

Garbage policing ridiculous

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To the editor:

So Regional Chairman Roger Anderson, an unelected, self-appointed guardian of garbage disposal, is going to make criminals out of hitherto law-abiding citizens of our fair region.

He proposes policing the garbage and punishing those of us who happen to put the wrong thing in the wrong bag. Along with language police, racial police and religious policing, we now have garbage policing.

Are we going to have special forces hired wearing special uniforms complete with jackboots to patrol our side streets at night, just to make sure we do not steal other people's garbage? Garbage that we as citizens pay to have removed. Garbage that does not belong to any municipality until they retrieve it from outside of our homes.

If people can make a little extra from taking things from the blue boxes, why shouldn't they? As the saying goes, "one man's garbage is another man's treasure." We pay the taxes for the municipalities to dispose of our garbage, they do not have exclusive rights.

Our responsibilities have increased along with our tax increases. I suggest that Mr. Anderson ride shotgun in the garbage trucks. We cannot be trusted.

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