CHAPTER 132: OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE AND ADMINISTRATION

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§ 132.01 IMPERSONATING A PUBLIC SERVANT.

It shall be unlawful for any person falsely to pretend to be a public servant other than a peace officer and perform any act in that pretended capacity. It is no defense that the office the actor pretended to hold did not in fact exist.

(Neb. RS 28-609) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 132.02 IMPERSONATING A PEACE OFFICER.

It shall be unlawful for any person to falsely pretend to be a peace officer and perform any act in that pretended capacity.

(Neb. RS 28-610) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 132.03 REFUSING TO AID A PEACE OFFICER.

It shall be unlawful for any person, upon a request by a person known to him or her to be a peace officer, unreasonably to refuse or fail to aid the peace officer in:

- (A) Apprehending any person charged with or convicted of any offense against any of the laws of this state or village; or
 - (B) Securing the offender when apprehended; or
- (C) Conveying the offender to the jail of the county or this village. (Neb. RS 28-903) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 132.04 RESISTING ARREST WITHOUT THE USE OF A DEADLY OR DANGEROUS WEAPON.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person, without the use of a deadly or dangerous weapon, while intentionally preventing or attempting to prevent a peace officer, acting under color of his or her official authority, from effecting an arrest of the actor or another, to:
- (1) Use or threaten to use physical force or violence against the peace officer or another;
- (2) Use any other means which creates a substantial risk of causing physical injury to the peace officer or another; or
- (3) Employ means requiring substantial force to overcome resistance to effecting the arrest.
- (B) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section if the peace officer involved was out of uniform and did not identify himself or herself as a peace officer by showing his or her credentials to the person whose arrest is attempted. (Neb. RS 28-904) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 132.05 OBSTRUCTING A PEACE OFFICER.

- (A) A person commits the offense of obstructing a peace officer when, by using or threatening to use violence, force, physical interference, or obstacle, he or she intentionally obstructs, impairs, or hinders:
- (1) The enforcement of the penal law or the preservation of the peace by a peace officer or judge acting under color of his or her official authority; or
- (2) A police animal assisting a peace officer acting pursuant to the peace officer's official authority.
- (B) For purposes of this section, *POLICE ANIMAL* means a horse or dog owned or controlled by the village or the state for the purpose of assisting a village law enforcement officer or a state trooper acting pursuant to his or her official authority. (Neb. RS 28-906) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 132.06 INTERFERING WITH FIREFIGHTER.

A person commits the offense of interfering with a firefighter if at any time and place where any firefighter is discharging or attempting to discharge any official duties, the person willfully:

- (A) Resists or interferes with the lawful efforts of any firefighter in the discharge or attempt to discharge an official duty;
- (B) Disobeys the lawful orders given by any firefighter while performing his or her duties;
- (C) Engages in any disorderly conduct which delays or prevents a fire from being extinguished within a reasonable time; or
- (D) Forbids or prevents others from assisting or extinguishing a fire, or exhorts another person, as to whom he or she has no legal right or obligation to protect or control, not to assist in extinguishing a fire.

 (Neb. RS 28-908) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 132.07 FALSE REPORTING.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any person to:
- (1) Furnish material information he or she knows to be false to any peace officer or other official with the intent to instigate an investigation of an alleged criminal matter or impede the investigation of an actual criminal matter;
- (2) Furnish information he or she knows to be false alleging the existence of the need for the assistance of an emergency medical service or out-of-hospital emergency care provider or an emergency in which human life or property are in jeopardy to any hospital, emergency medical service, or other person or governmental agency;
- (3) Furnish any information, or cause information to be furnished or conveyed by electric, electronic, telephonic, or mechanical means, knowing the same to be false concerning the need for assistance of a fire department or any personnel or equipment of such a department;
- (4) Furnish any information he or she knows to be false concerning the location of any explosive in any building or other property to any person; or
- (5) Furnish material information he or she knows to be false to any governmental department or agency with the intent to instigate an investigation or to impede an ongoing investigation and which actually results in causing or impeding the investigation.
- (B) A person who violates this section commits the offense of false reporting. (Neb. RS 28-907) Penalty, see § 10.99