

Good morning Mr., Chairman, and members of the House Judiciary committee.

My name is Austen Schauer, representing District 13 in West Fargo.

What should the penalty be, *what should be the punishment be*, for someone who destroys property in a riot?

It is an issue we've rarely dealt with in North Dakota...but it became ***all too real*** in downtown Fargo on May 30, 2020.

What should the penalty be when people from outside our state show up to organize a protest, knowing the objective is to turn the protest into a **riot**?

What should the penalty be when they are successful; spouting anger which leads to violence; assaulting police officers, screaming obscenities into the faces of our African American officers, taunting, setting fires, vandalizing buildings and businesses with rocks and bricks, damaging vehicles including cop cars followed by looting.

What should that penalty be?

After the riot, the instigators left having accomplished their goals of drawing attention to themselves while leaving behind more than 200 thousand dollars in damages.

They left leaving us with a ***high level of disgust*** at the bullies who walked into our town, uninvited and tore it up.