

Ray Moore

From: Bryn Stole <bstole@gwcommonwealth.com>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 5:25 PM
To: Ray Moore
Subject: Re: taking photos of officers

I appreciate it, chief. I certainly don't want to ruffle too many feathers but I think it's an important issue.

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From: [Ray Moore](#)
To: [Bryn Stole](#)
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 5:20 PM
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Bryn, you can rest assured I will address and correct this issue !!!

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On Mar 13, 2015, at 5:16 PM, "Bryn Stole" <bstole@gwcommonwealth.com> wrote:

Chief Moore,

I certainly appreciate your help in this matter. I'll say first off that I've never been actually prevented from taking photographs by anyone in your department and that, with very few exceptions, I've generally had enjoyable interactions with all the officers and detectives. That said, what happened this afternoon certainly came off as an attempt — either intentional or simply through a lack of knowledge of the law — to harass me while doing my job.

Earlier this afternoon, I was over at the Church's Chicken/Double Quick after someone called in reports of a shooting. I drove around back and parked in the parking lot of the Greenwood Little Theatre after I noticed a number of officers looking over the car wash area. As soon as I started taking photographs (through the chain link fence and from a distance) I was told by an out-of-uniform officer (pictured here wearing a red jacket and red ball cap) to stop and that I couldn't take photographs at the moment. He told me (erroneously) that he could sue me and the Commonwealth for publishing photographs of him without his permission. On an earlier occasion, while taking photographs of a bullet-riddled car that had crashed off Sycamore Ave. on Jan. 25, the same officer had told me (again, erroneously) that I couldn't include any policemen in the photos. That wasn't an issue at the time (the car was far more interesting), but he's quite clearly mistaken on the law.

This afternoon, I continued to take photographs as the officers got in their vehicles to leave. At that point, Officer Calhoun came back over to tell me, "You know you can be sued for publishing those photographs" and continued to try to convince me that I needed the individuals' permission to publish the pictures.

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