

On Saturday August 19, 2017 at approximately 1015 am, I SGT John Baker was working the Brooklet Peanut Festival parade detail. I had just moved all the parade traffic off West Lane St onto Dixie St. I was the tail end of the parade and I looked back to make sure there were no stragglers coming up. When I looked back I observed a volunteer, Sharon Meyer, driving a golf cart, parked in front of a white car. I could tell that she was telling the person in the car to turn around and the subject in the car was not listening to her. I backed up on my ATV to the area where they were and asked Ms. Meyer, "what was going on?" She told me, "that this subject wants to get on Depot St and she told him that he couldn't several times." I told the male subject, "that he needed to turn around and that he was not going down Depot St." The male subject said, "I own a business on Depot St and I need to get down there now." I told him that the parade was in progress and nobody is going down Depot St. The male subject then stated, "this is fucking bullshit."

I then stepped off my ATV and instructed him, to turn around and go the other direction. He again stated, "this is fucking bullshit, I own a business here and I am going to it." I instructed the male subject to step out of the vehicle, at which point he told me "that he hasn't done anything wrong and wasn't stepping out." I again instructed him to step out of the vehicle which he complied. The male subject then stood beside his car. I told him to turn around and placed him in handcuffs double locked behind his back. I radioed for a patrol car to come to me and that I had one in custody. While waiting for the patrol car to arrive, the male subject then asked me "what has he done wrong?" I informed the male subject that he had to obey an authorized person directing traffic O.C.G.A. 40-6-2, he has created a disturbance, which is Disorderly Conduct O.C.G.A. 16-11-39(a)(3). He was obstructing a police officer from doing his official duty O.C.G.A. 16-10-24, and refusal to obey and official request of a police officer O.C.G.A. 16-10-30. All four charges are misdemeanors and the Official Code Section of Georgia Annotated codes are listed below.

While still waiting for the patrol vehicle to arrive, the male subject then informed me that he owned Old Post Office Café. I told him that this parade has gone on for 28 years on the same day and same time for the last 28 years. There has been nothing that has changed about the Brooklet Peanut Festival. Once the male subject started calming down, I informed him that he had one of two choices. 1) he could go to jail on the above-mentioned charges or 2) he could sit in his car or park his car in an adjacent parking lot and wait for the parade to end and then conduct his business. I asked him which choice he would like? He then stated, I am sorry I will wait. I then removed the handcuffs and let him leave the scene. He parked in the Methodist church parking lot.

I informed Chief Meyer of the situation and what the outcome was. I later found out the name of the male subject, A [REDACTED]. Once I found out his name, I was told that he made a post on Facebook about the incident, which doesn't match anything that happened.

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