

NEWS FROM THE

FRONTLINES

STREET PREACHERS ARRESTED OR CITED IN THE NEWS

"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 5:10



Ruben Israel sitting in a Santa Ana squad car for preaching at a sodomite parade



Man arrested for open air preaching in Tampa, FL



Brother Frank arrested in New Orleans for using a bull-horn



Brother Micah arrested in Miami for preaching in public!



Brother Petar just released from jail for preaching the Gospel in Norway



Brother Ruben arrested in Northern California for almost causing a riot



street preacher Sean from Canada arrested for hate crimes



Brothers Stephen and Bruce arrested for preaching at the Indy 500



Street Preachers File Suit Against Discriminatory Arrest:
".....According to ADF attorneys, there was a loud rock concert at the beach boardwalk during the time the men were preaching. Noise from the band along with the commotion from nearby traffic and pedestrians

prompted the men to speak through a handmade paper "megaphone" in order to be heard by passers-by. Their small "megaphone," however, was deemed a violation of a town noise ordinance by the police officer. They were told to stay quiet and stop using the megaphone...."
<http://www.christianpost.com/article/20091008/street-preachers-file-suit-against-discriminatory-arrest/index.html>

Judge tosses restraining order against preachers:

"DEMING, N.M. (AP) - A City of Deming request for a preliminary injunction against two vocal street preachers has been dismissed by the city....."

<http://www.newswest9.com/Global/story.asp?S=11282533>

City must balance rights:

"Individuals have numerous rights in our free society, and sometimes those rights seem in conflict. The city of Greenville finds itself in such a situation now. The city is being sued in federal court by one street preacher who says his right to free speech has been stifled, while another street preacher is appealing his own conviction in state court...."

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/article/20091007/OPINION/910070329/1004/NEWS01/City-must-balance-rights>

Ybor City business owners seek ban on bullhorns and megaphones:

`.....But street preacher Larry Keffer said that's a smokescreen, and the religious messages are what's annoying businesses' Some people have issues with amplified speech but they don't seem to have issues with the amplified music coming out of the clubs,' said Keffer, of the Biblical Research Center, who can often be found on Seventh Avenue. 'I think the content is exactly what the people of Ybor need. They need to hear what God believes of their behavior. They need to be warned about the judgement that's to come.'.....'

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/tourism/ybor-city-business-owners-seek-ban-on-bullhorns-and-megaphones/1032629>

Anti-Gay Street Preacher and Cohort Arrested:

"....The police insisted; so did the Baptist demonstrators; Pettigrew and Ball were placed under arrest, but upon their release they headed right back to the same spot to resume their street preaching. Said Pettigrew, 'We weren't going to let them bully us into going home.....'
<http://www.edgeboston.com/index.php?ch=news&sc=&sc2=news&sc3=&id=95781>

Street preacher arrested in UK::

".....Mr Miguel read from Romans 1 to 6, which deals with sexual orientation. Mr Kon said this case is similar to that of Pastor Harry Hammond, who held anti-homosexuality placards in Bournemouth Square whilst reciting from the book of Revelation, and was later issued with a public order offence....."

<http://www.religiousintelligence.co.uk/news/?NewsID=4937>

Sign-toting preachers on the Strip may see law change:

".....In 2005 street preachers Jim Webber and Tom Griner held their characteristic large banners over their heads with the messages "Don't gamble with your soul" and "Turn from sin, Turn to Jesus." Metro Police threw the banners to the ground and handcuff the preachers, according to court documents....."

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2008/mar/30/sign-toting-preachers-strip-may-see-law-change/>

Amplified preacher remains defiant despite tickets:

"Calgary officials have handed a street preacher more than \$400 in tickets after using loudspeakers to spread the word of God. Art Pawlowski has been using amplified sound to bring his message to street people during three-times-a week"

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/calgary/story/2007/04/16/loud-preacher.html>

Protesters arrested for carrying signs on Strip sue county::

".....Webber and Griner were arrested May 21 while carrying signs on 12-

foot metal poles that said, "Don't gamble with your soul," and "Turn from sin, Turn to Jesus," in front of the Bellagio. They spent the night in jail, though charges were dropped before their arraignment...." http://www.reviewjournal.com/lvrj_home/2006/Feb-15-Wed-2006/news/5890060.html

Preachers lobby against law:

"Hendersonville's City Hall felt like a prayer meeting Thursday night, as about 80 people -- preachers and church members -- crowded the council meeting room offering random "Amen's" as they spoke to city leaders about an ordinance involving street preaching. At issue is a law that requires a permit from the police chief for anyone delivering a public sermon, lecture, address, discourse or demonstration on city streets....."

