

To: Senate Committee on Judiciary

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Headline: Traffic Stops for minor traffic violation results in capture of murder suspect.

Synopsis: Senate Bill 1510 removes the ability for Law Enforcement to conduct traffic stops for certain violations in the hopes to address racial disparity. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission recently released traffic stop data showing possible disparities and the OCJC was not ready to make a recommendation at this time merely saying the data required "further analysis." (*"Researchers, however, only called for further scrutiny of data that showed disparities in two or more statistical models; OPB"*) Traffic stops time and time again have been proven to be a valuable tool for road safety, pedestrian safety, and crime fighting. Below, and attached in other written testimony you will see the result of successful criminal investigations due to minor infraction traffic stops.

- **Police officer in Arizona stops vehicle for minor traffic violation and results in capture of out of state murder suspect.**
 - **01/29/2022** (<https://www.abc15.com/news/crime/dps-traffic-stop-leads-to-arrest-of-illinois-murder-suspect>)

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DPS traffic stop leads to arrest of Illinois murder suspect

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PHOENIX — A traffic stop led to the arrest of a man wanted for murder in Illinois this week.

According to DPS, 32-year-old David Cooper was pulled over Tuesday for unsafe driving behavior, and an equipment violation near 29th and Van Buren streets.

During the stop, Cooper allegedly gave false identification. After being detained for the false identification, Cooper was identified by DPS and it was discovered he had a \$5 million homicide warrant from Rockford, Illinois.

Cooper was booked into Maricopa County Jail and will be extradited to Illinois.

No other details on the murder case were released.

"No traffic stop is routine; in this instance, civil traffic violations led to the arrest of a potentially dangerous suspect," DPS said in a statement. "Troopers never know exactly who or what they will encounter in a workday."

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Recommendation: Oppose SB1510

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