

# Florida Civil Rights Association

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## FCRA ATTORNEYS TO FILE NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL FOR RACIAL PROFILING

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*~ Trooper (s) target minority motorists and stole their money ~*

ORLANDO, FLORIDA — The Florida Civil Rights Association and its Attorneys announced today that they will file a Notice of Intent To Sue and file a Federal Civil Rights Complaint with the US Department of Justice against the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) for Racial Profiling by one or more

State Trooper (s), especially, after one of FHP Trooper (Richard Dill) *plead no contest* in an Orange County Court to stealing money from motorists. (February 4, 2009)

<http://www.wftv.com/goinggreen/18711400/detail.html>

Victim Anselot Prosper was victimized by Trooper Dill during a traffic stop, initially stating that the tint on his vehicle window was too dark. Trooper Dill took Mr. Prosper's wallet, returned it to him shortly after with the instructions not to open the wallet and leave the area. Propser proceeded to a local store to make purchases immediately after leaving the scene to discover that his \$200 was missing. Prosper filed a complaint with the Florida Highway Patrol, which sparked their internal investigation and eventually lead to Trooper Dill's conviction. However to date Mr. Prosper has not received his \$200, and FHP failed to prosecute on his behalf Anselot Prosper was victimized twice by the Florida Highway Patrol.

The Florida Civil Rights Association (FCRA) **warned** FHP Officials about Trooper Richard Dill's discriminatory law enforcement practices in his dealings with African Americans and our victim asked FHP to take action against the Trooper. FHP Officials ignored our request and simply dropped the ball.

October 2007, the Florida Civil Rights Association filed a formal complaint with FHP against Trooper Richard Dill for refusing to issue a careless driving ticket because the accused driver was *white* and the victim was *African American*, said J Willie David, III, President of the Florida Civil Rights Association. The complaint states that Trooper Dill refused to issue a ticket to a white male driver who slammed his vehicle into the rear end of a black female's (Tammi Washington) vehicle causing injury and minor damage, near Oak Ridge Road and Orange Blossom Trail (S.R. 441); same area Trooper Dill targeted other minority drivers.

It appears Trooper Dill focused his "**highway robbery scam**" on African Americans, Haitians and Hispanics because they were easy targets and less likely to complain out of fear of the police, David said.

The Florida Civil Rights Association believes there could be hundreds of victims that were racially profiled by Trooper Dill. The Florida Civil Rights Association wants to know how widespread the

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fabrication of crash investigations, traffic tickets, and arrest reports are by Trooper Dill or other Troopers.

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How many false convictions resulted from Trooper Dill's testimony relied upon by Hearing Officers, Judges and State Attorney's Office? The public and defense attorneys have a right to know about Trooper Dill's credibility in current and past cases.

The Florida Civil Rights Association's investigation will consist of a **Public Records Act request** of the following: 1) Trooper Dill's Employee file of; 2) Any and all complaints filed against Trooper Dill; 3) Any and all investigations conducted against Trooper Dill; 4) Any and all crash investigations conducted by Trooper Dill; 5) Any and all tickets issued by Trooper Dill; 6) Any and all arrest reports by Trooper Dill; and 7) Any and all complaints of racial profiling filed with FHP Central Region against its Troopers from January 2005 to present.

Police departments across Florida are producing an alarming culture of corrupt cops disguised as police officers committing crimes of opportunity against the public, David said. This cancerous culture of corruption within our police departments should never be tolerated, stated David. The Florida Civil Rights Association will act and will not remain silent on this disturbing issue. The public expects more from our top police officials, prosecutors and elected officials in their sworn pledge to protect the constitutional rights of the people they serve.

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