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Union Files Complaint Over Gage County Sheriffs Vehicle Changes

BEATRICE, Neb. (AP) - The union representing Gage County Sheriff's deputies has filed a complaint with Nebraska's public-sector labor court in an effort to allow officers to continue driving their patrol cars home.

The Beatrice Daily News reports that the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 45B filed the complaint Friday with the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations.

It follows Gage County Sheriff Millard "Gus" Gustafson's decision to no longer allow deputies to drive patrol vehicles home when not on duty.

Gustafson says stopping the practice would result in 40,000 fewer miles being placed on patrol vehicles, adding life to the vehicles and increasing their trade-in value.

But the union says it amounts to a change in a benefit or condition of employment that must be agreed upon in contract bargaining.

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