

A Few Minutes with the Boss

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Make sure you have a Merry Christmas

Because you never know. There are people out there despite the joyous occasion who would like to see you dead. Some would delight in your injury and the press and public would revel that your pensions are cut, benefits relaxed and wages reduced.

Some would like to see you do this job for peanuts but make sure you are there to walk them to their car, pick up their garbage, and obey their every desire.

Police are good until you affect them negatively or shoot a guy, especially of color when he strong arms a store owner, disobeys a police officer, attacks and punches him in the face, tries to get his gun and comes back charging him.

Facts don't matter with some liberals and the race hustlers out there. A good cop, his career and life destroyed and most don't care. But it was gratifying to see some media outlets on the right and Mike Ditka and Charles Barkley side with law enforcement.

They seem to understand that you are not obligated to get your ass kicked, shot, or not go home to **your** family at night.

And what's worse is the way the brass/administration treat you during and after adjudication. In the Missouri case, after the officer resigned, the chief, mayor, and town repeated over and over that Officer Wilson **did not** receive any severance benefits or pay. To me that was a kick in the "cojones." Why so much emphasis on making sure the officer was pushed out the door with nothing? No pay, no insurance — nada.

Doesn't seem fair. A few months severance or insurance coverage would have been a random act of kindness. But that's what you can expect if you get jammed up in this job. You will be screwed over in one way or another.

An informative editorial appeared in the November 2014 issue of *Police* magazine. The editor writes about a case in Los Angeles where officers stopped and detained a man and woman for having open sex in a car. They were called to the scene, and yep, you guessed it, the two lied and accused the officers of being racist, profiled them, (a white man and a black woman) and of course mistreated them.

The sergeant, however, had his in-car video on and released it to TMZ.com, who posted it and showed the two as being the liars the cops said they were. The public and race activists then sided with the police. But...the administration may seek the sergeant's dismissal for not following the chain of command and releasing the tape.

That's just one example, but the gist of the article is simply no matter what, the brass seemingly will go after you.

And with Eric Holder, our president, and the Department of Justice obviously taking sides against law enforcement in Ferguson and now in New York, it seems they are coming after the officers in question. Have to get that pound of flesh, I guess.

We deserve better.

So my advice is to push back. Fight for your life, your well being and your career. Someday the pendulum will swing back our way, but I believe it's going to be a while until it does.

In the interim, remember you have the right to live and that pursuit of happiness thing. And during the holiday season, be ever vigilant.

For all of you, I do wish you a safe and Merry Christmas.

Vita é bella
Buon Natalie