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ABC 24 News photographer Casey Monroe said that's what happened to him Sunday morning. Police never charged Monroe with a crime, but this could happen to anyone with a cell phone camera.

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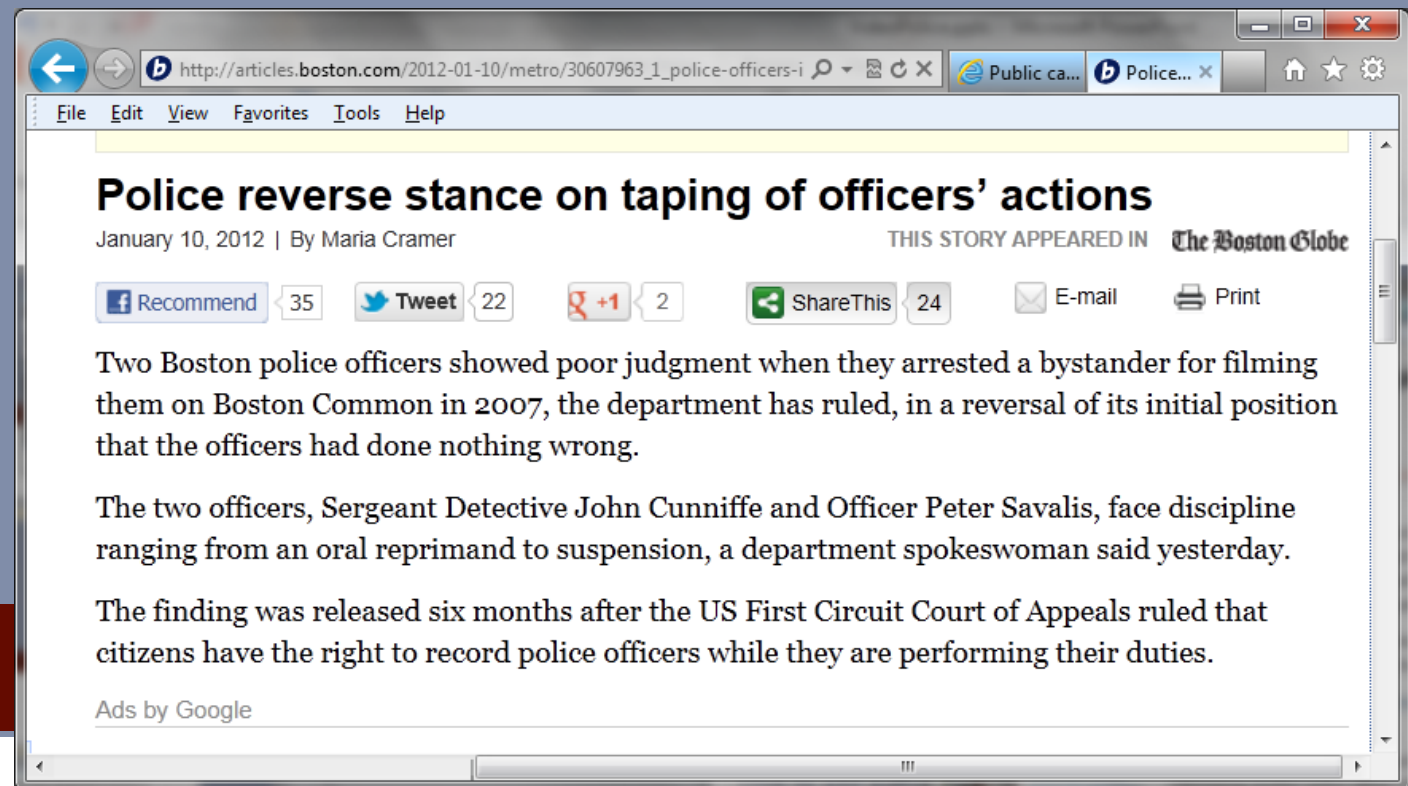
BOSTON (AP) — The city of Boston has agreed to pay \$1.4 million to settle a federal civil rights lawsuit filed by a man who says a [police officer](#) tackled him and placed him in a choke in 2009, leaving him brain-damaged and unable to work.

The settlement with Michael O'Brien, of Methuen, came nearly three years after the men's March 16, 2009, scuffle.

The arresting officer, [David Williams](#), was recently fired for using excessive force.

O'Brien says Williams knocked him to the ground while he was videotaping another police officer with a cellphone during a traffic stop. O'Brien tells The Boston Globe (<http://b.globe.com/zdbrDK>) that he lives with debilitating dizziness and headaches.

Williams' lawyer says his client contends he did nothing wrong and



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September 27, 2010 | By Peter Hermann, The Baltimore Sun

In a decision that could make it easier for citizens to record police officers in Maryland, a Harford County judge ruled Monday that state police and prosecutors were wrong to arrest and charge a man for taping his own traffic stop and posting it on the Internet.

Circuit Court Judge Emory A. Plitt Jr.'s ruling helps clarify the state's wire tap law and makes it clear that police officers enjoy little expectation of privacy as they perform their duties.

