BISMARCK, ND – On February 1, when rogue protesters attempt to set up illegal camp, approximately 74 arrested.

From Bismarck Tribune Article
“Chase Iron Eyes among protesters arrested in confrontation”

Joye Braun, a longtime protest organizer affiliated with IEN, said she was not sure exactly of the intentions of the camp. Unlike the “front line” or “treaty camp” from October, this was not atop the pipeline route.

“How can 76 people getting arrested be a faction?” she asked.

Statement from Chairman Dave Archambault II
On Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Facebook Page

Last night, a group of campers moved materials onto private land. This group’s actions do not represent the tribe nor the original intent of the water protectors. If we are to fight for treaty rights, then we must all work together. Tribes came to Standing Rock in support of our tribe’s effort with the recognition that it will reflect back on us all. This type of action was not undertaken in that spirit, because instead of empowering us, it undermines us.

Yesterday, some took advantage of the impending easement and used it as a call back to camp. Please, once again, we ask that people do not return to camp. The fight is no longer here, but in the halls and courts of the federal government. Here at the camp, those who remain should be working together to help clean and restore the land.

Sheriff Kirchmeier - MCSD Press Release

“Our law enforcement officers conducted themselves in a safe and responsible manner,” said Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier. “Regardless of this incident it is our desire to continue the dialogue with tribal and camp leaders so that the camps continue to be cleaned and protesters leave prior to the flooding season.

Gov Burgum - JIC Press Release

“In spite of the actions of this rogue group, we will strive to continue efforts on both sides to move forward and find common ground as steps are taken to ensure public safety and begin healing the relationships that are so important to the region and our state,” said Gov. Doug Burgum.

Sources: Bismarck Tribune Article, Statement From Chairman Dave Archambault II on Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Facebook Page, MCSD Press Release February 1, 2017, JIC Press Release February 1, 2017