

Misdemeanor charges filed against journalists in Tesla altercation

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The Storey County district attorney has decided to forgo felony charges against a *Reno Gazette-Journal* photographer, opting instead to charge him with two misdemeanor counts of battery and one count of trespassing in the wake of an altercation earlier this month between the photographer and two Tesla security guards, according to court documents this week.

The district attorney also filed a misdemeanor charge of trespassing against *RGJ* reporter Jason Hidalgo, who was with photographer Andy Barron when the incident took place outside Tesla's battery gigafactory east of Reno.

Barron's lawyer, John Arrascada, said Barron intends to plead not guilty to the charges. Hidalgo declined to comment.

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