

MPA "Man on the Street"

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My heart goes out to our brother and sister officers down in Weymouth as we prepare to bury another fine Massachusetts police officer. Michael Chesna was, by all accounts, a dedicated husband, father, son, soldier, and police officer. He survived duty in Afghanistan only to be murdered on the streets of Weymouth, Massachusetts, USA.

Once again, the criminal justice system of the Commonwealth has failed our police officers. Once again, a career maggot has shot and killed a highly regarded, brave police officer.

Thoughts and prayers are nice. Thank you. To my brother and sister officers, however, thoughts and prayers are not enough. Now is the time for action.

Now is the time for us to call on our elected leaders and the Trial Court and let them know that if they are not with us, they are against us. No more lip service. Put up or shut up! In the Senate budget debate, we put forth several amendments to help protect our officers and provide some common sense reform on Dangerous Hearings, career violent felons, actual enforcement of illegal gun possession minimum sentences, and 1st Degree Murder charges for cop-killers. Only three made it to the Conference Committee. The rest were rejected and we still don't have a report from the Conference Committee on those that made it (Municipal Police Training, Bulletproof Vest Funding, or ABPO/Enhanced penalties for shooting at police). Many thanks to our supporters. You know who you are.

Our love and support go out to the Chesna family, the Weymouth Police, and the family of Mrs. Adams. Again, we will never learn. Sergeant Chesna's name is now among those of Rose, Charbonnier, DiNapoli, Maguire, Ambrose, Collier, Tarantino, Gannon and many others murdered in cold blood because they were wearing a blue uniform.

In this case, the shooter was such a piece of garbage; his dear old Mom had a 209A Restraining Order on him. Such a "punch-able" face though. Oh, and people, please stop calling him a "kid". He is a 6'3", 20 year-old grown-ass man. And spare us the BS of the underdeveloped adolescent male brain. This maggot knew what he was doing and would do it again. This animal needs to be put down, but unfortunately this is Massachusetts.

He'll get "Life". But, again, it will be Massachusetts "Life". Which really isn't "Life" at all. It means he's eligible for parole after 15 years. Sen. deMacedo of Plymouth filed legislation to address this. Once again, shot down by our so-called leaders in the legislature. Those same leaders will be there Thursday and Friday shedding crocodile tears and telling us they support us. More lies. These are the same people who have tied our hands with CJ Reform, de-criminalization of dangerous narcotics,

and the current juvenile justice disaster. How about you all just leave us alone, go down to the border, and hand out tin-foil blankets to the people you really care about? Or maybe drop the charade and get out on the streets with BLM, Antifa, and the "Resist" crowd. That's all you're good for. We know whose side you're on and it's not ours.

I am sick and tired of the social justice warriors telling us how to do our jobs. It's time we forget about "restraint", "measured responses", "procedural justice", "de-escalation", "stigma-reduction", and other feel-good BS that is getting our officers killed. Let's stop lip-synching, please! Let's meet violence with violence and get the job done.

Today, the Herald had a great editorial on bail reform. The Globe, of course, had a front page story of the "troubled life" of the murderer. Remember the series Tsarnaev family and how hard they had it here in America? Disgusting.

Kudos to Yarmouth Chief Frederickson, Woburn Chief Ferullo, and Auburn Chief Sluckis for "telling it like it is" on NBC Boston a couple of weeks ago. Nice job, gentlemen!

In closing, be safe out there, watch each other's backs, and continue to get the job done. There really is a silent majority out there that supports us and our mission. Don't let them down.