to say he had a suspect. He told me it looked like Rep. Kooyenga.

Officer Wichman returned to my post to relieve me so I could review the video. I watched the video at approximately 3:30 pm in dispatch. I too agreed it was Rep. Kooyenga.

I have seen Rep. Kooyenga many times in the Capitol. In fact, I saw him that morning in his workout clothing at the start of my shift. He is very tall and slender, and has short hair. In the video He was wearing a suit and had a coffee in his hand and can be seen removing and walking away with the sign.

Visit to Kooyenga s office:

At approximately 3:45 pm, I went to Rep. Kooyenga s office at 324 East. I met one of his staffers there, Rachel Vander Wiele, F/W. I told her I was there to talk to the Representative about a sign he many have taken.

While talking to her she told me she saw him walk in with a large sign. I asked if she remembered any wording on the sign. I told her it had a large heading that said NEVER FORGET. She could not remember what it said, but she did say it was large. She thought he came into the office with the sign at approximately 10:30 am to 11:30 am but was not exactly sure.

I asked if the representative was wearing a suit and carrying a coffee. She said yes. I told her he had a suit was holding what looked like a coffee cup in the video I saw. I asked her if the Representative was in his workout clothing this morning. She confirmed he was.

Ms. Vander Wiele thought the sign was still in his office. She went in and looked around. I also stepped in but did not actively search. Ms. Vander Wiele told me Rep. Kooyenga was currently in the Joint Finance Committee hearing on the 4th floor. She told me she would go up and contact him and call me if she found it.

Prior to leaving the office Ms. Wiele asked if he was in trouble. I told her that he did take someone else s property which was permitted to be there, and that it did have value. I told her I was unsure as to whether any charges would be filed but cautioned that they could.

Recovery of sign:

At approximately 4:05 pm, Ms. Vander Wiele called me to say she had recovered the sign. She said it was in Rep. Kooyenga s office under another sign. I went to the office again and took possession of the sign at approximately 4:10 pm. There was a permit taped to back side of his sign, number 2017P184.

Contact with Capitol P.D. supervisors:

Between 4:15 pm and 4:30 pm I made contact with several Capitol P.D. supervisors to brief them of the situation. I could initially make contact with Detective Sergeant Von Haden. She told me to complete my reports before leaving for the next two days, and secure the sign and video as evidence. I did not interview Rep. Kooyenga because he was still in the Joint Finance meeting.

I briefed the other Sergeants when they returned my calls. They were

Sergeant Price and Sergeant Hyatt.

I did contact Mr. Johnson that I had recovered his sign later that same day approximately 4:30 pm. At first I told him he could pick his sign up at the Capitol P.D. I had to call him back to tell him that I would have to hold it as evidence. I told him he could get it back when we were through with the investigation.

I had PCO Knicherbocker burn three copies of the video for me. I placed one in evidence in temp. locker number 12, property tag 7877. The other two were placed into the case jacket.

The sign due to its size was placed into the detective office by Sgt. Hyatt and I in Detective Sergeant M. Von Haden's cubical with property tag #7876 clipped to it.

Review of video:

I reviewed the video at 7:59 pm on 05-23-17. Rep Kooyenga enters the first floor of MLK at approx. 11:21 am with what looks like a coffee cup in his hand. He looks at the sign and appears to be reading the sign. He leaves, then returns at approx. 11:22 am, and then takes the sign.

End of report.

#### Narrative: DRESEN REPORT

Detective Report

Case # 17-6639

Theft of sign

Date Reported: May 23rd, 2017

On Wednesday, May 24th, 2017, I, Detective Matt Dresen, was on duty in plain clothes for the Wisconsin State Capitol Police (SCPD), Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU), which is located at 17 West Main Street, in the city of Madison, Wisconsin, when the following occurred:

At approximately 10:00 a.m., I was assigned by Deputy Chief Daniel Blackdeer, to conduct and interview State of Wisconsin Representative Dale P Kooyenga M/W 02/12/1979.

Officer Gary Bauer investigated a theft of permitted sign complaint on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017, and identified Representative Kooyenga as the person who took possession of the permitted sign. After reviewing Officer Bauer's report, it appeared he attempted contact with Representative Kooyenga, however Representative Kooyenga was in a Joint Finance meeting.

## DALE KOOYENGA INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at approximately 11:00 a.m. I met with State Representative Dale Kooyenga in his office located at 324 East in the Wisconsin Capitol. I advised Kooyenga of who I was and the reason I needed to speak with him. Kooyenga stated he knew why I needed to speak with him.

Kooyenga stated he did not believe this was that big of a deal. Kooyenga stated he took the sign for two reasons, one as a joke because the sign said take a copy and two, because of the contents worded on the sign. Kooyenga stated he was present earlier in the day inside of the Capitol Rotunda and overheard young male school aged boys, saying I want to be an elected groper.

Kooyenga stated the sign had the word groper on it and he believes this is what the children were referring to. Kooyenga stated there are kids running all over the place and for them to see the words groping or damned on a permitted sign is an issue to him.

Kooyenga stated he didn't know what he did was necessarily a theft, and if he could do it all over again he would not have touched the sign. Kooyenga stated the bottom of the sign said please feel free to take a copy SO I DID.

Kooyenga stated he did not take the sign to destroy it, did not take it home, and did not intend on throwing it away. Kooyenga stated his intentions was to give the sign to the Department of Administration (DOA). Kooyenga stated he was going to ask DOA if this sign was appropriate. Kooyenga was not aware that there was a permit process for a sign like this, however he is aware now.

Kooyenga apologized for his actions and did not mean anything by taking the sign. Kooyenga stated he was not even aware of who the owner of the sign was.

Kooyenga was informed of the seriousness of taking others property. Kooyenga stated this would never be an issue in the future.

## PHOTOS OF PROPERTY

I took a total of two photographs of the permitted sign (one photograph of the front and one photograph of the back) These photos will be placed into evidence with tag # 8171. A copy of the two photographs will be attached with this case file.

## CONTACT WITH DONALD JOHNSON/RELEASE OF PROPERTY

I met with Johnson in the Capitol Rotunda at approximately 11:55 a.m. I released Johnson's sign back to him. Johnson did sign the back of the Wisconsin State Capitol Police property/evidence record form tag # 7876. A copy of this tag will accompany this case file. Johnson thanked the State Capitol Police for locating his sign and giving it back to him.

## DISPOSITION

This case is closed, however will be reopened if the State Capitol Police receive additional complaints. Please see Officer Bauer's report for his initial response with this case.

End of report

Detective Matt Dresen Wisconsin State Capitol Police