

Transcript of traffic stop with Deven Guilford and Michigan State Police Officer Sgt. Frost near Grand Ledge, Michigan on February 28, 2015

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- **grammar points:** can, could, present perfect, imperative, passive, be going to, not have to, have to, emphatic do, 3rd conditional, past perfect,
- **phrasal verbs:** have something on, get, pull over, turn around, turn off, go off, be on, get out of, get down on, get on, put down, put out, get behind
- **idioms:** flash, brights, even, nope, partner, all right, Dude, just, swear, right now, misdemeanor, get with the program, on your person, brand new, super-, ones, high beams, oh my gosh, facing me, to mean, belly

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[Sgt. Frost speaking to recorder] ...stopping this car for **flashing** me with their **brights**. I did not **have** my **brights on**.

[first contact with driver] Hello.

[Deven] How you doing?

Hey, **can** I **get** your driver's license, registration, proof of insurance, please...**pulled** you **over** today cause you **flashed** me, I didn't **even have** my **brights on**.

Yes, you did, sir.

**Nope**, I didn't, **partner**.

Sir...

I'm telling you because when I **turned around**...

I **couldn't** see, I **could** not see.

I didn't **have** them **on**, **all right**?

**Dude**, trust me, I, I know.

Trust me, OK, I did not **have** them **on**, when I **turned around** I **flashed** them on to show you that they weren't on

No, you **turned** them **off** when you came around.

No, I didn't, driver's license, registration...

I watched you **turn** them **off**.

Driver's license, registration, proof of insurance, please, I did not **have** them **on**.

I did nothing wrong.

Driver's license, registration, proof of insurance, please.

I don't **even** know you're an officer, three forms of ident...

Driver's license, registration, proof of insurance, please. You've been pulled over, my name is Sgt. Frost...

**Can** I see your badge number?

My name is Sgt. Frost of the Eaton County Sheriff's Office.

**Can** I see your badge number?

You **cannot** see my badge number.

[speaking to dispatch on radio] 2372 **start me** another car, please.

[Guilford cell phone video clip 1 begins] I **am video and audio recording for my safety and your safety.**

That is absolutely fine, so am I.

You **just** told me that I could not have your badge number, that's against the law, sir.

My badge number, no, you asked me to show it to you...

**Yes, and you said no.**

I **cannot** show it to you, my badge number..

**You told me no, is that correct?**

No, it's not.

**It is correct sir.**

You have two choices at this point. sir..

**Am I being detained?**

I'm giving you the option

**Am I being detained?**

Yes, you are,

**For what crime?**

You **flashed** me with your high beams.

You **had** your **brights on**, sir, I **swear** to God, you **had** your **brights on**.

This is your option **right now**, you, **right now**, are refusing to give me your ID...

**I have not committed a crime.**

Refusing to give me your ID in a traffic stop is a **misdemeanor**, **right now**, you are committing a **misdemeanor**. You have two choices, you can **get with the program** and start complying with this traffic stop, or you're **going to be taken to jail**, those are your two choices, driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance, please.

**I do not have my license, sir, I am going to get it.**

You don't have your driver's license?

**I do not have it.**

Why is that?

**Because I just** drove my brother to the church.

You do not have your driver's license **on your person**, correct?

**Yes, I do.**

Where is it?

**You do not have to see it.**

**I do have to see it.**

Why do you **have to** see it? Your, you had your **brights**, I **could** not see, I **was going to crash**, I did not, I, I **cannot** see, you had your **brights** on you sir, I'm not lying to you. I was **just** doing that to be polite, I didn't want you to **flash** someone and **have someone go off** the road and crash, you know?

Do you realize that **if you had complied** with this traffic stop it **would have gone** a whole different way for you?

**Yes, I do but, yes.**

Do you realize that I **would have explained** to you that I'm driving a **brand new** vehicle tonight?

**Yes.**

I **have been flashed** a couple times because these headlights are new, I've stopped a couple vehicles tonight and no people **have gotten** citations but those headlights are **brand new**, they're brighter on that vehicle than they are on normal cars.

They're **super** bright, you need to **get** new **ones**.

But my **high beams** **were** not **on**, that's what I **would** have come and **explained** to you.

Oh I'm **sorry**, then, I'm **sorry**.

OK, but now I need your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance, please.

Where is your driver's license? Now!

I **do not have to** give you that.

[speaking to dispatch] Central, 2372, **start me** another car, priority.

You **do have to** give me your driver's license.

I'm **making a phone call**...[Sgt. Frost opens driver's side door]...**No!**

**Get out of** the car! **Get out of** the car! I'm telling you **right now**...  
[unintelligible]

**Hey!**

You're **going to get** tazed!

**Do not** touch me, officer. **Do not** touch me! You **cannot** open my car!

**Get out of** the car now, **out** of the car! [Unholsters and points taser at Guilford] **Out** of the car or you're **going to get** tazed!

[Guilford cell phone clip 2 begins] He says...

**Out** of the car or you're **going to get** tazed! Everything's **being recorded**, son, I **got** no problem with that. [Guilford begins stepping out of car]  
**Get out of** the car!

**Yes**

**Get down on** the ground now. [Guilford stands beside driver's door]  
**Down** on the ground now. [Guilford kneels facing driver door as it closes].

**Oh my gosh**, **stop** yelling at me!

**Down** on the ground, **right here facing me**, **down** on the ground now!  
[Sgt. Frost pointing with taser]

What do you **mean**?

**Get on** your **belly** **right now**!

**This is what American...**

**Put** your phone **down** and **put** your arms **out** to your side now!...arms out to the side!

**Are you...?, I don't have a weapon.**

[Frost pulls cell phone from Guilford's hands and tosses it to the ground]

**Hey!**

**Get** your...

**You can't do that!**

Son, **get** your hands **behind** your back, you're under arrest!

**You can't do that!**

**Get** your hands **behind** your back!

**Officer, what are you doing?**

**Get** your hands **behind** your back, you're under..

**Officer!** [taser deployed] **OW!**

[sound of taser, three gun shots, loud scream, two gun shots, two gun shots]