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As I stood talking with Walt and Doug, as we awaited the rest of our group to arrive, a police car parked nearby. As the officer walked up to me, before he even uttered a word, it became suddenly so clear. I realized the president had spoken on the war just the night before. Matter of fact, he had made (rare for him) quite a few speeches that whole week, *all* on Iraq. His vice president had actually recently "done him one better". Dick Cheney, he who had *refused* 5 or 6 times to serve in Vietnam, referred to we who dissent against the war and occupation of Iraq as "unpatriotic". To him, we were giving aid and comfort to the insurgency, and "hurting the morale of our troops." The young police officer was very polite. He told me not to block the crosswalk and stay far from the curb. I thanked him, told him a few tidbits on how some of the \$ 300 billion for this illegal war should have been used to give higher pay to police, teachers, firefighters and health care workers. He gave a sympathetic nod and left. No more than 10 minutes later, another police vehicle pulled up. This time it was one of their SUVs, and a supervisor got out. He too was polite, but a bit more assertive. "You know you cannot stand on the sidewalk with your signs. And you cannot block the crosswalk." I told him we knew about the crosswalk thing, as another officer had *just* been here 10 minutes earlier. That didn't seem to phase him at all, lending me to think that he *knew* another officer had already been by. As far as the sidewalk warning, I told him we had a right to *free assembly*. He then said: "If you want to protest, you must stand on the grass, not the sidewalk with your signs. If you are picketing, then you must be moving at *all times*." I asked him why, after we had been out here each Tuesday for over *15 months*, with not one such visit by the police on this matter, suddenly two of them had come within 10 minutes? "We apparently received a complaint" was all he would offer, and he left. I turned to my friends standing nearby and wondered aloud if there hadn't been at least *one or two* complaints over these past 15 months. Why the visits now?

Others from our regular protest group began showing up, and by 5 pm we had our usual 18-20 demonstrators on that corner. We did not block the crosswalk, and we did not impede anyone from walking by on the sidewalk. And, as usual, we were *peaceful*. Not so for the few who disagreed with us. Although about 80% of those who react to us are in support, we do get those who disagree with us. Yet, after 15 months, I can honestly state that the level of animosity towards our group has suddenly escalated. *Increasingly* so! Tuesday, after the president's Monday evening national address on Iraq, and Cheney's alluding to dissent as "unpatriotic", the nastiness skyrocketed. We were spit upon, had containers thrown at us, and cursed for being "Communists and traitors". One guy, before he managed to curse us and give us the "finger", lectured me from his car window. "I just got back from Iraq, and you should hold off on this debate until *after all* the troops come home!" He then closed his window before hearing what we had to say about that.

Wednesday morning, I called the mayor to inform him of the two police visits of ten minutes apart. Mayor Green's initial response was "Gee, you all have been out there *forever* haven't you? We never had any reports of problems with you all being out there." He was highly sympathetic and promised to look into things. Having dealt with him on other issues these past 7 years, I know Mayor Green be a fair minded and levelheaded person, one who cherishes free speech and the Bill of Rights. I contacted the City Manager, and he agreed to add me onto the speakers list at the next city council meeting, scheduled for January 3. What needs to be brought to the council's attention is that it appears that other parts of Florida have experienced the same thing, *the same week*, at their peaceful anti war demonstrations. Those who run our city *need* to know of such sudden changes in official reaction to peaceful protest and free assembly.

The blood of that Sicilian immigrant runs through more than just my veins. It goes to the very spirit of what I have become as a man. I protest things that I feel are wrong and unfair. I take further solace from the words of both Ben Franklin and Frederick Douglass: "Dissent is the *lifeblood* of democracy", and "Power concedes *nothing* without demand. It never has. It never will."

Biography- Philip A Farruggio is a free lance columnist, small businessman and co founder of ProActivists of Volusia, a citizens action group. Brooklyn NYC born and bred, he is the son and grandson of Brooklyn longshoremen. A graduate of Brooklyn College (class of '74) Philip has had over 55 political columns published in various newspapers and online sites since the 2000 elections. The Counterpunch.com archives contains many of his earlier writings. He can be reached at paf1222@bellsouth.net

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i am looking forward to addressing the council on what transpired on tuesday the 20th. i also am glad that we have a mayor as fairminded and openminded as allen green.hope to see all of you on the 3rd.
happy holidays,
philip

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Dear Ken,
happy holidays to you and your family. you remember me? we met a few years back to discuss Clean Election Laws for Florida.
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Sincerely,
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>From: Phillip Farruggio [mailto:paf1222@bellsouth.net]
>Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2005 10:25 AM
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>Subject: need to address the council

