

Fort Worth Police in Hot Water After Officer Says Christians Can Be Ticketed for 'Offensive' Speech at Pride Event

A confrontation between Christian street preachers and Fort Worth police outside a Pride event has ignited outrage after an officer threatened to issue citations based on whether listeners found the message offensive, raising fresh concerns about the future of free speech and religious liberty in America.

The incident, reported by The Gateway Pundit, unfolded June 27 during Trinity Pride Fest in downtown Fort Worth, where Christian street preachers David Grisham, a retired police officer, and Richard Penkoski were preaching on public property when officers ordered them farther away from the event.

'If They Are Offended by Your Speech'

During the encounter, a female officer made remarks that quickly spread across social media.

According to video cited in the report, the officer told the preachers, "If someone is offended by your talking, then we have a problem."

She later added, "If they are offended by your speech, OK, I will write you a ticket."

When the preachers responded that offensive speech is protected by the First Amendment, the officer said the citation would be for disorderly conduct.

EXCLUSIVE □ Fort Worth, Texas – On June 27, 2026, at Trinity Pride Fest in Fort Worth, Texas, street preachers Richard Penkoski and David Grisham were subjected to multiple violations of their First Amendment rights while attempting to preach on public property.

Upon arrival,...

– Sarah Fields (@SarahisCensored) June 28, 2026

The exchange immediately raised alarm because the First Amendment exists to protect speech that others may find unpopular or offensive. That protection does not disappear simply because someone disagrees with the message.



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First Amendment Rights Challenged

The confrontation escalated as officers continued moving the preachers away from the event.

Grisham reminded officers he had successfully sued the City of Fort Worth in 2014 over a similar dispute involving public access. According to the report, an officer dismissed that history, saying, "I don't care, you can file whatever lawsuit you want."

Penkoski also showed officers U.S. Supreme Court precedent stating that traditional public forums such as streets and sidewalks remain open for constitutionally protected speech,

even when nearby events are held under permit.

Despite that, officers continued enforcing the restrictions.

Grisham ultimately received a citation for “unreasonable noise.” When asked what qualified as unreasonable under the circumstances, officers reportedly offered no clear explanation.

Department Reverses Course

Following public backlash, the Fort Worth Police Department acknowledged the officer’s statements did not reflect constitutional protections.

According to a statement cited by The Christian Post, the department said it is “committed to protecting the constitutional rights of all individuals, including the right to free speech and peaceful assembly, while also ensuring public safety and enforcing applicable laws and ordinances.”

The department later acknowledged the officer’s comments were “not accurate,” ordered First Amendment refresher training for officers and confirmed that public sidewalks remain open for protected speech.

America Cannot Follow Europe’s Path

The department’s reversal is welcome, but the incident serves as a serious warning.

Across parts of Europe, particularly Great Britain, public expressions of Christian faith have increasingly drawn police scrutiny and legal action under the banner of preventing offense. America was founded on a different principle. Our constitutional freedoms do not depend on whether a message is popular, politically fashionable or emotionally comfortable to hear.

We should never expect everyone to agree with the Gospel. Jesus warned that His followers would face opposition. But disagreement cannot become the standard for government censorship. When public officials begin treating offense as a crime, every American's liberty is placed at risk.

The First Amendment protects unpopular speech precisely because constitutional rights belong to all Americans, not merely those whose views receive public approval.

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The Church Isn't Ready for What's Coming—and That's a Problem

Robin Bullock believes the escalating conflict with Iran is more than another geopolitical flashpoint.

During a recent discussion with Amanda Grace, Bullock argued that today's events closely parallel the final military campaign of King Cyrus the Great, the Persian ruler whom God named more than a century before his birth in Isaiah.

According to Bullock, the similarities between Cyrus and President Donald Trump have become too significant to dismiss.

“We entered into the time of Cyrus the Great,” Bullock said.

A Prophetic Parallel

Bullock pointed to Cyrus’ final campaign against the Massagetae, an Iranian people led by Queen Tomyris. After years of peace, Cyrus attempted diplomacy before ultimately preparing for war.

Bullock said he sees that same pattern unfolding today.

“He moved in all these ships into the Mediterranean,” Bullock said of Trump. “On these ships are missiles, fighter jets, all kinds of things.”

Bullock also pointed to Trump’s decision during his first administration to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and move the U.S. Embassy there, noting Israel later issued a commemorative Cyrus coin honoring what many saw as a parallel between the biblical king and the American president.

