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### How I Got Arrested for Holding an IMPEACH Sign

Submitted by davidswanson on Fri, 2007-08-17 19:14. [Activism](#)

By Jonas Phillips

I am writing to tell you about an abuse of power in Asheville, NC by a police sergeant.

I occasionally stand on an interstate overpass near my place of work in the mornings and hold a sign that says 'IMPEACH BUSH / CHENEY'.

On Wednesday August 15, I was standing alone with my sign for about 10 minutes, when I was approached by Police Officer Russell Crisp. He asked me how long I was planning to stay there and I told him just a few more minutes because I had to go to work at 8:00. He asked for my ID and I obliged. I asked him if I was doing something wrong, and he said that his Sergeant was on the way and he was going to wait for him. SO, I went back to my sign holding over the interstate.

A few minutes later Sergeant Randy Riddle showed up with a paper in his hand. He spoke briefly to Crisp, then walked over to me and told me to put down my sign, put my hands behind my back, and that I was under arrest! I was shocked and almost thought he was joking until he told me again to put down the sign and put my hands behind me and I was under arrest. So I peacefully agreed and he cuffed me. I asked him why I was being arrested, he told me I was in violation County Ordinance 16-2, (the print out in his hand that he didn't bother to read to me or show me.) He told me I was obstructing the sidewalk. I told him I was not and that officer Crisp had witnessed a guy walk by me moments before.

Riddle yelled at me, "You were obstructing the sidewalk!" and "I'm sick of this shit!" then he said, "Here's your 15 minutes of fame buddy!" I looked back to see his name plate and he said in a mean condescending tone, "Yea, that's 'Sergeant Riddle' get it right!" He then put me in Officer Crisp's police car. Riddle took my sign with him and I was taken downtown and booked by Crisp. I was never read my Miranda rights.

While at the jail I was asked several times about what groups or organizations I was with, like a local group Veterans for Peace. And more specifically the Southeast Convergence for Climate Action group that had protested at the Bank of America on Monday. I was told by officer Crisp that since that protest the police had pulled out this ordinance. I was searched, and they took pictures of me and my tattoos. Since I haven't been in trouble in 15 years, I was given a court date and allowed to sign a written promise to appear in court.

This is an example of an American citizen having his/her civil liberties tread upon.

In Asheville, you are allowed to protest on city sidewalks without a permit. The sidewalk is about 5 feet wide. I never blocked the sidewalk; I knew about that ordinance already and was not trying to be arrested. It was obvious to me that Riddle had a problem with my sign because there is no way I could block the sidewalk all by myself. I feel like my rights were trampled by this harassment from Riddle. I got the feeling that he was trying to scare me away, but he only strengthened my resolve to protest more!

By the way, I never got my sign back from Sergeant Riddle.

No Miranda rights. False charges. But it doesn't matter. The cops in our now present police state will do whatever they want. The murder monkey has ordained and sanctioned it. Welcome to Bush World.

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### Sad story

Submitted by flotron9 on Fri, 2007-08-17 19:38.

I know the Asheville area well. There has always been a certain percentage of hard core wingnuts there. All the same, I'm sure your hearing will be conclusive in further demonstrating the lawless behavior of the police.

My guess is they won't even show up at the hearing.

I suggest you go to the ACLU and try to arrange to prosecute Riddle for violating your civil rights, harrassment, and false arrest.

Also, you should supply the readers here with the name and mailing address of the perpetrators of this crime so that we can admonish them personally.

Impeach now. End fascism.

The so-called, "War on Terror" IS Terrorism!

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### Sergeant RANDY RIDDLE of Asheville, NC: FASCIST SCUMBAG

Submitted by Matty on Fri, 2007-08-17 21:38.

Did I "get it right", the spelling of your name, Asshole? I hope so.

Just like I look forward to the day, God Willing, when you little Fascist Scumbags are going to get what's coming to YOU - in spades. And when you do, like all low-life bullies, you'll probably cry just like a little baby. *RIDDLE*.

Jonas Phillips: Thanks for telling all of us about this incident. Don't back down and don't ever stop, buddy!

Semper Fi,

-Matty in Florida

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### What If?

Submitted by Highlander on Fri, 2007-08-17 22:58.

What if FOX does a special episode of "COPS" (don't miss "Jail" from the producers of "COPS" coming this fall!! Just in time for the indictments!)...where they show all the people with IMPEACHMENT signs having their rights violated? Now after that.. they could follow up with S.W.A.T. at the White House!!! Imagine..MOVE! MOVE! MOVE! (instead of MoveOn) as they arrest the crack-pot house! and instead of "You were obstructing the sidewalk!" How about..."YOU ARE OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE"..hell the sidewalk probably was cracked and unsafe anyway... And don't just read them their Miranda rights (do we still have these?) read them the entire Constitution and the Bill of Rights and pay close attention to Article. II. Section. 4 You know the L.A.P.D. attacked the press with their cameras taping...Come on...why not

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IMPEACH REMOVE and watch COURT TV!!! CSPAN Anyone?

and if that doesn't do it...just get the Building Dept. to shut it down. Where have they been in all of this!?!

ALL SARCASM WAS INTENDED AND REFLECTS THE FEELINGS OF THE AUTHOR!!

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### Thanks for sharing this Mr. Phillips

Submitted by truthpowers on Fri, 2007-08-17 23:06.

I love your determination to "resolve to protest more", even on the heels of this outrage! Thank you for that.

Of all the reasons I am an impeachment activist (illegal war, usless human deaths to feed the greed of CheneyBushHalliburtonGonzoCo, Constitutional shredding, torture, etc) this basic loss of human rights moves me the most. I agree with another commenter here : GET THEE to the ACLU, and keep us posted! Should the ACLU not do you right, we'll pressure them.

best to you.

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### Oh, and to give you hope,

Submitted by truthpowers on Fri, 2007-08-17 23:10.

<http://www.commondreams.org/archive/2007/08/17/3243/>

A couple arrested for wearing t-shirts with anti-Bush messages just settled their lawsuit with the government, receiving \$80,000!

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