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In December of 2021 Kenosha Police Department began to investigate complaints of anti-Semitic flyers being distributed throughout our community. The flyers were showing up on vehicle windshields, driveways and walkways.

Technically, the flyer is a form of free speech, protected by First Amendment; however, many members of the Kenosha community had very deep concerns regarding the materials, even questioning if the distribution qualified as a hate crime. It does not, pursuant to WI § 939.645 which covers crimes committed against certain people or property.

Recognizing the fear and concerns surrounding the flyer distribution, KPD committed to continuing the investigation, which we did.

On August 10, 2022 KPD issued 23 citations to a 56-year-old Kenosha man. The citations are for violations of Kenosha City ordinance 11.02U

**Littering.** Throw, place or deposit any paper, glass, bottle, cans, containers, grass clippings, rubbish, waste, filth or other debris upon private property without consent of the owner or occupant, or upon the streets, alleys, highways, sidewalks, parks, or beaches, or into any pond, stream, river or lake.

Each citation carries a fine of \$187.00. The citations can be argued in Municipal Court.

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