“They recognized him as Cyrus,” Bullock said.



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The Battle Over Leverage

Bullock argued that Cyrus’ greatest mistake came after he captured Queen Tomyris’ son and released him.

“I heard it,” Bullock said. “The leverage.”

He believes the modern equivalent is the Strait of Hormuz.

“The leverage is the Strait of Hormuz,” he said. “If he gives that up, then it’s going to be bad.”

Bullock questioned whether the recent 60-day memorandum of

understanding with Iran represented a carefully planned trap or the surrender of America's strategic advantage.

Amanda Grace's Dream

Grace then shared a dream she said the Lord gave her in Oct. 2023 during Trump's legal battles.

She saw Trump on a golf course with a severe wound on his leg.

"I zoomed in on his leg," Grace said. "He had a very large bruise, black and blue... and in the middle there was an open wound."

Despite the injury, she said Trump charged forward and struck the golf ball with tremendous force.

"He hit that ball very, very hard, and it made a straight line like a rocket to the hole... and it went in."

Bullock immediately connected the dream to historical accounts describing Cyrus receiving a wound to his thigh during his final campaign.

"Cyrus... had a blow on his leg. But he still made the shot," Bullock said.

A Call to Prayer

Bullock believes the biblical parallels surrounding Cyrus and today's conflict with Iran point to a pivotal moment.

"There is no way around this," he said. "He is Cyrus in the parallel of the Scripture in this timeline."

As followers of Christ, we know Scripture calls us to pray "for kings and all who are in authority" (1 Tim. 2:2). Whatever unfolds in the days ahead, our first response should not be fear, speculation or political division, but faithful

intercession that God's purposes would prevail, His wisdom would guide leaders, and His will would be accomplished among the nations.

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'Islam Will Be in Every Household': Radical YouTuber Sneako's Viral Declaration in New York Sparks Nationwide Backlash

Radical Islamist YouTuber SNEAKO is drawing widespread backlash after declaring New York City an "Islamic Republic" and proclaiming that "Islam will be in every household" during a public demonstration.

The online personality, whose real name is Nicolas Kenn De Balinthazy, shouted "Allahu Akbar!" before declaring, "This is the Islamic Republic of New Yorkistan." He also said, "Inshallah, the whole world will become Muslim," and added, "Welcome to Mamdani's New York. You see this city? You see how it looks? Inshallah, your city looks just like this, too."

His comments quickly spread across social media, prompting sharp criticism from public figures and thousands of online users.

Backlash grows

Commentator Alex Jones called for SNEAKO to be deported, a sentiment that Elon Musk publicly endorsed with a one-word reply: "Yes!"

However, SNEAKO is a U.S. citizen and cannot be deported under U.S. immigration law.

According to Breitbart's reporting, the controversy also renewed attention to Australia's decision to permanently ban SNEAKO from entering the country. Australian Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke previously said the ban was intended to protect Australians "from people coming to this country to spread hatred."

Online criticism continued throughout the day.



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Believe people when they tell you their goals

This story should not end with a viral video or social media outrage.

When people openly say they want to conquer nations, replace Western civilization or spread an Islamic system across the world, we should believe what they are saying. SNEAKO is not the first public figure to make such declarations. Radical Islamist preachers have spent decades calling for the eventual triumph of Islam over the West and the replacement of

democratic governments with an Islamic caliphate.

We are not called to stand on the sidelines while watching these ideas spread.

The spiritual battle facing our generation is already here. We do not have to imagine what happens when Christianity steadily loses influence in the public square. England, France and much of Western Europe have experienced growing hostility toward Christian values while radical voices have become increasingly bold in demanding cultural and political change.

America is not watching these challenges from across the Atlantic. They have already reached our shores.

Our response is not fear or hatred. It is faithfulness. We are called to “Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong” (1 Cor. 16:13).

The answer has never been retreat. It has always been that we remain faithful to Christ while standing for truth with both conviction and courage.

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Daniel Adams: Lilith vs.

Jezebel: What's the Difference in Spiritual Warfare?

As hostility toward the Gospel grows across America, it is easy to wonder whether revival is still possible. During a recent interview with Bishop Alan DiDio, worship leader Sean Feucht argued the opposite. He believes the rise in spiritual opposition is happening alongside a fresh move of God that is drawing people to Jesus.

Rather than calling us to fear the days ahead, Feucht urged us to prepare for them by standing firm in our faith and expecting God to move.

