

# Race & Class Bias in the SCPD: What's the Real Story?

## STOP LOCAL RACIAL AND CLASS PROFILING !

### ATTACKS ON THE POOR & HOMELESS

- +++ Empowering escalating police abuse against those outside who look “wrong” is the deadly norm in a city that shelters less than 10% of its unhoused as winter weather descends.
- +++ New laws likely at City Council 12-9 to cop-initiated Stay-Away orders for homeless survival behavior & ban RV parking city-wide. <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2014/11/24/18764553.php>
- +++ Recycling centers and needle exchange are gone from Santa Cruz City Limits & church programs contract or disappear as church officials go mum as the anti-homeless attack escalates.
- +++ Nearly three of every four of **Officer Bradley Barnett's** citations made downtown were issued to homeless people for essentially victimless crimes, such as sitting, smoking, and skateboarding. [https://www.indybay.org/uploads/2014/10/21/barnett\\_cites\\_--homeless.pdf](https://www.indybay.org/uploads/2014/10/21/barnett_cites_--homeless.pdf)
- +++ **Officer Joe Hernandez** confronted **Jasmine Byron** & her mother at last year's Thanksgiving Salvation Army meal with a drawn gun for “taking a plate of food outside”. No response from **Chief Kevin Vogel** of the SCPD. <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2013/11/29/18746999.php>
- +++ **Officer Arnold Vasquez** dropped a handcuffed **Richard Hardy** to the sidewalk face-first on Pacific Avenue in a video picked up by the Sentinel ([http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci\\_23185274/use-force-investigation-not-complete-videotaped-arrest-santa](http://www.santacruzsentinel.com/ci_23185274/use-force-investigation-not-complete-videotaped-arrest-santa)) <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2013/04/23/18735710.php>)

### ATTACKS ON AFRICAN-AMERICANS: Garner and Brown are happening here !

- +++ Additionally, nearly 10% of the citations Barnett issued were to African-Americans, in a county where 1.4% of the population is black according to a recent census. [https://www.indybay.org/uploads/2014/10/21/barnett\\_cites\\_including\\_race.pdf](https://www.indybay.org/uploads/2014/10/21/barnett_cites_including_race.pdf)
- +++ **Yannidies Brown** reported her brother and cousin were brutalized and jailed in another “no smoking or else” Barnett incident. <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2014/08/21/18760436.php>
- +++ **Officer Bill Azua** has been videoed harassing blacks for “smoking on Pacific” while ignoring whites doing the same thing. <https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2014/08/02/18759451.php>

### REAL SOLUTIONS AND VAIN HOPES

- +++ Where is the publicity and local protest by the ACLU, NAACP, and SCCCCR demanding justice for those who have cried out for help against racial and class profiling in the last decade?
- +++ Police-partial “review” boards, co-opted city council committees, & “law and order” neighborhood organizations will do nothing but support more “tools” for cops.
- +++ Frequent Street Protest, Sit-in's, & Occupations may help deter police intimidation-as-usual.

**Use camera, internet, eyes & voices on the street!**

**Demand police produce records of all use of force arrests!**

**Video, audio, and post incidents on line when you see them!**

**Take time to witness, document, & expose uber-policing!**

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