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The Right to Record

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Two Coral Springs police officers are under investigation after an audio recording of an October arrest they made sharply contradicts their sworn statements.



Susan Mait

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Most every crime novel has a variation of this back-and-forth: Cop collars a suspected criminal. Suspect says the bust is unjust — but faces the uphill challenge of convincing a judge or jury.

But in the recent real-life case of a stranded



“...prosecutors are now investigating whether the officers filed false documents relating to the encounter”

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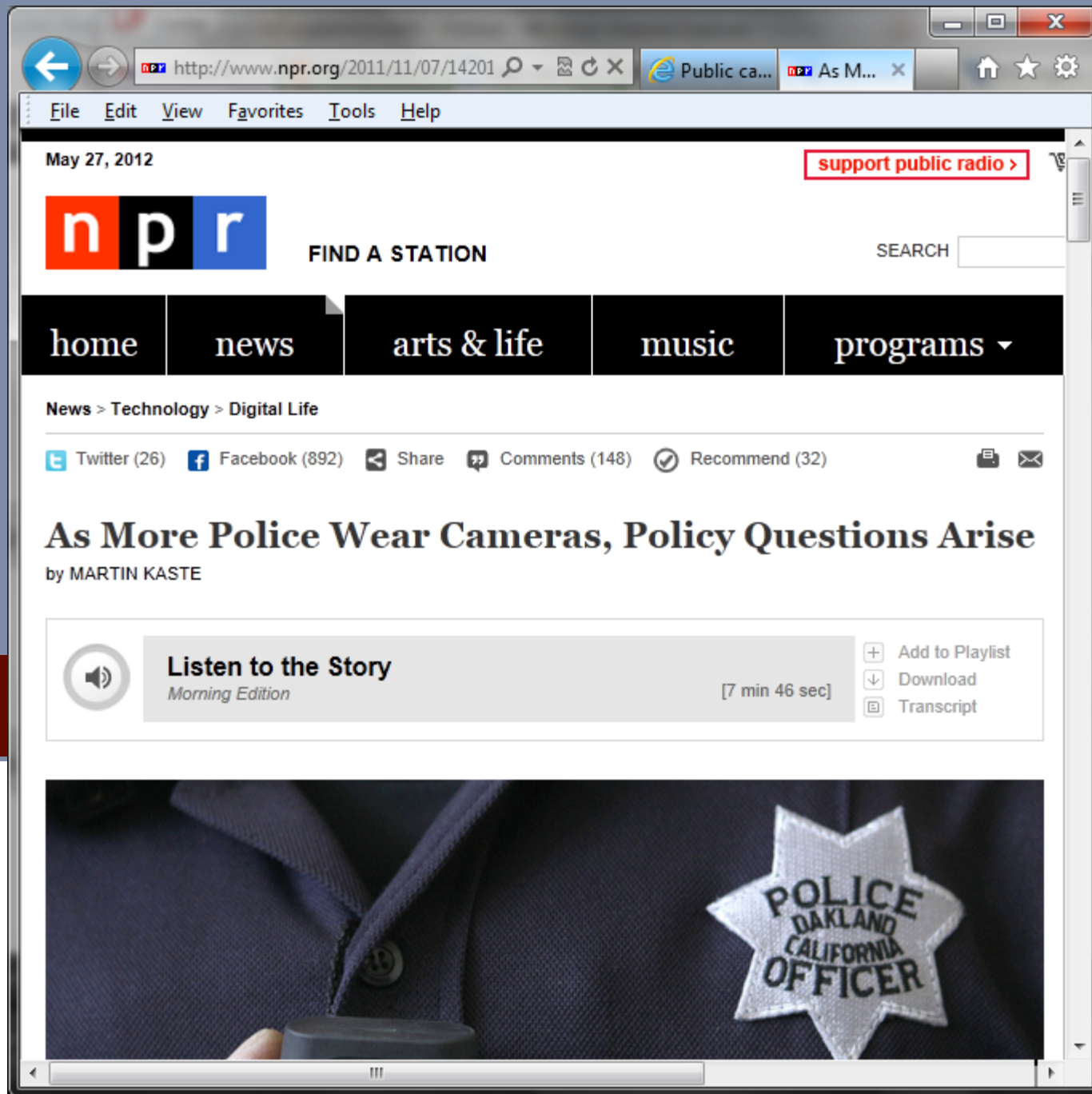
7 Rules for Recording Police

Courts are expanding rights but cops are cracking down. Find out how to keep your footage, and yourself, out of trouble.

Steve Silverman | April 5, 2012

Last week the City of Boston agreed to pay Simon Glik \$170,000 in damages and legal fees to settle a civil rights lawsuit stemming from his 2007 felony arrest for videotaping police roughing up a suspect. Prior to the settlement, the First Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that Glik had a





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“...would allow citizens to sue police officers who arrest them for recording in public, apparently the first of its kind in the nation.”

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