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Dear Sir,

I request your help and advice concerning a threat made to me by State Police Officer Philpott. I received a warning ticket for driving left of center at 5:18 a.m. September 1, 1985. The circumstances in which I received this ticket are as follows:

I was leaving Salem, Indiana on highway 60 when I met Officer Philpott setting at the caution lights on State Road 56-60 intersection. He immediately made a U-turn and was within distance to read my license plate number in $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. He followed me a good 2 miles prior to turning on his red lights. He asked me to get into his car where he stated, "I pulled you over because I think you're intoxicated". He gave me a breathalyzer test which read only .05. He then said, "Three hours ago you would have been borderline". He got out his ticket book and started writing while asking me these questions: "Have you ever been picked up for DUI"? I answered, "No Sir". "Reckless driving"? I answered, "No Sir". "Have you ever been picked up for theft"? I answered, "No Sir". "You're sure you've never been picked up for theft"? Again I answered, "No Sir". He handed me the ticket and said, "This is for swinging over the yellow line when you met me". He went on to say, "I can't make threats and this is not a threat but, when I stop you again I'll find some reason, any reason, to write you a ticket and try my best to be able to take you to jail".

What can I do? I've been driving 7 years without any tickets, now watch what happens to that record in the next 12 months. It might not be him every time, but I'll bet his friends won't mind helping him.

I have today no marks against my records, military, civilian, not even juvenile. I am an honest tax payer, who doesn't like being called a thief by any man, and I don't take kindly to being threatened for being within the law. If I crossed the center line why didn't he turn his lights on within that first $\frac{1}{4}$ mile? I can't afford to pay tickets that he stops me for and finds reasons for later. Doesn't the harassment bill (House Bill) 1515 cover police officers also? If I had threatened him I would be in jail right now. I request a copy of that bill and a written or personal, if possible, reply as to what I can do to protect myself from his threat being carried out. If nothing can be done about this please send me an application for the State Police Academy. If the officers the state has today can't handle their jobs without compromising their integrity by using false accusations and threats, let the state get people who can.

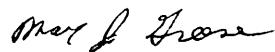
I have great respect for the state police and great pride in the state of Indiana, but if he gets away with carrying out his threat, even through other officers, I'll take this story to the newspaper and

see what the public's opinion is of these threat tactics.

I am sorry, but I was sent down to Grenada and damn glad to go, to give people I didn't know, in a place I've never heard of before, freedom from oppression, just to find out I'm being oppressed in my home state. I must be an idiot for putting my life on the line for some theoretical freedom that doesn't exist, at least not in Washington County.

I am confident you can help me in this matter. I understand you are a fair and honest man. Thank You!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max J. Greene".

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