

# COPS

I was watching the episode of COPS and I felt a need to voice my opinion about how horrible the sting operation the Albuquerque police department performed. Leaving a \$4000 bike out in the open to try to entice people to steal it is horrible! I live in a city filled with robberies, car theft, rape, murder, violence, and drugs all of which are committed voluntarily by local criminals; and although I have never been to New Mexico I am sure they must have similar problems and better things to do with their police. I am from a city filled with low income people people who are not criminals, just plagued with the curse of being poor. Many, I believe, hard working, generally honest people, who may have never stolen anything in their lives - may make a split second decision to take a bike that could pay their rent for almost an entire year!! This by no means is my acceptance of theft of any kind, I just know what it is like to grow up...and to know what it is like to not know where your next meal might come from, or how the kids will get a Christmas present this year.

Now I plan to go to law school and someday be successful, and never have those worries again- I just want to make sure our legal system including police, judges, and attorney's understand the plight of people and quit trying to create more criminals.

there is enough crime out there to sustain the police without them having to go look for people to arrest and clog up an already crowded prison and cost tax payers even more money ( that should be going to stop murders, rapists and child molesters).[ just a bit of information- California spends about 5-6 thousand dollars per child in the public school system (half as much as similarly economic states such as New Jersey who spend about 11 thousand) yet they spend about 35-40 thousand dollars per year to house, feed, cloth, and guard each a prisoner for one year]

I believe that the show shows police officers as humans ... faults and all ... and helps to promote a positive view of these brave individuals that is never showcased in the local news or the printed press. The first thing that people need to know is that cops are people just like themselves that take very often a thankless job. Decent people respect the police as long as the police respect them. For the most part I believe that the police do respect the public they serve. It is unfortunate that it is never front page news.

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The types of prostitution stings featured on the show disturb me. I find it counterproductive to what good I believe the show does. Prostitution as we all know is the oldest profession and is that because of the demand. People seek the service of professionals for a variety of reasons.

I am disturbed by the arrest of individuals who seemingly have legitimate needs that can be attended to by a prostitute. I myself have sought these services in the past and every individual I know, who is in law enforcement, has done the same thing. Regardless of the association of prostitution to other quality of life crimes, I see no good being done by the arrest of a 57 year old man, who admits to his wife being ill, who admits to his sex life vanishing, ... being arrested because he wanted a blow job. This man seemed to be in desperate need of physical release and is a valuable member of a safe society. His arrest can do nothing to help this society stay safe and sane.

What the heck are the rules for showing a person's face on COPS? I think the rules are way too protective of the offender. It seems that if they are drunk, stoned, high, or have a mental disorder they don't show the offender's face. Way too lenient. If an offender is drunk, stoned or high, that's his/her problem. And the only time mental health comes into play insofar as identifying someone is if they are in a mental hospital and/or being treated by a doctor. FOX needs to revise the rules on who gets shown and who does not. When COPS first aired I thought it was the best show on TV. I wouldn't miss an episode, but enough is enough. How many years? How many episodes? You certainly don't get the full story of each call. Please cancel COPS, it's worn out. How about more of America's Most Wanted type shows that actually helps catch felons, not someone that has a little weed or an open beer.