
Subject: POLICE: "SHUT UP OR GET TICKETED" VERMONT TRAFFIC STOP
LEADS TO FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS DISPUTE

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Rod MacIver received a faulty ticket in December which lead him to suing the small Vermont town of Shelburne. He arrived at court to fight the complaint but the judge in small claims court had to postpone the hearing. The police officers who were defending themselves were advised by their attorney to skip the court date and go to a local coffee shop instead. Now the ACLU has gotten involved and slapped the town with twin federal civil rights cases.

The ACLU believes that the officers violated MacIver's Fourth Amendment rights in pulling him over for no reason and his First Amendment rights when the officer told him to "shut up or get ticketed". Police initially argued that their video showed a violation, but then conceded later he was wrong and the man apparently committed no crime. Now the police are left to fight off MacIver and the ACLU.

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