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As the legal observer for the protest action on Route 34 on February 4, 2017, and also counsel for Norman Clement and Nathaniel Blair, both arrested in downtown New Haven, I would like to initiate a Complaint and investigation of the State Police on duty that day.

The State Troopers were antagonistic from the very beginning, especially the Trooper handling a vicious dog. The dog was lunging at protesters repeatedly and eventually bit 3 officers.

3 times I advised different Troopers that the protesters would move aside for any emergency. When I was in the midst of repeating the offer to move in the event of any emergency the 2nd time, the Trooper handling the vicious dog moved over to me and the dog actually jumped on me. Fortunately I was not hurt. He then ordered me to move and I refused and pointed out that he had moved towards me and he should move back. He did.

At no time did the Troopers give any warnings to the protesters to move or be arrested. Had they done their job, the demonstration would have been over in 5 minutes.

Both the State Police and the NH PD alleged an emergency ambulance that was barred by protesters. It never happened, but it was done to disparage the protesters. Government officials should not lie and whip up public optioning when people are peacefully protesting.

At one point some protesters moved out of one roadway when requested and that lane remained open.

The Troopers let the protest continue for 30 minutes until the protesters decided to leave. At that point one officer told a small group of protesters that they would be arrested if they didn't leave.

State Troopers, in cooperation with the NH PD engaged in kettling the protesters as they moved to the downtown and targeted 2 men for arrest.

I will be contesting both arrests as illegal, improper and without any factual basis.

After Mr. Clements was arrested, he was repeatedly pepper sprayed and his arm injured, even though he offered no resistance.

I was not permitted to speak with him at the scene or at the police headquarters.

Despite the fact that a bondsman who could write a surety bond was on his way to the Union St. headquarters, Mr. Clement was taken to Bridgeport, rather than Whalley St. in New Haven as was previously the plan.

Police told me Mr. Clement had medical treatment, but they did NOT take him to the hospital as he requested.

He did receive medical treatment after his release and the following day.

I suggest you read the articles in the New Haven Independent and the video posted by Robert Menafee on YouTube, then contact me as to whether in internal investigation will be undertaken and a report issued.

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