

4-18-19 Business License Trial

Bystanders Report

The following are revised, type written notes for the 4-18-19 "No Business License Trial" (case 2019ov400178). The notes were made within 24 hours of the trial:

My trial was the last of the day, and therefore the courtroom was empty except for an unknown observer with a notepad.

As I approached the bench, I immediately recognized none other than Judge [REDACTED]. I had many issues in the past with this particular Judge, such as him signing my silent arrest warrant during [ticket 378](#). My objection to Judge [REDACTED] was known to the court, as I had filed an official municipal complaint against the Judge due to the proceedings of [ticket 153](#), where he inappropriately fined me \$500 for vehicles I did not own.

I immediately expressed my desire to invoke my right to be tried by a different judge. The Granite city attorney quickly objected, and the Judge denied my request.

I pressed the issue, stating that it was my understanding that I had the right to request a different judge **without** cause so long as I did so as the first matter of the pre-trial proceedings. Judge [REDACTED] continued his refusal to grant my request.

I pressed further, stating then that it was also my understanding that I had the right to request a different judge **with** cause as well (ticket 153 and 378 being my just cause), so long as it was done as the first matter of the pre-trial. Judge [REDACTED] still refused, and ordered me to raise my right hand to take the pre-trial oath. After swearing to tell the truth, I once again requested that the Judge recuse himself.

The Judge, seemingly irritated, asked me if I was able to count? I told him I could, and he asked me how many times had I asked him to recuse himself. I was unsure, but he demanded a number. I stated that it could have been more than five, but certainly less than ten.

The Judge threatened me with contempt of court if I continued requesting a different Judge. Fearing my arrest, that was the last time I pressed the issue.

The trial was speedy, and the result was not unexpected considering the presiding Judge. Granite city submitted evidence showing that I owned no fewer than 8 hours in Granite city. My defense centered that by purchasing a business license, I would be [agreeing to comply with the unconstitutional demands](#) of the crime-free program, noting that "crime-free" police routinely demand the eviction of entire families from their homes, *before* any family is officially convicted of a crime.

I stated my belief that this is morally wrong, and furthermore unjust, and concluded with a plea of not guilty. Predictably, I was found guilty as charged by Judge [REDACTED]. He stated it would be at least 7 days before he issued his final verdict in writing. He stated the fine would be between \$600.00 and \$6,000.00.

EXHIBIT Y

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