

MEMO ON WARRANT

January 3, 2019

On December 17, 2018, the Town of Ledgeview Administrator, Sarah Burdette, asked me to assist Dave Enigl, with serving an inspection warrant. Dave, along with two individuals from REA, were serving the inspection warrant on Ledgeview Farms at 10:00 AM.

I contacted the Brown County Sheriff's Department and asked for assistance from them in serving the warrant. They dispatched Deputy Tank to the Town Hall at 9:45 AM.

Dave Enigl, the two individuals, Deputy Tank and myself met in the conference room to discuss strategy. I was informed that the Pansier's were aware of the warrant and were to expect us at 10:00 AM. Sarah came in and explained to us that if the Pansier's told us to leave that we would not press the issue and would leave.

Once everyone was ready, Dave and I drove my vehicle, the two inspectors followed in theirs, followed by the deputy. We arrived at the farm and parked the vehicles close to the house. When we exited our vehicles there was nobody around except a farm hand who drove by us in a skidsteer and didn't stop. We went to the home and knocked, but there was no answer. One of us stopped the farm hand and asked if any of the Pansier's were around. He told us one of them was on his way to meet us.

A few minutes later one of the Pansier's drove up in a truck and another showed up from around the house. The one in the truck asked what we wanted and Dave told him we were there to serve a warrant. He asked what it was for and Dave told him it was concerning their application for a permit. He asked what we were searching and I explained they needed to inspect some of the buildings and take a head count of the cows. They were very loud and angry and asked what would happen if the bulls attack the inspectors and what building were being inspected. Dave gave them a copy of the warrant that explained what was to be inspected and the Pansier who was standing by the truck snatched the paper from Dave's hand. The deputy had to step in at this time and ask them to calm down and explained what was happening. By this time more people had arrived, to include a neighbor, who stood looking at me and shaking his head.

The Pansier's were still asking questions and the driver got on his phone and said he was calling his lawyer. He spoke to someone for a few minutes and gave the phone to Dave. I heard Dave explain to the person on the phone what we were there for and he talked a few minutes then gave the phone back to the driver. Everyone was talking over each other and asking us questions (same ones over and over).

The deputy asked us to go over by our vehicles because he wanted to speak with the Pansier's and try to get them to understand what was transpiring.

About five minutes went by and the deputy came over and told us the Pansier did not want us there and to leave. He said their lawyer told them to call the police and have us removed. The deputy said he explained that the warrant was in their best interest in that if they wanted the permit, they needed to comply and allow the inspection. The deputy told us he explained to the

Pansier's that they had to obey a warrant and that he could arrest them, but that the Town did not wish to press the issue.

We did as they asked and left the farm.

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