

THP, Murfreesboro Police Respond To Viral Video

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Murfreesboro Police and the Tennessee Highway Patrol are responding to a viral video that's raising questions about whether police and state troopers properly handled a sobriety checkpoint last week.

Several cameras were set up and rolling inside the car that was stopped along South Rutherford Boulevard in Murfreesboro.

During the stop, the group in the truck questions a Murfreesboro sergeant about a law that says drivers who see a sobriety checkpoint before entering it, don't actually have to go through it.

But then the group shoots video of THP troopers pulling over drivers who have just turned around from the checkpoint.

The THP say police officers still have the right to pull people over, if they violate traffic laws as they turn around, including creating a traffic hazard, or turning around within 500 feet of a curve, intersection or hill.

"I think when people start turning around and leaving, the officer may determine the person may be violating the law in and of itself and it would give them reasonable suspicion to pursue them," said criminal defense attorney David Raybin.

There are several rules police officers must follow when carrying out sobriety checkpoints, including publicly releasing the location of the checkpoints beforehand.

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