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>Dear Ken,
>happy holidays to you and your family. you remember me? we met a few years
>back to discuss Clean Election Laws for Florida.
>I am presently the lead organizer and one of the spokespeople for the
>ProActivists of Volusia, a non partisan ad hoc citizens group. We had an "
>incident" involving what we believe to be a form of police harassment during
>our weekly anti war peaceful demonstration yesterday ,december 20th. I need
>to inform and address the city council on this matter. It involves a
>possible invasion of our civil liberties.
>As you may know, Ken, we have been out on that street corner on dunlawton
>and US 1 for over 15 months . I myself have only missed but 2 such protests.
>We have never had any incidents, or any such visits by the police, the way
>it " went down" yesterday.
>I am copying this note to members of our entire group, for their
>edification. I await the proper instructions for addressing the council on
>the 3rd.
>Sincerely,
>Philip A Farruggio
>760-0231

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Groom Becky

From: Monahan, Gerald
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2005 2:08 PM
To: Parker, Ken
Subject: Protest



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Ken,
As Sergeant Wright's report indicates, there was nothing contentious about our contact with the protesters. Mr. Farruggio was concerned because, as he said, the protesters have been there for fifteen months and there hasn't been an issue. I totally understand why that would be a source of annoyance from Mr. Farruggio's standpoint. It wasn't the mission of the responding officers to in any way adversely affect the protest. Sgt. Wright however did explain that we received a call on this, it was dispatched from RCC and the patrol units were answering it and just informing the protesters as to the rules of blocking sidewalks. We will do the same in the future, if we receive other complaints. Our contacts will be for the purpose of informing the protestors as to the complaint. I would think they would want to know and possibly respond for the record in such instances. Sergeant Wright, in this case, followed up Officer Oliveira's contact because Officer Oliveira is a new officer and has little experience in these matters. If you would like Mr. Farruggio to contact me, I will be glad to review all this to avoid future issues.

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**PORT ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Cmdr. Sheridan
FROM: Sgt. Wright
DATE: 12/21/05
SUBJECT: Protester Contact

FILE: TDW1205M.005

On 12/20/05 at approximately 1600hrs, Ofc. Oliveira received a call from RCC regarding protesters at the corner of Ridgewood and Dunlawton Avenue. I heard the call go out and made an individual call to Ofc. Oliveira's radio. Ofc. Oliveira is relatively new and has not dealt with many protest situations in his time here. I asked Ofc. Oliveira if he was familiar with the laws/ordinances relating to protesters, he advised that he was not. I advised Ofc. Oliveira that individuals are allowed to protest as long as they are not blocking pedestrian traffic on the sidewalks and that their protest signs do not contain offensive/profane language. Ofc. Oliveira advised he understood and responded to the area. I did not hear any additional radio traffic regarding the situation and after several minutes observed that Ofc. Oliveira had cleared the call and was in service.

I responded to the area at approximately 1615hrs to observe the situation and insure that the protesters were compliant with the laws and ordinances. It is common for me to respond to a situation like protests to evaluate the scene and determine if any resources are needed. I pulled into the parking lot of the Port Orange Plaza from Ridgewood Avenue. Looking north, I observed 5 -7 individuals holding signs on the sidewalk on the southwest corner of Dunlawton and Ridgewood Avenue. Shortly after arriving, I observed an elderly gentleman riding a bicycle south on the sidewalk. I observed the gentleman on the bicycle stop his bicycle at the base of the sidewalk immediately after crossing Dunlawton Avenue. From my position approximately 20 yards away, it appeared to me that two of the protesters were stationary on the sidewalk and as a result caused the gentleman on the bicycle to stop. Whether the gentleman on the bicycle stopped of his own accord or because his path was inhibited was not apparent to me at the time. It was apparent that two of the protesters in the path of the bicyclist were stationary holding protest signs. I called to RCC that I was going out at Dunlawton and US1 at 1617hrs.

I walked up to the protesters and contacted the first individual that I came to. I advised the gentleman that they were free to protest all they wanted, but there were laws and ordinances that dictated they must not hinder pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk. I stated that they could stand on the grass behind the sidewalk if the desire was to remain stationary or walk on the sidewalk. The gentleman, who appeared agitated with me, stated, "You're telling me I can't walk on the sidewalk?" I replied, "No, sir, I am telling you, you cannot hinder pedestrian traffic by standing still on the sidewalk, protest all you want." I turned to walk away and the gentleman asked if he could ask me a question, I advised, "sure". The gentleman asked why the police were there now after 13 months and there had been no problems, had somebody called? I advised, that yes, someone had called about people protesting at the corner of Dunlawton and Ridgewood Avenue, and again I stated they were fine, protest all you want, just do not hinder pedestrian traffic. The gentleman told me to stay safe and I walked away. At no time did anyone ask me for my name, rank, identification number or title. At no time did I raise my voice, address anyone in a derogatory or inflammatory tone. I spoke

with the gentleman at a normal conversation distance. I was approximately six feet away from him. I then drove away from the scene and did not return.