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The Historical Highway Marker for the Algonquin Tennis Club was installed on Thursday, August at the W.D. Hill Recreation Center, 1308 Fayetteville St. Tennis, social events and the Durham Committee on Negro Affairs held events and meeting there.

## Appeals court upholds partial gag order on arrest footage

By Jonathan Drew

RALEIGH (AP) - A North Carolina judge properly applied state law when she barred city officials from publicly discussing body camera arrest footage they were allowed to review, the state appeals court ruled.

The case stems from the September 2016 arrests of several people in downtown Greensboro, including a black man who was stunned with a Taser, according to court documents. An arrestee filed a complaint about the police conduct, but an internal police probe found the arrests didn't violate the people's civil rights.

The city went to court to ask a judge to allow members of the Greensboro City Council to review body camera footage. Under state law, police video generally can't be released without court approval.

A Guilford County judge agreed in 2018 to allow the council members and other city officials to view the police footage, but they would only be allowed to discuss the video "with each other in their official capacity," according to court documents.

City officials asked the court to reconsider, arguing that they should be able to discuss the video publicly with constituents. Council members also decided not to watch the footage while fighting the judge's order so they wouldn't be limited in their ability to discuss the case with the public.

They argued in their appeal that the partial gag order violated their First Amendment rights and prevented them from doing their jobs.

"The City Council members believed that the gag order did pose a substantial impediment to the discharge of their duties as elected municipal officials because it prevented them from discussing a matter of public concern with their constituents," attorneys for the city wrote in their appeal last year.

However, North Carolina Court of Appeals ruled that the lower court didn't overstep state law, partly because the restrictions apply to information gleaned from the video, but didn't prevent council members from discussing what they learned about the case from other sources.

Judge Chris Dillon wrote in the appeals court's majority opinion that "the trial court did not abuse its discretion in initially placing and later refusing to modify a restriction on release of body-cam footage, as the City officials otherwise had no right to the information."

The third judge on the panel concurred with the ruling through a separate opinion, adding that the appeal should have been dismissed on procedural grounds.

An attorney representing Greensboro, Patrick Kane, said in an email that city officials were evaluating their options going forward in the case.

Lawyers for Greensboro police officers depicted on the body camera footage argued the appeal should be dismissed on procedural grounds. They also argued that the council members should only be allowed to discuss the footage publicly if the video were also released to the public so people can see it for themselves.

## NBA's Steph Curry helps Howard U. start Division I golf team

By Ashraf Khalil

WASHINGTON (AP) - What started as an innocuous conversation during a public event has evolved into a golf partnership between NBA star Stephen Curry and Howard University.

The two-time NBA MVP announced Aug. 19 that he is helping Howard re-establish a golf program. Curry is providing a donation that will allow one of the country's most prominent historically black universities to launch Division I women's and men's teams for the 2020-21 academic year.

The 31-year-old Curry, who has won three NBA championships with the Golden State Warriors, has long been known as a passionate golfer. But the idea of partnering with Howard didn't start until January, when Curry went to the campus for a screening of the documentary "Emanuel."

After watching the film - which chronicles the 2015 shooting of nine black worshippers at a church in South Carolina - Curry was approached by Howard student Otis Ferguson. The senior explained to Curry how he had been unsuccessfully trying to start up an official university golf team. Howard previously fielded a Division II golf team but that was discontinued.

At a Aug. 19 news conference, Curry singled out Ferguson for applause and recalled their chance meeting.

"We connected on golf," he said. "Accountability, competition, discipline - all those different ideals we learned through the game of golf."

The exact amount of Curry's donation has not been disclosed, but the university announced it would be a six-year partnership. Sports apparel company Under Armour, which sponsors Curry and is based in nearby Baltimore, will provide the uniforms and golf club manufacturer Callaway will supply the equipment.



U.S. Senator Kamala Harris, California, will be the keynote speaker at the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People Founder's Banquet the Civil Center Aug. 24, 6 p.m.

## Sporadic outages at 8chan and a new host after mass shooting

NEW YORK (AP) - The online message board 8chan suffered sporadic outages recently after its cybersecurity provider cut it off for what it called a "cesspool of hate" following mass shootings in Texas and Ohio.

But the board, which has a history of use by violent extremists, also quickly found a new online host. That company also provides such support for Gab.com, another social media site frequented by white supremacists that doesn't ban hate speech.

8chan was up and down after the security company Cloudflare said it would no longer provide services that protect web sites from denial-of-service attacks that can make them unreachable.

The operators of 8chan said there might be downtime in the next one or two days as the site sought a solution, and online records indicated the site had been moved to a new domain host: Sammamish, Washington-based web services provider Epik.com.

The company bills itself on its site as "the Swiss bank of domains." Epik.com did not immediately respond to requests sent by email and via LinkedIn.

Police are investigating commentary posted on 8chan and believed to have been written by the suspect in a shooting that killed 20 people in El Paso, Texas.

If there is a connection, it would be the third known instance of a shooter posting to the site before going on a rampage following mass shootings at two New Zealand mosques in the spring, and another at a California synagogue.

The suspect in El Paso "appears to have been inspired" by discussions on 8chan, said Cloudflare CEO Matthew Prince in a blog post on his company's site. He said a suspect in an earlier shooting at a synagogue in Poway, California, also posted a "hate-filled open letter" on 8chan, as did the mosque attacker in Christchurch, New Zealand.

"8chan has repeatedly proven itself to be a cesspool of hate," wrote Prince. "They have proven themselves to be lawless and that lawlessness has caused multiple tragic deaths."

Prince acknowledged that little can be done under current rules to silence sites like 8chan.

Two years ago, Cloudflare terminated service to the Daily Stormer, a neo-Nazi and white supremacist site.

"Today, the Daily Stormer is still available and still disgusting," Prince wrote. "They have bragged that they have more readers than ever. They are no longer Cloudflare's problem, but they remain the Internet's problem."

In fact, the Daily Stormer's new security provider, BitMitigate, was purchased in February by Epik.com, whose CEO is Robert Monster of Bellevue, Washington.

In November, Monster defended in a blog post his company's decision to host Gab.com after its previous domain host, GoDaddy, dropped it.