Darkness and light are increasing together

Feucht said the Church should not be surprised by the growing spiritual battle taking place in America and around the world.

"People say, 'Sean, what do you say about the end times? Is it going to be dark? Is it going to be light?' I say it's going to be both," he said. "Darkness is going to increase, and light's going to increase. And I think we're seeing that right now."



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He said spiritual warfare is no longer something Christians can view as a distant event.

"This is the ramping up of the end times where spiritual warfare is our reality. This is something we cannot deny or

think is a far-off, distant thing. This is our everyday. When we wake up in the morning the devil is coming after us and we got to be ready with the armor of God.”

A fresh hunger for Jesus

Despite the challenges, Feucht said he has witnessed renewed spiritual hunger across the country through worship gatherings and evangelistic events.

“I feel a shift to where hearts are on fire. Young people are engaging,” he said. “I think that there’s a fresh desire and passion for people to encounter God.”

He added that nearly every city his ministry visits reflects the same pattern.

“There’s this hunger. There’s this freshness in their eyes. You look in their eyes, and they’re just passionate for Jesus.”

We should expect resistance

Feucht said one of the greatest mistakes we can make is believing that following Jesus will spare us from adversity.

“I think we have to reframe our theology,” he said. “We are promised adversity.”

He pointed to persecuted Christians around the world as examples of resilient faith and encouraged us not to adopt a victim mentality when opposition comes.

“When we face resistance, we think, ‘Oh, what did I do wrong?’... No, no. We’re not victims. We’re overcomers.”

Jesus already prepared our hearts for this reality. In John 16:33, He said, “In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (MEV).

Feucht believes the days ahead will bring greater spiritual conflict, but also greater opportunities to proclaim the Gospel. As darkness grows, he encouraged us not to retreat, but to worship boldly, remain faithful and trust that God is still drawing people to His Son.

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Could Lost Temple Incense Have Been Found? New Investigation Ignites Global Interest in Biblical Worship

A newly released sourcebook is renewing interest in one of the Bible's most intriguing Temple elements after a former Texas pastor claimed more than three decades ago to have uncovered what may have been the sacred incense once burned before God in the Jerusalem Temple.

According to a report by Israel365 News, the book compiles 33 years of laboratory findings, eyewitness testimony and documentation surrounding a cache of fragrant reddish-brown powder discovered near Qumran in 1992 by Pastor Vendyl Jones. Researchers emphasize the material has not been definitively identified as the biblical Ketoret, but new scientific testing

is now planned.

Why the Ketoret Matters

The Ketoret was the sacred incense God commanded to be burned every morning and evening on the golden altar inside the Tabernacle and later the Temple. Scripture also records its role during one of Israel's most devastating moments in the wilderness.

As the article notes, "And Aaron took it as Moses had spoken and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold, the plague had begun among the people, and he put on the incense and atoned for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was halted" (Num. 17:12-13).



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The significance reaches beyond the Old Testament. Revelation describes the prayers of God's people rising before His throne like incense, reminding us that the imagery of the Temple ultimately points us to God's presence and His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

A Discovery Still Awaiting Answers

Jones believed the aromatic powder uncovered near Qumran was the long-lost Temple incense. Researchers who examined samples reported findings consistent with several ingredients associated with the biblical Ketoret, but none concluded the material had been authenticated.

The sourcebook itself acknowledges the remaining uncertainty, stating, "The sourcebook explicitly states that the material Jones discovered in 1992 has not been definitively identified as the Ketoret."

Researchers now plan to use modern DNA analysis, isotope tracing and advanced mass spectrometry to examine the remaining samples and determine whether they can establish the material's origin with greater certainty.

Looking Ahead

Whether the upcoming testing confirms the claim or not, the renewed investigation invites us to take a fresh look at a remarkable part of biblical history. While we no longer approach God through the Temple's sacrifices and incense, we rejoice that Jesus has become our perfect High Priest, giving us confidence to come before God, knowing our prayers rise before Him.

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Former Pastor's Plea for Kidney Donor Touches Hearts as He Fights to Stay Alive for His Daughter

A former Topeka pastor is asking for prayer as he searches for a life-saving kidney donor after years of battling cancer left

him in renal failure.

According to a report by WIBW, Steven Mills' doctors believe his kidney failure is linked to multiple rounds of chemotherapy following two separate cancer diagnoses. Mills was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2013 and, after six years of treatment, overcame the disease. He was later diagnosed with colon cancer and underwent surgery, along with a bone marrow transplant.

