

A TALE OF TWO TRAFFIC STOPS

DIFFERENT OUTCOMES



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Comparing the Doorley and Taylor incidents

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Two weeks after Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley was caught evading police after speeding down Webster streets, Marvin Taylor was pulled over in Rochester for an expired inspection sticker. ● Doorley is a white woman. And she wields power as Monroe County’s top prosecutor. Taylor is a Black man pulled over in a part of Rochester that historically has limited power and faces heavy police presence. ● The two traffic stops could not have gone more differently. **See OUTCOMES, Page 4A**

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Doorley, who lives in Webster, ignored police lights and sirens for nearly a half mile until she parked in her garage. She rebuffed some of the Webster officer's requests for information, called him an "a-hole" and walked freely in and out of her home with impunity.

Responding officers, while trying to corral Doorley's cooperation, showed no signs of force. They did show a deep amount of patience.

Taylor, who lives in Rochester, pulled to the curb within one-tenth of a mile or less after he saw Rochester police behind him. Taylor was almost home; he lives nearby. Police accused him of failing to stop "immediately."

One officer used that as an excuse to approach his car with his gun drawn. They offered no reasoning for the stop, immediately ordering Taylor to roll down his tinted windows and exit the vehicle. When he refused, asking why, police shattered his window and dragged him to the pavement.

The two traffic stops by two different police agencies have caught the attention of the Rochester-area community, and they reveal differences in how certain individuals are treated by police. The national trend in how police have treated people based on race and gender during America's racist and racially biased history is well-documented by legal experts, news organizations and academics.

Would a Black man get the 'white glove' treatment by police?

Days after Doorley's April 22 stop became public, many in the community noted that few people would be able to evade police and leave unscathed like she did.

Taylor was charged with obstruction of governmental administration following his May 7 traffic stop. Critics of local policing say the charge is sometimes used unjustly when an individual is viewed as rude to police in a way that may simply be annoying to the officer.

Illegal drugs were not found in his car, according to the current charges and body-worn footage. He was not charged with eluding police. And in the police footage an officer admits to Taylor:



Marvin Taylor recoils in his seat after Rochester police officers break his car window during a May 7 traffic stop. Police said Taylor refused to roll down his windows or exit the car. Taylor said police never told him why he was pulled over. PROVIDED BY ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT



A video shows Sandra Doorley refusing to follow Officer Cameron Crisafulli's commands and cursing at him while wandering in and out of the garage of her home and at one point entering her home on Fallen Leaf Terrace in Webster, where the stop ended. ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE FILE

lor: You have no record.

Taylor said they wouldn't answer questions about why he was stopped, and with a gun drawn in his direction, Taylor said he was hesitant to exit his vehicle without understanding why he

was being ordered to do so.

"When I didn't want to get out of the car, that triggered them," he said in a recent interview.

In contrast, Doorley told the officer she didn't stop for his lights and sirens

because she "didn't feel like stopping."

She left the traffic stop with a single speeding ticket. But no obstruction of governmental administration charge.

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