<http://www.blueridgenow.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070407/NEWS/704070332/1151>

Street Preacher's Police Fight Caught On Tape 'Pit Preacher' Banned From UNC-Chapel Hill:

".....the conversation begins politely. Officer: "How you doing?" Preacher: "Alright. How are you?" Officer: "Not too bad. If you don't mind, I don't have a problem with you being here, but you can't do it in the middle of the intersection here, OK?"....."

<http://www.newschannel9.com/news/police-10731-preacher-decker.html>

Sally Robinson Wants Action On Aggressive Street Preachers:

City Councilwoman Sally Robinson said aggressive street preachers are harassing visitors outside the Tennessee Aquarium, but City Attorney Randy Nelson said there may be little the city can do about it....."

http://www.chattanooga.com/articles/article_69679.asp

ACLU Helps Free New Mexico Street Preacher From Prison:

"PORTALES, NM -- The American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico today announced that it has succeeded in freeing street preacher Shawn Miller from the Roosevelt County jail. Miller was arrested last April after Portales police claimed he was yelling at passing cars, although Miller maintains he was merely "preaching the word of God"....."

<http://www.aclu.org/religion-belief/aclu-helps-free-new-mexico-street->

Preacher cleared over harassment:

"A street preacher accused of harassing a passer-by by shouting "You are going to burn in hell" has been cleared...."

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/england/london/4100926.stm

Street preacher's rants are protected speech, rules Oregon court:

"SALEM, Ore. – Loudly calling people "whoremongers" and "drunkards" in public isn't enough to convict a street preacher of disorderly conduct, the state Court of Appeals has ruled. The court said Eugene authorities wrongly used a disorderly conduct ordinance to quell the free-speech rights...."

<http://www.freedomforum.org/templates/document.asp?documentID=15>

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Street Preacher Wins Free Speech Case:

PORTLAND – A federal judge ruled last week that Portland can't eject a street preacher from city parks just because he expresses a viewpoint in opposition to the views of organizers at a public event occurring at the park...."

<http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/news/story.aspx?cid=2709>

Street preacher sues Florida county over arrests:

PENSACOLA, Fla. – A twice-arrested street preacher sued Escambia County in federal court on Aug. 8 to challenge an ordinance requiring permits for public demonstrations. Prosecutors in May dropped both charges...."

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/news.aspx?id=11805>

Downtown street evangelists can preach after settlement:

"MONROE, Mich. – A group of street preachers are free to spread the gospel downtown after settling their lawsuit against the city. Under the settlement agreed to last week, the city will not prosecute members of World Wide Street Preachers' Fellowship under the city's noise ordinance or for lack of a parade permit. The city also will pay attorney fees and costs....."

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/news.aspx?id=15064>

Alabama Court Acquits Minister Arrested for Sidewalk Evangelism:

"An Alabama court has acquitted a street preacher charged with disorderly conduct for proclaiming the gospel in public. Matthew Bourgault is head of Consuming Fire Ministries, an organization that takes the gospel of Jesus Christ nationwide.

<http://headlines.agapepress.org/archive/5/afa/172004c.asp>

Student sues Yuba College for silencing treatment:

".....Dozier, as a Christian, looks for opportunities to speak with students about his faith and "likes to hold up signs with religious references," the lawsuit states. "And sometimes, Dozier seeks to engage in open-air preaching on the college campus in an effort to generate discussions."....."

<http://reformedevangelist.com/?p=820>

'Pit Preacher' Banned From UNC-Chapel Hill:

"CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – A reverend known for his fire-and-brimstone approach to sharing the gospel was cited this week for trespassing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and banned from the campus for two years...."

<http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/1229617/>

3 'street preachers' arrested in East Tennessee:

"....Police arrested and charged Burt and Bryant with disorderly conduct. All three were cited for demonstrating without a permit.

Burt and Bryant are due in court next week."
<http://www.volunteertv.com/blount/headlines/35003629.html>

Elgin, Illinois Street Preacher Arrested:

"An Elgin man who said he was, "spreading the word of God to Elgin" was arrested Thursday evening after passersby complained he was preaching too loud...Police said Tomasino was arrested after he ignored repeated warnings from police to stop preaching so loudly, according to reports...."

