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NEWS RELEASE

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Graham, NC-

The Alamance County Sheriff's Office along with the Graham Police Department, made arrests today during a protest in Graham, N.C. The event organizer, Rev. Gregory Drumwright, was granted a permit to hold a rally on the grounds of the Alamance County Historic Courthouse. Mr. Drumwright was involved in several meetings with the Alamance County Sheriff's Office and the Graham Police Department to discuss his plans and the rules to abide by during the event.

Mr. Drumwright chose not to abide by the agreed upon rules. As a result, after violations of the permit, along with disorderly conduct by participants leading to arrests, the protest was deemed an unlawful assembly and participants were asked to leave. Mr. Drumwright and participants refused to leave.

Three (3) orders to disperse were announced over amplified devices and logged each time. After the first announcement, officers waited five (5) minutes for participants to leave. A second announcement was then made over amplified devices and logged. Officers waited 2 more minutes for participants to leave. Officers then made the third announcement to disperse, again warning participants that they would be subject to arrests. These announcements can also be heard in social media posts.

The names of those arrested by the Alamance County Sheriff's Office and charges will be released later.

Inquires regarding arrest made by the Graham Police Department should be made to that agency.

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