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Message:

My wife was involved in an auto accident and was issued a summons that did not fit the facts . We appeared twice in court and could have plead it down from \$155.00 and 2 points to \$80.00 and 2 points . She felt she was in the right and the charge was not warranted so she asked the Judge to hear her side . The judge even questioned the charge by asking the State patrolman (Trooper :TD Clarkson),why he chose that charge in stead of several others he offered up .The trooper replied that he was human and does make mistakes. The judge ,Hon T Brooks ,who I believe you appointed , then rendered a guilty verdict and a fine of \$275.00 which exceeded the original ticket. I was stunned and appalled . I have since shared this story with many friends who all had their own run in with the law around here, and the consensus is that this is heavy handed policing that is nothing more a revenue grab by the State .This is what was found to be at the core of bad relations between the Police Dept and the citizenry in Ferguson Mi. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on this matter . The voters have a right to know .
Michael McGee