<http://www.topix.com/forum/city/elgin-il/T4L8JSJ87HJLP54GH>

Street preacher faces arrest after reading Bible in public:

".....One plain-clothed officer, who was with the other two uniformed officers, said: 'It is against the law to preach and hand out tracts: preaching causes offence and handing out tracts is harassment and could result in an arrest.'....."

<http://www.christiantoday.com/article/street.preacher.faces.arrest.after.reading.bible.in.public/24004.htm>

Christians arrested 7 times for signs declaring homosexuality a sin:

"A street preacher is accusing police of violating his constitutional rights after officers arrested him for not having a parade permit while he spoke out against homosexuality on a public sidewalk in Manchester, Ga....."

<http://www.publicadvocateusa.org/news/article.php?article=5076>

Police Arrest and Mock Street Preachers for Their Outspoken Faith:

"....They took a very different attitude, though, when three Christians recently stepped out onto the sidewalk and began politely sharing their faith and singing some worship songs for some of the passing crowd. The rock music jamming nearby was so loud, though, that the young preachers had trouble being heard....."

<http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/issues/religiousfreedom/default.aspx?cid=5103>

Street Preachers Defend Shouting:

"....The Bible commands us to lift up our voice, said John Asquith of Gethsemane Anabaptist Church in Lexington, S.C., who was arrested eight times for violating Beaufort's noise-control law....."

<http://www.encyclopedia.com/doc/1P2-1020058.html>

Police arrest downtown street preacher:

"A street preacher and aspiring politician says he was bound in handcuffs for spreading the Gospel Saturday night in downtown Cleveland. Jason Werner, 28, was arrested after the manager of the Blue Point Grille said his customers inside the building complained

they could hear Werner and his friend preaching outside....."

<http://www.pursuethetruth.com/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=50>

Split verdict reached for street preachers:

"HARRISBURG, Penn. – Three pastors conducting street preaching during a PrideFest event last year earned mixed court verdicts April for trespass and disorderly conduct. Jim Grove, pastor of Heritage Baptist Church in Loganville, Pa. was acquitted of defiant trespass and disorderly "

http://www.christianexaminer.com/Articles/Articles%20May04/Art_May04_17.html

How The Arrest Of Evangelists At Oslo's Independence Day Parade Was Discriminatory:

"I have seen a lot of discrimination up close and personal. As an attorney, I have represented evangelists for years after they have been threatened with arrest for sharing their faith in public places....."

<http://joelthornton.com/tag/oslo/>

Oslo attempt to shut down preachers fails:

".....Ruben and Larry Keffer were arrested after a 10-minute discussion with the police....The four were held in jail for over eight hours. They were given a chance to pay fines and be released without the need for a hearing. They all refused to pay the fine...."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?pageId=119025>

Preaching in public gets minister fined:

"...One of his early stops was at a street corner where he began preaching to the passersby and a crowd that was gathered. While he was preaching someone threw a full bottle of beer that whizzed by his head, missing by inches, and burst open on the sidewalk beside Petar.....The officers directed him to a remote corner along a busy street, away from any pedestrians, and he refused to go, stating he believed he had the right to preach on the public sidewalks...."

http://70.85.195.205/news/printer-friendly.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57088

Preacher on trial for ministering in 'Witch City':

"A "Witch City" trial is scheduled Monday for a street preacher who was arrested and accused of disorderly conduct for expressing his belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ on a public street in Salem, Mass., on Halloween night in 2007..."

<http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=PAGE.view&pageId=58294>

Attack on Antigay Preacher: Focus Twists Facts:

"Focus on the Family, which opposes unfettered free speech for gay-tolerant viewpoints, digs up a 2001 incident in Britain, in which an antigay street preacher was assaulted and arrested. Focus views the arrest and conviction of the preacher as proof (somehow) that gay tolerance is a threat to free speech..."

<http://www.exgaywatch.com/wp/2004/06/attack-on-antig/>

Street Preacher David Bane Arrested in Greenville, South Carolina - September 21, 2007:

".....Bane was preaching on a public sidewalk as he has done in a dozen other cities across the Eastern US. He was preaching the Gospel of Repentance...." <http://axetoroot.blogspot.com/2007/10/street-preacher-david-bane-arrested-in.html>

Street preacher suing Naperville, Illinois:

"Evangelist Elmer "Joe" Christopherson of Oswego says Naperville violated his rights to free speech and freedom of religion when he was handed a ticket on Sept. 2 for unlawful display of a noncommercial sign within 10 feet of pavement. Who do you think is right -- the city or the preacher?....."

http://blogs.suburbanchicagonews.com/newsblog/2007/10/street_preacher_suing_napervil.html