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Law enforcement members walk down the sidewalk on Thursday to talk to people outside on the 1500 block of Fifth Avenue South in Fargo.

MAN ARRESTED FOR THREATS AGAINST TRUMP, POLICE

BY TASHA CARVELL
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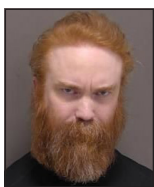
FBI agents blocked a south Fargo street near Jefferson Elementary School for nearly an hour midday Thursday, Nov. 6, to arrest a man for making threats against President Donald Trump, law enforcement and other federal officials.

At noon, Fifth Avenue South between 15th and 17th streets was closed and an armored vehicle was seen in the driveway of 1531 Fifth Ave. S.

There, federal agents arrested 47-year-old Andrew Sandvik, who had been under investigation since early September for making concerning online posts regarding violence directed toward Trump and law enforcement, according to a new federal complaint filed Thursday afternoon.

A Fargo police detective first alerted the FBI about Sandvik's posts on Sept. 4, said an affidavit filed by an FBI agent.

A witness told police about the posts, which



Sandvik

mentioned "Fargo and West Fargo cops." The witness expressed concerns that cinder blocks

depicted in the posts, containing bottles that appeared to contain unknown liquid and "Danger" warnings, might be indicative of a bomb, according to court documents. The witness knew Sandvik and told police he resided in a camper parked on the property where his mother lived at 1531 Fifth Ave. S.

On Sept. 17, police interviewed Sandvik and learned of additional social media posts he had made, directed toward Trump and FBI Director Kash Patel. Friends and family of Sandvik told investigators he may have mental health issues and was in possession of airsoft guns, which he had painted all black to make them look indistinguishable from real firearms, the court documents said. One of Sandvik's



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Law enforcement members talk to someone outside of a home on the 1500 block of Fifth Avenue South on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, in Fargo.

Facebook posts referenced in the federal complaint reads, in part, "Trump, can you feel my footsteps coming? Death is now marching toward the failed and weak Donald Trump! ... Death to the Satanic US-Israel Nazis!"

A special agent with the FBI consulted with the agency's behavioral analysis unit and noted "warning signs of planned violence which can include direct or indirect communications of

threats and sudden onset of reckless behaviors that may suggest a lack of concern for future consequences," as part of the affidavit, which concluded there was probable cause to arrest Sandvik for the federal crime of influencing a federal official by threat.

Sandvik was arrested Thursday afternoon and booked into the Cass County Jail. He will make his first appearance in federal court Friday morning.

Former Cass County deputy accused of slapping inmate faces assault charge

BY TASHA CARVELL
The Forum

FARGO — The former Cass County sheriff's deputy who was fired after he slapped an inmate has now been criminally charged.

Due to Andrew Robinson's prior employment with Cass County, the state's attorney for Grand Forks County, Sarah Jerezsek, reviewed the case and filed the single misdemeanor count of simple assault against him on Oct. 28.

Robinson, 51, was put on leave by Sheriff Jesse Jahner immediately following the July 31 incident, which took place



Robinson

inside the jail as inmates were being let out of their cells.

The inmate Robinson allegedly assaulted, Justin Hodge, had been arrested for driving under suspension. He told WDAY News he tried to get the jail staff's attention after the cell next to his didn't open. He said Robinson began yelling at him to return to his cell, at which point Hodge insisted he hadn't done anything wrong, and things escalated. "He cocked his arm

back as far as he could and slapped me with all his strength across the left side of my face," Hodge said in a statement, adding that he was treated for a concussion at a local hospital following the incident.

An investigation by the state Bureau of Criminal Investigation affirmed Robinson "struck an inmate in the face using an open hand," on the night in question, causing a "minor injury," according to court documents.

Jahner announced in late August that Robinson was fired following the completion of both internal and BCI

investigations.

"Our citizens expect our office to be transparent, professional at all times, and accountable for our actions, something we work hard to achieve every day," Jahner said in a statement. "Deputy Robinson's actions did not align with our expectations in this circumstance, and therefore, his employment with our Office has been terminated."

