

Possibilities

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We expect a great deal from our Police Officers.

Denver Police Officers typically will be sworn in by the Mayor, reminding them, they will faithfully enforce the laws of the City and County, the State of Colorado and these United States.

Quite a mouthful.

Judges and lawyers debate the Law of the land in and out of Court every hour; the Man in Blue is expected to impartially enforce this.

In the weeks before assignment as Police, extensive training touches on these laws. With this reminder. Any accepted current police practice is subject to revision.

Arresting procedures were forever changed when the Miranda decision was made Law in 1967. In brief, the Supreme Court ruled, Ernesto Miranda a murder suspect in custody, accused by the Phoenix Police of a March 13 1963 death, was freed as he was not notified that he has a right to a lawyer, and, any that statement made may be used against him subsequently.

Freed by this decision Miranda was retired in Arizona immediately, found guilty again, as a witness not needed in the original trial, testified Miranda had confessed the murder to her. He was sentenced to prison, freed in 1972, In 1976 Miranda was stabbed to death in a bar. There was no witness. His murderer invoked his Miranda right, was released.

What are the possibilities?

Why this information? The Miranda decision was on a 5-4 vote. Not only could that not have been anticipated by local police; further, in most communities, the Miranda reading never assures compliance, as it tends to be read from a slip of paper, correctly, without certain understanding by anyone.

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Recently.

One obligation of the Police is to prevent crime. Their Uniform presence on any scene is assurance this should happen.

On the recent Denver day, a group gathered outside Denver Police Headquarters adjoining the memorial honoring those 68 Officers slain performing routine duties. Two are class mates, swore-in Oct 1, 1950, Bill Claassen and Paul Major. The memorial was marred by the pouring of red substance, representing blood, on the Police Memorial. This act was permitted by the Police Chief, in the presence of cameras, various citizens, policemen.

Subsequently the two suspects were arrested.

What tests of the United States Justice system has this malfeasance put in motion, for the benefit of public everywhere. Possibilities exists. A decision could go either way.

