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Court upholds convictions of former Mt. Clemens police officers

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The U.S. 6th Court of Appeals has upheld the convictions and sentences of four former Mt. Clemens police officers who were convicted for covering up the 2002 road-rage beating of a motorist.

The decision, filed today, found that Patrick Carson, Robert Hey, Peter Jacquemain and Robert Jacquemain were appropriately convicted and sentenced in the case, in which 24-year-old Robert Paxton, then a University of Detroit Mercy graduate student, was beaten after getting into a traffic dispute with Hey.

Hey was off duty at the time and called for back-up from other officers, some of whom wrote false reports indicating the student was the aggressor in the dispute. The officers were convicted of charges ranging from obstruction of justice to perjury.

A fifth officer pleaded guilty, and a sixth was acquitted.

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DaRedWinger wrote:

I, too had a very bad experience with a Mount Clemens policeman. I was in the left merging into the left hand turn lane onto the exit ramp. Needless to say the person in front of me did not make a change so I ended up rear-ending him. His car was UNDAMAGED. (trailer hitch) My car, was entirely a different story. Front bumper was gashed out. And it was inoperable. The cop took the person's story, never spoke to me. He starts to walk back to his cruiser after giving me a ticket. I explained to him that I was deaf/hard of hearing and asked politely if he could make a call for a tow truck on my behalf. He replied "NO, you're on your own" well, imagine the frustration on my part. As soon as he got halfway in his cruiser, I yelled out a big fat expletive at him. He arrested me, handcuffed me. He even wanted to take the cuffs off of me and wanted to beat me up. It took another policeman to restrain the cop. The case was thrown out in court. "Protect And Serve" --BLAH.

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ElmRjFudd wrote:

I like to think that cops are like anyone else. There are good ones and bad ones. There are good toolmakers and bad toolmakers. But the bad ones don't make it into the press. Most likely all police started out with noble ambitions, but reality and life turned them cynical and bitter.

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jull wrote:

Replying to baseball:

"The Mt. Clemens police dept was a joke and a half.....the unfriendliest cops since Dirty Harry..... one time on a wednesday night car show, a MC cop sergeant with a cropped haircut wrote me a ticket for having my car tires about 1 inch over on a yellow line.....when I ran up to him and told him I would move it he said "no dice".....then I complained a little and he told me "if you keep it up you will be arrested".....this all over parking an inch over a yellow line!!!! Good riddance to that useless dept that ran up hundreds of thousands of dollars in overtime every year and never brought down crime in Mt. Clemens....."

Did you pay the ticket? If so quit complaining.

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