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CHAPTER 95

OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE

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§ 2951. Refusing to aid officer

Whoever, when required in the name of the State by any sheriff, deputy sheriff or constable, neglects or refuses to aid him in the execution of his office in any criminal case, or in the preservation of the peace, or in arresting and securing any person for a breach of the peace, or in preventing the escape or rescue of persons arrested on civil process shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 19.

§ 2952. Assault on or interference with officer; jurisdiction

Whoever assaults, intimidates or in any manner willfully obstructs, intimidates or hinders any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, inland fish and game warden, coastal warden, Insurance Commissioner or his authorized representative, liquor inspector, police officer or state probation-parole officer while in the lawful discharge of his official duties, whether with or without process, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. In offenses under this section, not of an aggravated nature, the District Court may punish by a fine of not more than \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 21; 1959, c. 312, § 15; 1961, c. 241; 1963, c. 402, § 215.

§ 2953. Obstructing officer in service of process; civil

Whoever willfully obstructs such officer or person in the service of any civil process or order, or of any process for an offense

punishable by imprisonment and fine, or either, or whoever obstructs an inland fish and game warden or a coastal warden while in the lawful discharge of his official duty, whether with or without process, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300 and by imprisonment for not more than 11 months.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 20.

§ 2954. —Criminal

Whoever willfully obstructs an officer or other person authorized in the service of any process for an offense punishable by imprisonment for more than one year shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 22.

§ 2955. Refusing to obey justices of peace

Whoever neglects or refuses to obey any justice of the peace when, in view of a breach of the peace or other offense proper for his cognizance, he requires such person to arrest and bring the offender before a court of competent jurisdiction shall be punished, if such prisoner was in custody for a felony, by imprisonment for not less than one year nor more than 7 years; and if for any other offense, by a fine of not more than \$500 and by imprisonment for less than one year; and if the justice made known or declared his office to such person, he shall not plead ignorance thereof.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 23.

§ 2956. Disguising to obstruct execution of laws

Whoever disguises himself in any manner with intent to obstruct the due execution of the laws or to intimidate any officer, surveyor or other person in the discharge of his duty, although such intent is not effected, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500 and by imprisonment for less than one year.

R.S.1954, c. 135, § 31.