

7 Now 8 Incidents

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Introduction

- I was detained by local police about 8 times over 7 years
- Civil rights violated every time
- Charged twice (out of 8 stops)
- City attorney dropped both charges without a hearing – charges were junk
- See “7 Incidents 7 Years” by myself Feb 8, 2022
- See numerous other City Council PowerPoints

The Incidents

- Incident 1 – Running for exercise
- Incident 2 – Running again
- Incident 3 – Bushwhacking
- Incident 4 – Shoveling dirt
- Incident 5 – Vehicle headlight
- Incident 6 – Shoveling silt
- Incident 7 – Walking
- Incident 8 – The Link

Latest Incident (# 8)

- Yesterday around 3:00 AM
- Drove a friend in crisis to the Link (she declined help)
- Attendant reported drunk driving to 911
- I was detained by 6 cops – a record
- More cops, more guns, more intimidation
- It is a crime to create fear of harm – not for cops
- It is a crime to falsely call 911 – not for government

No Respect

- Cops repeatedly ignored what I said
- Shows lack of respect, desire for dominance, control
- Police refused to say if they would arrest person who falsely reported drunk driving

USA Constitution

- “the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation”
- Police need reasonable suspicion of a crime to detain anyone
- See Terry versus Ohio, Supreme Court case

Incident 8 Continued

- False report of drunk driving provided probable cause
- Cause vanished when I spoke clearly to cops
- It is a crime to detain people without probable cause
- Dogma – police do not violate civil rights

Another Illegal Rights Violation

- Freedom of the press allows recording police
- Affirmed by various US District Court rulings
- Officer told me to stop recording and put my phone away

Being Obnoxious

- Cop kept waving his finger close to my eyes
- “Get your finger away from my face”
- “Or what?”
- Illegal, unethical intimidation

Extending The Hassle

- Commanded to comply with roadside sobriety test
- Breathalyzer supposedly unavailable
- 1) Walk narrow straight line
- 2) Balance on one foot
- 3) Follow finger motion with eyes only
- 4) Breathalyzer which magically appeared
- First 3 steps are a power trip designed to encourage failure by nervous intimidated drivers

Usual Reaction

- Praise police, deny rights were violated
- Protect police, pride, politicians
- Upon massive protests ...
- Promise an investigation, but delay and derail
- Promise reform that never happens

Underlying Motivation

- Unwavering support for police →
- Unwavering support for the establishment →
- Support politicians who direct police →
- Support rich backers behind politicians →
- Disable analysis, criticism, civil rights, integrity, democracy
- Enable income inequality, government dominance, plutocracy

Dangerous Parallels



STOP AND I.D.



STOP AND FRISK



SAFETY CHECKPOINTS



WARRANTLESS SEARCHES



**BUT DON'T WORRY, THAT
COULD NEVER HAPPEN HERE.**

Recommendations

- Care about people
- Honor your oath to honor Constitution
- Improve police training
- Don't let this happen again
- Replace elected officials who condone (encourage) civil rights abuses

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