

Court Rules Sparta Cop Had Good Reason To Suspect Driver Was Drunk

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The driver was slowing down to a crawl, stopping at unmarked intersections, and spinning his wheels...

Those are the clues that a Sparta policeman used to pull over Paul Olson on suspicion of drunk driving two years ago. Olson claimed that the cop had no good reason to have him arrested, and tried to have his second O-W-I conviction overturned as a result. A Wisconsin appeals court disagrees with Olson. The court upholds the conviction, noting that the officer also smelled alcohol on Olson, heard him slurring his speech, and watched him walk unsteadily.