

How This Police Chief Defied the ACLU's Demands to Stop Spreading the Gospel

A prominent civil rights group is demanding that an Oklahoma police department immediately stop sharing Bible verses on social media, but officials don't seem interested in backing down.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma has charged that the Mounds Police Department in Mounds, Oklahoma, has been violating the U.S. Constitution in recent months by sharing Bible verses on the department's official Facebook page. The ACLU said that sharing sectarian religious material also violates the state's constitution, KOCO-TV reported.

"Both the First Amendment of the United States Constitution and provisions of the Oklahoma Constitution protect against government officials establishing a state religion," Brady Henderson, the ACLU of Oklahoma's legal director, said in a statement. "The exclusive, pervasive promotion of the Christian faith by the Mounds Police Department represents a clear violation of those legal mandates." {eo}

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