

Affidavit of Harold Randal Bjork Concerning Arrest on  
December 12, 2020, concerning Mask Mandate Issue

9:50 I went over to the Rock Springs Recreation Center to meet with several person to peacefully assemble in protest of Trent Ware being harassed by city government personnel at the recreation center and subsequent trespass citation he received.

There was a hockey tournament going on in the building people were going in and out of the building, some with and some with out masks. Passing through the lobby going in and out of the ice hockey rink area. No one was being stopped and asked for masks.

I walked in and the person at the desk ask what I was doing, and I told the person that I was waiting to meet some people. I was drinking my coffee with my mask not on, but in my hand if asked. Then I walked over to the exit area where there was a seat and took a seat and drank my coffee while waiting for others to show.

A police officer (Chief Dwayne Pacheco) walked in after I sat down and talked to the person at the desk. Then a person with a camera (who later turned out to be a reporter from WYO4 News). Several other officers came in and milled around.

I was not bothered by them. Then Maria, Duane and Miriam showed up. Duane and Maria were the organizers of the peaceful assembly.

They came over to where I was, and we talked for a few minutes then Chief Pacheco approached us. We asked him if we are being asked to leave, he said "no". We asked him if we were being cited. Again, he said "no".

We told him why we were here. Then Mayor Tim Kaumo came up to us and started to harass us, and then Maria got into a heated debate with him, and then I asked questions and pointed out the in the public health order where the exemptions are located and that they are protected by Wyoming Statute. I then asked Chief Pacheco what law we are breaking by not wearing masks. HE could not answer it. Then I asked him, before someone is cited or arrested if the officer tell the person what offense they committed. He said "yes" to this. Then the Mayor said it is his policy about the masks and that the recreation center, which was paid by raised taxes from the public and funded by the residents of Rock Springs. He then said that person with disabilities have no rights and at that point I had enough and started to turn around to leave and told him to "eff off". I proceed toward the exit door, and then Chief Pacheco yelled out "arrest him". I stopped the officers approached from the rear jerked my arms up and cuffed me. They lifted on my arms behind my back and pushed me out the door, downstairs and into a car with a barking dog. I asked them to move me to another car, since I have PTSD which I left them know earlier in the conversation with the mayor. I was driven to the county jail, frisked, placed in a cell, and then the booking officer came and got me about 45 minutes later. I was printed and booked. I ask her why my rights were not read to me, and she said they didn't have to be. I ask her what I was being booked for, then she printed out the charge "Riot and breach of peace". Gave me an order to appear on the 22 of December 2020. On the order is stated I could not leave Sweetwater County, State of Wyoming, or the country. I was asked if I like to pay the bail, and I did \$160 plus a processing fee of \$20.27. I was then released.

I had to hire an attorney to communicate with the Rock Springs City Attorney. The case was dropped the day before I had to appear in court. I was given a 90 day administrative probation.

It appears that the mayor and the chief were poised to prevent a peaceful assembly to occur. The brought news agency to record the event and appeared to have planned to make an arrest. I feel that illegal surveillance of myself occurred, since I have been out spoken on the mask mandate issue and they have prevent myself and Miriam from attending another public meeting that occurred a couple of weeks earlier, by placing two police cars and officers outside of the County Public Health building.

I also think that Chief Pacheco could have asked me to not to leave and issued a citation for “riot and breach of peace” rather than using excessive force, with several police officers. I posed no harm to others, nor myself in the situation and was disengaging from further escalation of words. I made to threat to harm others as well. No riot ensued, and Maria and Duane continue their conversation with the mayo and the chief. They reached an agreement to meet at a later date to discuss the dangers of mask wearing on our health.

Sign  
Harold Randal Bjork

WITNESSES to the event that led to my arrest for telling the Mayor of Rock Springs to “eff off”.

Maria and Duane Crisler  
[Maria@abeytu.us](mailto:Maria@abeytu.us)  
(307) 371-0577

Miriam Brown  
[Brightlybeams80@gmail.com](mailto:Brightlybeams80@gmail.com)  
(860) 389-4006