



## KTVN Channel 2 News

July 14 at 5:24pm ·

Homeless camps like this one by the river are getting cleared out by police, now that there is room at the overflow shelter, but some don't want to go. They risk getting arrested if they don't. Do you think there is a homeless problem along the river?

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**Robert Harding** It's really not our drinking water. Our drinking water is diverted out of the river miles from the area these people are camping at. Also if the city parks and rec departments didn't lock the bathrooms at night these people would have a better option than right next to where they are. But they do lock them, and most businesses will not allow people to use their restrooms, so what options are they left with?

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**Colleen Stainbrook** There's more crimes on the streets and the're worrying about homeless people living by the river

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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian**

**lib-er-al** [lib-er-uh'l, lib-ruh'l]  
*adjective*  
*so open minded that your brain falls out*

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- **Jo Oh Olvera** People with cars are more dangerous then the homeless ,but they get robbed as well because they are vunurable

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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** That is soooo ignorant,your way of thinking is crazy~as if cleaning up our streets is a problem,and you are blind and clueless if you think their is no crime amongst the homeless

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- **Courtney Lambdin** \*There not THEIR Jeremy....spell your damn words correctly. Now thats IGNORANT!

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- **Jo Oh Olvera** I guess the generation gap is calling one names when they disagree ,,shows how people are all ready to explode ,shows no respect either,Crime is every where Jeremy even in rich neighborhoods ,so chill out before you pop a brain cell

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- **Jeff Beland** Here's some logic for Jeremy: if you focus on the criminals then the homeless element that's the problem (ie criminals) will be put in jail. See you actually agree with Courtney, you just haven't figured it out yet

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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** Oh look a spell check nazi~yeah you freaks are funny,start losing a debate and switch to pointing out flaws in spelling lol morons

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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian**



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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** I make over a \$100 grand a year and own my own business,I could care less about spelling lol I'm doing just fine  
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- **Jo Oh Olvera** Good for you ,,money does not make the person ,,  
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- **Curtis Mallette** Theft is a huge problem due to homeless people, so is drugs. In my opinion getting them off the street would help our crime problem at least a little. It also does help our tourism (the staple of our economy unless you haven't heard) to not have a bunch of bums sitting downtown and next to the river where tourists like to frequent.  
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- **Daniel Gray**



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- **Daniel Gray** It's sad when u see them take entire garbage cans and dump it into the river.. But hey "riverfront property"  
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- **Jessica Sperry** I'm confused...so it's okay to a majority of you for homeless people to live by the river because there's other crimes going on around town? Last time I was at the river there was a homeless man with a needle still in his hand and he was passed out on...[See More](#)  
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- **Curtis Mallette** I have no compassion for people who choose to live off of other people rather than take care of themselves even though they are perfectly capable of doing so. They have the choice to better themselves and choose not to because they know they can get ha...[See More](#)  
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- **Stephanie Morgan** Courtney you sound so loving and in a utopian world your theories are wonderful. Maybe you should offer to house a few homeless people. Or is not ok to be loving when it is your personal space?  
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- **Louie Enos** Courtney, My business is located near the river in west Reno and recently our trucks were broken into and the batteries were stolen. They didnt bother to unhook them they just cut the wires causing expensive damage. A month later our batteries were fou...[See More](#)  
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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** How about you get off my thread Courtney and take a hike,go hang out with other like minded libtards  
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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** And Stephanie makes a great point,you wanna sit here and gripe about lack of compassion how about you open your house and neighborhood up and let them live with you cause I'm personally sick and tired of seeing them,in sick of them hanging around town and harassing everybody that passes bye just waiting for a handout,how about you house them since your so open minded and compassionate  
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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** Same thing in Laughlin Louie,the bums here are up and down the river because it's public land,they hang out in our parks and they are filth,I'm sick and tired of it and I want my area cleaned up  
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- **Edward Gomez** I hoped no one in here inns up homeless  
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- **Suzanne Childers** Jessica Sperry...what a great teaching opportunity for your nephew. Hoping you absolved his fears with love and compassion and that he is on his way to understanding the frailties of our human condition.  
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- **Jeremy Nolan Christian** If they do end up homeless they are free to stay at Courtneys house  
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- **Junebug Envy** Jeremy: news flash....you are a tool...you suffer from a condition known as douchebaggery. Your claims at making 6 figures and owning your own business and blah blah blah. No one believes you. However, to draw the conclusion you have minimal education because you can't put together a correct sentence structure, you don't know the difference between their, there and they're and you don't know how to punctuate;  
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- **Junebug Envy** Look see? I am being compassionate for unfortunate Jeremy with run on sentence and such.  
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- **Junebug Envy** How about you run along to the gym to lift weights where you and your posse can find an empty place on your carcass to add a tattoo. These threads should come with a warning. WARNING....you are required to have more brain matter than tattoos to be part of this conversation. And btw...you told Courtney to get off YOUR thread. When did it become yours? You were not the first one to comment.  
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- **John Fitzgerald** It is the so called homeless drug addicts that are doing the crimes and chasing away the tourists!  
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- **Kalei Kanekoa** Most of those homeless by the river are assholes!!  
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**Teresa Peña** I used to work with the homeless for years. Here's my "personal" observations.

