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## **E**claims free speech right to slag on Muslims

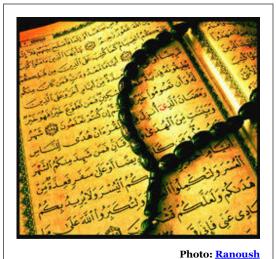
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Sometimes this whole defense-of-free-speech thing is darned annoying. Here we are, for goodness sakes, watching some saying he's well guy from Waite Park named within his constitutional rights to post flyers on utility polls outside a St. Cloud mosque depicting Allah boffing animals.

Leaving aside his motivations -- he told investigators Muslims are anti-Christian -- it's been made pretty clear that he's a got a good 1st Amendment case. But that hasn't stopped St. Cloud City Attorney Matt Staehling from trying to find *some way* to go after

Today in an administrative hearing he's going to find out if he can prosecute for violating the city's ordinance against posting items on city poles without permission.



Free speech or hate speech, that's the question

s lawer, Ryan Garry, tells the St. Cloud Times that if had posted signs for a garage sale or a lost kitten, his client wouldn't be being targeted by the city attorney. ( told investigators that Muslims are "anti-Christian" and that he found the images online and thought it would be "cool" to post them on utility poles.)

"I'm sure that is what they will argue; I think we have evidence to controvert that," Staehling told the paper.

The Minnesota chapter of the Council on American Islamic Relations has condemned as actions as hate speech. And his anti-Muslim actions are part of a growing resentment of Muslims in the suburbs. CAIR successfully lobbied the U.S. Department of Education to look into issues including students starting an "I hate the Somalians at Tech High" Facebook page.

Ever wonder where some pf those folks get their ideas about Islam? Some of them probably believe the fulminations of Pastor Dennis Campbell of Granite City Baptist Church-Academy, or read this ad that recently ran in the St. Cloud Times:

"How do Moslems seek to take control of a nation?" The ad asks. "Moslems seek to influence a nation by immigration, reproduction, education, the government, illegal drugs, and by supporting the gay agenda."

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"What happens when Moslems take over a nation? They will destroy the constitution and force the Moslem religion on the society, take freedom of religion away, and they will persecute all other religions."

Christians, of course, would never do such a thing.



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