

ST. PAUL NOTES | St. Paul police: Kick a man when he's down

Written by Mary Turck, TC Daily Planet
Friday, 31 August 2012 14:50

"He done sprayed him, maced him, tased him. He just pulled up on us, jumped out the car and maced him ... Ain't done nothing, we ain't done a damned thing." That's the voice of someone near the Android phone as it records video footage of a St. Paul police officer kicking a man in the chest as the man lay on the sidewalk. The incident occurred August 28 and the video was posted on YouTube on August 29.

The video continues, showing more police arriving, and officers slamming the head of the man, now handcuffed, on the hood of a squad car.

[According to the St. Paul Pioneer Press](#) , Eric Ronnell Hightower, age 30, was arrested about 6 p.m. on Tuesday near Lewis Park at Woodbridge and Milford streets. That's in St. Paul's Norrth End neighborhood, west of Rice Street and north of Pennsylvania Avenue.

The [Pioneer Press story](#) includes an interview with Hightower, now out of jail, and with several eyewitnesses, including children who watched the whole event, as well as details of Hightower's 2011 conviction on drugs and assault charges.

Read full article [here](#)

Mary Turck (editor@tcdailyplanet.net) is the editor of the [TC Daily Planet](#) .