

Formal Charges Filed Against Former Richardson Co. Deputy (KLZA)-- Formal charges have been filed against former Richardson County Deputy Sheriff Joshua Nincehelter.

Charges filed in Richardson County District Court against the 25-year Dawson resident include a felony count of criminal mischief. In addition, three misdemeanor charges were also filed--including false reporting, official misconduct and obstruction of government operations.

In the early morning hours of June 9th, while on duty, authorities say Nincehelter allegedly shot himself in the upper left arm. He then reported to the dispatcher he had been shot by an unidentified assailant in a car he had stopped to check on.

That led to a search of northwestern Richardson County utilizing a Nebraska State Patrol helicopter and manpower in addition to local law enforcement.

The patrol pickup Nincehelter was driving was damaged by bullets. He was treated for the gunshot wound at a Lincoln hospital.

During an investigation by the Nebraska State Patrol, Nincehelter allegedly admitted he shot himself in the arm, fired several shots into his patrol vehicle and falsely reported to his dispatcher he was chasing a fleeing vehicle.

Nincehelter is currently being held at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Diagnostic and Evaluation Center at Lincoln. Bail was set at \$50,000.

Nincehelter is currently scheduled for arraignment in Richardson County Court on July 14th at 2 p-m.

Kale Burdick with the Nebraska Attorney General's Office will serve as special prosecutor in the case.

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