

EXCLUSIVE: Road Rage Incident Leads To Arrest Of Former Racine Mayor John Dickert, Now A Top Official In State Revenue Department

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Former Racine Mayor John Dickert was arrested Sunday afternoon in the Village of Mount Pleasant In Racine County following a reported road rage incident. Dickert is currently the administrator of state and local finance in the Evers Administration Department of Revenue.

Mount Pleasant Village Police Captain Brian Smith tells me police were called around 4 pm this past Sunday (March 22) after a confrontation between two motorists in the 5200 block of West Washington Avenue (Highway 20). That's a bit west of the Racine city limits and a major thoroughfare. Smith could not give specifics of the incident saying all reports have been turned over the Racine County District Attorney. He did say the two motorists got into an argument about some driving issue and that Village Police were called. That's when Dickert was arrested and cited.

As mentioned, the case has been referred to the Racine County District Attorney for possible criminal charges. Dickert has been cited but has not yet been charged.

Dickert was a controversial three term mayor of Racine who aggressively pushed economic development, including a major project that failed. He resigned as mayor a couple of years ago to take a position with a Great Lakes agency. He was named to his current post in the Revenue Department last May following Evers' election. Dickert is an active Democrat (although the Racine mayor job is non-partisan.

Revenue Spokesman Patty Mayers and Revenue Secretary Peter Barca have been asked for comment but have not responded. I have not been able to reach Dickert.

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UPDATE: District Attorney Patricia Hanson tells me Dickert's case will not be reviewed until after April 30 because of the State Supreme Court's order to slow handling of non-urgent cases because of COVID-19. Hanson says she will not be naming a special prosecutor and that her staff will handle Dickert's case.