Robinson is scheduled to be arraigned in Cass County on Nov. 13.

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Dairy concerns outlined in meeting

BY SAV KELLY
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GRAND FORKS — Madeline Luke, a volunteer with the Dakota Resource Council, urged the Red River Basin Commission board during a Thursday meeting to strengthen water quality monitoring for the Red River and its tributaries in light of two large dairy projects expected to be built less than 2 miles from the river.

The two projects, proposed by Minnesota-based Riverview LLP, received permits in recent months. The 25,000-head site — which Luke claims is larger than any previous Riverview project — will be located in Herberg Township, near Hillsboro. The smaller project, with 12,500 cows, will be located in Abercrombie, North Dakota. With the establishment of these dairies, an anticipated 300 million gallons of animal waste will be stored in lagoons less than 2 miles away from the Red River, according to a press release issued by the Dakota Resource Council.

Representatives from the Dakota Resource Council, West Central Minnesotans for Clean Water and Manitoba Eco-Network spoke during the RRBC board meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, at the C'mon Inn in Grand Forks. Among the board members was a representative from the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, the organization being sued by the Dakota Resource Council for allegedly issuing the Herberg dairy permit without necessary pollution controls.

Luke called for a moratorium to be placed on these projects until there's a thorough review of all related permits, opportunity for public comment and evaluations completed by outside entities. She also asked that the International Joint Commission examine the track record of enforcement actions taken in previous cases to identify gaps she believes exist in the system.

"These projects must be held liable for any pollution coming from their operation," Luke said.

She referenced two cases — that she did not name — that she believes raised legitimate questions about the consistency of enforcement. She said there were examples of equipment fixes that took years, data that wasn't submitted until the source was reminded multiple times, and more animals than permitted to be at a location.

"There are no penalties for any of these violations," Luke said.

She questioned what she sees as the apparent lack of monitoring required for the Abercrombie and Herberg sites, and said the lagoons will carry salt, antibiotics, nutrients, hormones, bacteria, parasites and industrial chemicals into

the Red River.

Luke believes there could be issues caused by extreme weather events, equipment failures — such as hoses leaking while carrying waste to fields, where it is planned to be used as manure — as well as issues inherent in the projects due to the lack of a baseline soil test and other studies. She claims Riverview's own agronomist said soil tests that were done were faulty and needed to be repeated.

"Without a valid baseline soil test, it's impossible to come up with a nutrient management plan," Luke said.

Luke and Stephanie Marinowski, representing the West Central Minnesotans for Clean Water, were both previously members of the RRBC board. Marinowski said the commission "has a long history of wanting to achieve a basin-wide commitment to comprehensive, integrated watershed stewardship and management by balancing natural systems and human needs."

She asked the board members who represent North Dakota to listen to the pleas of their citizens and be diligent in the permitting process, considering the environmental impacts.

"It is much more costly to turn a blind eye to these concerns than to deal with them before they happen," Marinowski said.

James Beddome, executive director for the Manitoba Eco-Network, spoke on behalf of a coalition. He said Lake Winnipeg is in a state of crisis, facing a loss of oxygen, toxic algae and excessive nuclear loads. He stressed that waters from the U.S. flow into that lake, and the two proposed dairy projects present concerns. He said the projects would include nearly the same number of cows located in dairies throughout the entirety of Manitoba, and said the herds in Manitoba are in much smaller groups with an average size of 190 cows per operation.

The RRBC board made no comments on the issue other than to thank the speakers for providing information.

Also during the meeting, RRBC board members gave updates on projects throughout North Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba, including the Netley-Libau Marsh Restoration Project, designed to revitalize the deteriorating wetland, which is the largest freshwater coastal wetland in North America, according to the meeting presentation.

Sediment baffles were installed that are intended to naturally trap sediment as it flows into the marsh. Within the first year, the sediment trapping was unsuccessful due to low waters not reaching the baffles, but new vegetation that was planted for the project has become taller, denser and more diverse than in other areas.

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