

Let's get a few of the facts straightened up here if we could.

I was authorized to enter the property in question, having asked the road supervisor at Lakes Highway District if I was within legal rights to go anywhere I wished on property owned by the Highway district, even if someone had erected a fence and posted it with no trespassing signs. The small impound yard is located right in the center of an un-built highway district right of way dedicated to the Lakes Highway District by deed a few years ago. This has been confirmed by examination of the map Book J page 26 in the recorders office, showing the plat of the "Little Tree" subdivision. When I went to the yard, I took a copy of the map from the assessors office, showing that the Lakes Highway property continued past the apparent end of the road (where the "bullpen" is located) and continues another thousand feet into the field beyond the small fenced yard.

The fact is, the only trespass that has occurred is by Mr. Mayo, who has claimed to be renting the property from a neighboring property owner. His claim that I was trespassing becomes a moot point when he has no right to post the public property as no trespassing. I went to the site Thursday morning with Marv Lekstrum, who is the chairman of the highway board, and he took pictures of the clear trespass of the bullpen in the middle of their road right of way. This is now being addressed by their staff and attorney.

When the sheriff deputies arrived Wednesday night to where Mr. Mayo had my truck blocked in, they examined the map, listened to each side, and decided that they were not sure that I had done anything wrong, so they planned to open a file and look into the facts the next day to determine if any laws had been broken. After telling this to Mr. Mayo, he instructed them that he "was tired of dealing with me" and he decided to not wait for the sheriff's office investigation to be completed, he would instead place me under citizens arrest so I would be booked into the jail. The deputies cautioned him that "it would all be on him" if he chose that route, but he didn't appear to like the idea that I might not be arrested or charged if he didn't do it himself, so he ordered that I be arrested and hauled off to jail. His apparent motivation may be a problem for both Mr. Mayo as well as the bank, who he is acting as an agent for.

After calling a bail company owner and asking him to spring me as a favor (I didn't have \$300 cash on my person) I then walked the six miles back to my truck and went home. I learned the hard way why a person should not walk long distances in jeans- I still have welts on the inside of my thighs where the seams chapped my skin.

It is true that I was told by Mr. Mayo that I would need to pay him \$45 dollars to obtain my personal items, but according to the auto purchase contract, there was no fee to be charged as it states that the bank would hold the property and release to me for a period of thirty days, and then dispose of it as they see fit. A quick check with another person who has had dealings with them revealed that demanding extra fees may be a pattern for this outfit. A larger problem for Mr. Mayo and his employer at the bank is the contract's promise that if they repossessed the Mercedes they would use reasonable care, but when they towed it they didn't bother to ask for the keys, and they left the front wheels on the

ground with the transmission in park, even though they knew the car is an all wheel drive. The tires skidded intermittently for the better part of a mile and then appeared to lock up.

On a lighter note, when being booked into jail, I was asked if I had any enemies there. I told them I was pretty sure that Gus Johnson doesn't like me. :)