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Circuit Court of Maryland for Montgomery County
50 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, MD, 20850

Notice of appeal of my trial verdict for Case number#2D00198571

Dear Circuit Court:

I am submitting an appeal of my trial verdict that was made on March 21, 2008 in District Court in Silver Spring, MD for these following reasons:

The alleged incident took place on what this country calls "Private Property." The court admitted that it was private property with their testimony saying that the "public uses that area." This is an admission on their part that the area in dispute was indeed "private."

The arresting officer did not read me my Miranda rights and violated my civil rights.

I was constantly interrupted by the judge in this case without adequate grounds and was denied the right to speak or defend myself properly.

The protest, although unusual, was within my Constitutional rights and by arresting me for it on other spurious charges, invalidates the Constitution to nothing more than a meaningless "piece of paper."

THE CHARGES AGAINST ME

1. Disturbing the Peace
2. Littering

Charge #1 Disturbing the peace

1. I'm arguing to dismiss the charges of disturbing the peace based on the report because I was in no way responsible for what happened to the essay contest winners after I gave them the money I owed them. After all, I can't see the future. I'm no more responsible for those events than the banks are when their customers get robbed during payday or during withdrawals at their ATM's where robbers COULD and DO lie in wait. Should the bank Presidents be arrested for "disturbing the peace" and charged without bail every time their customers get robbed at ATMs? Should they be shut down?

2. Irrelevant-unrelated to ME personally disturbing the peace. I did not plan or carry out the robberies. I just paid a debt to people, that's all.

3. Prejudicial-I did not rob anyone and this charge makes it look like I am somehow responsible for the actions of others. I cannot see the future and even if I could, I owed money to that person. What happened to that person way down the street at the metro had nothing to do with me. I just paid a debt.

4. Events occurred on what you call "Private Property" about 5 feet away from the Discovery Channel building away from the sidewalk. The officer claiming that the "public uses that area" does not make it public property according to their own laws on land ownership in the United States.

5. There is nothing in those charges filed against me from the private property owners, the Discovery Channel. They themselves are not complaining. The private property owners are not filing charges against me for allegedly disturbing the peace. The state is.

6. I don't see how tossing money is disturbing the peace. It looked like the people were having fun going for the money, like a fun sport like basketball or football. It seemed to me that the money gave them some peace of mind, whereas those homeless people usually are deprived of decent food and shelter by law enforcement if they don't have money. I don't see any of the homeless who were reaching for the money complaining here. I find it somewhat hypocritical that the police are SO concerned about the homeless tripping on this occasion whereas they are usually mistreating them most of the time for not having money. Yeah, the police were real concerned....about the homeless getting some money. That was what was really wrong to them in my view.

7. The people were old enough to decide for themselves whether to go for the money that was tossed. After all, the officers didn't start going on their knees for the money. Perhaps it's because they didn't need it because they had high-paying jobs. These are adults old enough to know better we're talking about.

8. Why isn't the Discovery Channel's people in jail for 'disturbing the peace', after all on their show, "It Takes a Thief," they show burglars how to break into and burglarize people's homes. On their show, Future Weapons, they show people how to kill each other using the most advanced weapons of the future. I'm surprised they don't get sued more for this by their victims. Isn't that "disturbing the peace?" Can I file charges against them, have them arrested without bail, and use their shows as evidence?

9. There is a double-standard here when it comes to the law. There is one interpretation for the rich and another interpretation for the poor. For the rich, such as the Discovery Channel, they are allowed to litter and blow trash into the streets and not get fined or arrested and be put in jail without bail. For the poor, if they drop a few dollars its litter and jail time without bail or bond. Of course the wealthy own the police because they are the ones paying their salaries. That's the system for you.

Charge #2, Littering:

1. Money is LITTER, now? What about basketballs, Frisbees, and footballs? How many seconds does an item have to be on the ground before it's considered 'litter'? If you saw a guy dribbling a basketball down the street, would you charge him with litter? What about someone tossing a Frisbee to a friend and missing? Can he be charged with littering as well with the Frisbee being the litter? Can I go to a basketball game and file charges against the players for littering? Can people now TAKE this 'litter' from the banks and get charged with "stealing litter" instead of valuable paper money? After all, money will be now classified as 'litter.' One day the authority is saying that money is valuable currency punishable with prison time if a person tries to steal it, and another day they say its unsightly litter punishable with

prison for throwing it. I'm surprised this whole case hasn't been laughed out of court and made it this far. What does that say about your legal system?

2. Where is the evidence that I littered? Is there any physical evidence? What did it look like? Where is this litter? Do you even have a photograph of it?

3. So now the police can arrest people for littering on private property? Now the police can go to a person's home and if it's got money or trash laying all over his yard, they can arrest him for littering and put him in jail without bond? My my, everyone had better clean their rooms of items on their floors or the litter police will get them.

4. If money is now 'litter' or 'trash', then it can no longer be accepted as a currency for trade, after all, its worthless litter.

5. If anyone's littering, it's the Discovery Channel. In one of their shows, they were machine-gunning down trees to see if spraying them with lead bullets could cut them down. Isn't spraying toxic lead all over the landscape littering? Isn't blowing stuff up littering? Why aren't they in jail without bail? There is your evidence on film for all to see, arrest them all and shut their studios down!

Conclusion:

1. The police arrest protesters and call it "disturbing the peace", which is in reality, a violation of a person's civil right to protest. But what does it matter? The police will get a slap on the wrist for such violations and do it whenever they want. This is a police state or is quickly turning into one. The police justify what they want when they want when they feel like it. Never mind civil rights. It's meaningless because the law can be interpreted any way to fit their mood.

2. I also noticed that the arresting officer didn't even have to read me my rights. Wow, so much has changed. How convenient for the police.

3. If I am found guilty, now I can make a citizen's arrest of anyone for dropping a leaf or a penny on the sidewalk or private property and call the police on them for littering? Can this become case law now.

4. The police can justify anything these days. Money, rubber balls, coins, and gold bars are litter. They can say a wallet looks like a gun and they can shoot and kill you and it will be justified murder. They can twist the law, manipulate evidence, and interpret the law any old way they want to seem right. Is it any wonder people have such little respect for the law and those who uphold it? All they have to say is "It's not protesting, it's disturbing the peace." It's not money, it's "litter," it's not protesting, it's "loitering." It's not violating civil rights; it's "upholding the law." It's one word play after another to fill up the prisons and to create the justifications to build more.

Other notes:

1. Officers laughing when I threw the money.
2. Officers did not draw gun, baton, or take a martial arts defensive stance. They laughed. They hardly looked like they were in danger.
3. The people going for the money were just having fun, like a sport. Should all sports be banned because the players trip during play?
4. Officer said I should burn the money in my apartment instead of giving it away. Should I listen to him? Is he right?

Please overturn these charges and uphold your own Constitution.

Sincerely,



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