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Street Corner Prophet



Wally Williams stands on the southwest corner of Wade Avenue (State Road 26) and Main Street (U.S. Highway 129) in Trenton on Tuesday afternoon (July 30) wearing sandwich boards proclaiming his belief. For the past two centuries, the people governed by the laws of the United States of America have enjoyed freedoms protected in writing by the *United State Constitution*. For instance, *The First Amendment* notes ‘Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.’ This protects people from the government establishing one religion, or one church. It allows people to worship as they wish or not to believe in God. This one amendment also protects Americans from the government stopping them from speaking about their beliefs, or from the press presenting the public with information and opinions, and it prevents the government from stopping people from gathering in peace as they redress the government and petition it with what the people see as problems.

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