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Subject: Arrest, lockdown and post-protest citation questions

Good afternoon and hope you're doing well. I had some questions about the aftermath of the sit-in, the lockdown and the ensuing arrests.

1) In addition to the protesters arrested July 22, Mountain Xpress reporter Dan Hesse was also arrested. Why was Hesse arrested and what were the circumstances of his arrest?

2) After the arrests, a spokesperson for the protesters released a statement which, regarding the arrest of Amy Cantrell, read in part:

"Cantrell was then separated and taken to an impromptu meeting inside the building with police Chief Tammy Hooper. Present were Hooper, a sergeant and three other officers. Hooper expressed extreme frustration that protestors had created a spectacle by occupying the lobby of the APD. She demanded a meeting with Cantrell, who could not accommodate the request, being in handcuffs, without a calendar, and separated from the rest of her group who would also want to attend any meeting."

Did the "impromptu meeting" described above take place?

3) After the July 21-22 sit-in, the APD offices were on lockdown. How long did this lockdown last? What did it entail? Is there any estimate on its additional cost?

4) At the July 25 public safety committee meeting Chief Hooper mentioned that the building was still on lockdown due to concern about safety and security. What was the specific nature of those concerns?

5) Over the ensuing week, the APD began issuing citations for participants in the July 21 morning march. How many citations were issued?

6) To my knowledge, the APD had not issued after-the-fact citations for blocking traffic as part of a protest since 2011. Why the choice to change enforcement procedures after this particular march and sit-in?

7) The photo on the APD's July 27 facebook post about those citations doesn't appear to be of the march on the morning of July 22. When was that photo taken and why was it used for this particular post?

Thanks for your help.

Best,

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