

STATEMENT UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY OF
BARTON ALAN CHASTAIN

COMES NOW, Barton Alan Chastain, who states under penalty of perjury as follows:

1.

I am over 18 and competent to give this statement.

2.

I have made two trips up to the Gathering until today which is my third trip. I brought some kids up from various locations so that they could enjoy the gathering.

On my first trip I came across law enforcement and was stopped for only a few minutes. Long enough for the officer to look in my vehicle, shine his light around, and then allowed me and my riders on through. This was at FS28-1 and 77.

On my second trip up, I was stopped once more. This time in the same location. FS28-1 and 77.

Forest Service Rangers stopped me this time. Upon being stopped, five Rangers basically surrounded my truck. I was asked for my license, registration, and proof of insurance. Handed it to them.

Two of my riders were epileptic. One of them requested that the officers to keep this in mind. The officers continued to flash the flashlights back and forth, etc.

Not paying any attention to the requests. One of my passengers began to get sick and was worried that she was about to begin an epileptic episode.

I was asked to exit my vehicle and follow the officer to the back of my truck. I complied with the officer. Upon coming to the back of my truck I was placed in handcuffs. Asked why. Was told that they would let me know.

Over the next hour, the following occurred.

I was told that I could lean up against the back of the Forest Service vehicle for comfort. Still no word on why I was handcuffed. Each of my passengers were asked to exit the vehicle. Placed in a line. Asked for their ID's or to provide name, social security number, and last known address. Several officers stood in front of the passengers with their flashlights going in all directions. Still not heeding the requests of my epileptic passengers. Luckily, had a seizure. They ran each of my passengers through whatever database they used. None cuffed other than I. No reasoning given for why I was cuffed.

After questioning my passengers more, my truck was then searched inside out including the bed. This search involved 2 officers as well as a canine and officer from the K-9 unit.

After my truck was searched, all of the bags of my passengers were searched and gone through. During the bag search, I was uncuffed finally.

It was at this time that I was informed of why I had been cuffed. The reason given me was that when they ran my ID through their database, it came back showing that I was “wanted”. Asked what it showed that I was wanted for, was given the answer, “I don’t know.” No explanation given.

After a full hour, myself and my passengers were released. One passenger was ticketed and given a court date to appear. Not sure what her ticket was for. I then ferried my passengers on up 77 and dropped them off. From there, I returned to my home in Kennesaw.

This event/incident on Thursday June 28th, 2018 occurred between the hours of 10p and into June 29, 2018 at 12 a.

One of my passengers was questioned intently throughout the incident about an apparent warrant that was out for him as well as a restraining order of some sort between him and his wife/fiancé that was travelling with him which was one of my other passengers. As I stated, all of my passengers were released and allowed to go free.

June 30th, 2018.

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