

From: CHallingse@ashevillenc.gov <CHallingse@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: 9/8/2017 1:17:05 PM
To: ashevilleblade@gmail.com
Cc:
Subject: RE: Follow-up about 9/2 demonstration

David,

Good afternoon. The Asheville Police Department has been and will continue enforcing this law. If an event has an organizer we reach out to them before hand to educate them on the law in order to allow them the opportunity to comply. If we see people wearing masks/hoods during events we approach them and ask them to remove it and explain the law to them.

Have a good weekend,
Christina

From: Asheville Blade [mailto:ashevilleblade@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Christina Hallingse
Subject: RE: Follow-up about 9/2 demonstration

I'll look up the citation with them.

Also, citing the statute on the mask does not answer my question: generally, the APD has previously not enforced this statute during public protests. Why now?

Best,

David

On Sep 8, 2017 9:16 AM, "Christina Hallingse" <CHallingse@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:
David,

Good morning. You can obtain a copy of the citation at the Clerk of Courts office. The citation number is 3G35745.

The wearing of masks/hoods on public property is against the law pursuant to North Carolina General Statute [Â§ 14-12.7-12.15](#).

Thank you,
Christina Hallingse

From: Asheville Blade [mailto:ashevilleblade@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Christina Hallingse
Subject: RE: Follow-up about 9/2 demonstration

Thanks for this information, it's very helpful. Please send me the failure to register citation report when you get a moment. I have one follow-up question:

I saw some APD officers approaching some protesters and instructing them to remove bandana masks, something I've not seen at previous protests. Under what rationale was this done and is it the enforcement approach the APD will take towards masked protesters from now on?

Thanks,

David

On Sep 7, 2017 10:12 AM, "Christina Hallingse" <CHallingse@ashevillenc.gov> wrote:

David,

Good morning! Wally forwarded me your message below. During the September 2nd demonstration around the Vance Monument APD cited one driver with Failure to Register a Motor Vehicle. The driver was the one you observed circling the area with the license plate visibly removed. In addition, officers spoke with two individuals – one holding a confederate flag and one holding a Gadsden flag. Although we respect their right to practice their first amendment rights, we were concerned about one of the flags being mounted to a metal fence post. We requested that they put the flag mounted on the fence post back in their vehicle. The individuals complied with no incident and both left the area. They were on foot when approached by APD officers.

Thank you,
Christina

Begin forwarded message:

From: Asheville Blade <ashevilleblade@gmail.com>

Date: September 5, 2017 at 4:23:31 PM EDT

To: Wallace Welch <wjwelch@ashevillenc.gov>

Subject: Follow-up about 9/2 demonstration

Good afternoon. I had a few follow-up questions about the demonstration that happened on 9/2 around the Vance monument and the APD response.

- 1) Were any vehicles stopped or anyone detained in relation to the event? If so, why and were any citations or charges filed?
- 2) I observed an SUV repeatedly circling the area with its license plate visibly removed. Was this vehicle stopped and cited?
- 3) When I talked to him that evening, Capt. Byrd mentioned some interactions by APD officers with some individuals holding Confederate flags before they reached the monument. Were they on foot or in a vehicle when this took place? What did these interactions entail?

Thanks,

David Forbes

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