Because of his medical history, Mills said he must receive a kidney from a living donor who is a complete biological match.

"They have to run further testing to see if their markers are close to yours, because if they're not, then the organ will fail, and you'll be right back there again," Mills said.



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Mills said he undergoes dialysis at least three times each day and as many as five times daily when he is not feeling well. The treatments also carry a staggering financial burden.

"Out of pocket easily, right now, 70 thousand dollars," Mills said. "You shouldn't have to pay to live; you should not have to pay to live."

Despite the challenges, Mills said his greatest motivation is the daughter God entrusted to his care.

"I am her dad, I was entrusted by God with that responsibility, and I intend to fulfill that," Mills said.

His determination serves as a reminder that our hope is never rooted in circumstances but in the Lord, who calls us to bring every need before Him in prayer. Scripture tells us, "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him" (James 5:14).

WIBW also reported that more than 100,000 Americans are currently waiting for a kidney transplant, including nearly 400 in Kansas, showing the ongoing need for organ donors and continued prayer for those awaiting life-saving treatment.

As Christians, we can lift up Mills, his family, his medical team and the person God may be preparing to become a matching donor. Whether the Lord works through miraculous healing, modern medicine or the generosity of another person, we know He remains faithful.

Mills also hopes his journey encourages others facing difficult seasons to reach out for support.

“It’s okay to ask, it’s okay,” Mills said.

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L.A. Marzulli: Jesus’ ‘Days of Noah’ Warning Is More Relevant Than Most Christians Realize

None of us knows how much time we have left.

That is the sobering truth Jesus emphasized shortly before going to the cross, and in a recent teaching, Rabbi Kirt Schneider said His words still call Christians to respond to God without delay.

Pointing to John 12, Schneider highlighted Jesus' warning:

"So Jesus said to them, 'For a little while longer the Light is among you. Walk while you have the Light, so the darkness will not overtake you... While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of Light.'"

"Our life is like a vapor"

Schneider said Jesus' words extend beyond His impending crucifixion and remind us that every believer has a limited opportunity to faithfully follow Him.

"Just a little while longer, beloved, and the opportunity to choose light is given to you and I. Because our life is short. Our life is like a vapor on the earth."

He urged Christians not to delay obedience.

"So we just have a short opportunity to do the things that the Spirit's calling us to do, and pick up our cross and obey the Lord and follow the light."



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Schneider challenged believers to examine their hearts.

"How long will we be selfish? How long will we put off mastering anger?... How long will it be, beloved, until we make a decision to truly repent, to believe and follow Jesus?"

He added, "You can't wait and put it off because you don't

know if you're going to die tonight. You may die today. It may be tomorrow. It may be next week. It may be next year."

Instead, Schneider pointed to the hope found in responding to God today.

"This is why the Scripture says, 'If today we hear His voice, do not harden your heart.' Today is the day of salvation."

Walking in the Light

Schneider also addressed those battling fear, anxiety, loneliness and spiritual discouragement.

"How do you get out of the darkness? How do you come out of depression? How do you come out of anxiety? How do you come out of loneliness? By believing in the Light."

He reminded listeners that Jesus and His Word are the source of that Light.

"God's Word is light. God's Word is a light into our path. Jesus is the Word. So we put our faith in the light."

As fearful thoughts arise, Schneider encouraged believers to stand on Scripture.

"When thoughts of fear assail you, what do you do? You affirm God's Word. Father, I will trust You. I will not be afraid."

Spend time with the Lord

Schneider also pointed to Jesus' example of regularly withdrawing to spend time alone with the Father.

"Beloved, you can't ever know God if you don't spend time alone with Him, just like Jesus did, oftentimes going to a lonely place to pray."

Rather than running from difficult thoughts, he encouraged believers to bring them before God.

“Don’t run from your thoughts. Face your thoughts. Sit before the Lord in your anxiety... It will become a stepping stone for you into God’s presence.”

Schneider then returned to Jesus’ warning and encouragement.

“Beloved, I want to encourage you, believe in the light while you have the light, lest you become blinded by the darkness. This is a warning, beloved. Today, the kingdom of God is at hand for you.”

Schneider’s message is ultimately one of hope. Christ continues to call His people to walk in His Light today, trusting His Word and following Him wholeheartedly while the opportunity remains.

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