

New Jersey Libertarian Party

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Stop the abuse of Camden citizens with the unfair "loitering" law.



Unfortunately, one does not have to actually buy or sell illegal drugs to be arrested under New Jersey's drug laws. Camden Police strictly enforce state "loitering" laws¹ that make it illegal for you to "remain or prowl" in a public place and conduct yourself in a manner that might lead a police officer to believe that you're trying "to obtain or distribute a controlled dangerous substance" or "engage in prostitution."

One of the of things that might lead an officer to believe that you're violating these "loitering" laws is repeatedly stopping pedestrians in a public place and speaking with them. But, stopping to talk to people shouldn't be a crime. The person who handed you this bulletin stopped you spoke with you. So, according to the law, he or she could be arrested.

Have we taken our wars on drugs and prostitution so far that we're willing to lock people up for simply talking to their neighbors on the street? The Libertarian Party says that it's time to tell the New Jersey Legislature to repeal these non-crimes. If you're with us, please call State Senator Donald Norcross at 856-541-1251 and tell him that you want him to introduce a bill to repeal the drug and prostitution loitering laws.

*The Libertarian Party is the **only** political party bold enough to take a stand against "crimes" with no victims. In fact, our party's platform calls for "the repeal of all laws prohibiting the production, possession, or use of alcohol, drugs and drug 'paraphernalia' by adults" and for "repeal of all laws regarding consensual sexual relations involving adults." See <http://njlp.org/partyinfo/platform>*

¹ The full text of both of these "loitering" laws is on-line at <http://ogtf.lpcnj.org/2010277dM//LoiteringD.pdf> and <http://ogtf.lpcnj.org/2010277dM//LoiteringP.pdf>