

Court officers acted properly

Regarding: "Picture taken in by cops — British photographer wants an apology after being detained," March 21 story:

The act of taking a photograph is not prohibited. However, when a person stops to take a photo of a government building such as a courthouse, for security reasons, the intent of that person needs to be ascertained. Not only because of the sensitivity to post 9/11, but also for the security involving court cases. The court officers were professional and courteous to Mr. Hider. The answers he gave to the officers' questions raised their suspicion. It does take time to coordinate with the various agencies that must be notified in this situation. The court officers responded in the manner that is necessary to protect all the citizens we are sworn to serve.

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