1. They are everywhere.

2. Most of the ones at the river don't want to follow the rules of the shelter.
3. Pets need to be taken into account.
4. Arresting them would give them shelter and food, but those with animals might be permanently separated.
5. Some have mental illnesses.
6. Some will rob you blind while you sleep.
7. There are more groups helping feed and bring clothes to the homeless than our military vets.
8. I lost count of how many non-profits there are exploiting the homeless as their means to get more money and support.

Now, with that being said....I was fortunate enough to pick 2 homeless vets and help them obtain housing and support. It took a lot of work and determination.

People who know me in the community know that I quit helping the homeless for several reasons.

1. When my truck would pull up empty, I'd hear, "Where's the food? What? No clothes!" Then they would look in all the windows and double check.

2. I TRULY believe that more money is wasted by groups by serving them every night at Record street. Can you calculate how much is spent in plates, cups, bowls, silverware, etc...every night?

My solution was to purchase (or have donated) reusable plates (about a \$1 a piece, plastic silverware, and a cup (about 30 cents each). Let our shelter-less neighbors be responsible to bring their own dishes to dinner and wash them. It's not like you can't find a bathroom or a sink to wash them.

My other thought is rather than exploiting them for "personal" notoriety, why not let them help prepare their own meals? I'm sure many can cut up vegetables and make a salad.

I gave up helping the bulk of the homeless because of the backlash from groups who would NEVER allow some independence of our neighbors. It would take too much away from the "hand-out" instead of a "Hand-up!".

Occasionally I will pop out to see if there is someone who can truly be grateful for a helping hand instead of waiting for a handout. Like I said....This is just my personal experience and I wish everyone well in their endeavor to solve a political crisis.

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- **Denina Geistlinger Murphy** Thank you for sharing your story. Glad to know I am not alone on my thoughts and experiences with this. In my early 20's, while my daughter was a baby (who is now 25 and graduated college btw) I experienced homelessness first hand only because the biol...[See More](#)

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- **Teresa Peña** What a fabulous story of success! Great job mom!

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- **Teresa Peña** Crazy thing today...This afternoon I noticed a homeless man and woman setting up a perimeter around a vacant lot across from a gas station. They were using a wind-up type tape measure. Even blocking the driveway access. Weird! But after work I stopped at the gas station and the guy was in the car wash...lol What can ya do? A guy handed him some money and they were still talking when I left.

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- **Willis Provstgaard** I don't worry weather or not they are good or bad. Who cares what standards you think someone else should be living up to. You never gave if you care about them being grateful. Also go to hell evil heart

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- **Teresa Peña** Obviously you need need to make some sandwiches and hand them out along the river. Don't forget to put some cases of water in a wagon too. Most of them are grateful! that's for your input though smile emoticon

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**Tiana Evans** How sad that there is a homeless issue! Look at allllll of these empty house that the banks own... Just a thought!

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- **Emily Barros Lambdin** You saying the bank should let them live in the houses ? Large percentage of homeless are mental patients that have been turned out if mental care, funding has been taken away and they are off their medication ...Some of them are alcoholics who need help but it's not that easy to get help ...most of them want to be left alone...

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- **Tiana Evans** I am saying that every body is a human being, so we should treat them that way. Make one of the empty houses into "homeless" housing. NO PERSON should be living on the street when there is living potential inside. I do not judge, because that is not my place, and I feel like phrases like "high percentage" are ignorant.

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- **Veronica Crabtree** thought there are some that are in need of mental care...it's is by far not the majority

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- **Beau Palica** How bout you go invite a few homeless to come live with you?

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- **Tiana Evans** My house is not empty, sir.

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- **Jillian Stockton** Yeah.....I dosagree.... strive harder in life....I know a few homeless who choose to be because they have to strife in life. And I don't think Joe fucking shmo should live in a nice house when people who work daily don't even get that. You fund it. Wh...[See More](#)

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- **Tiana Evans** Aren't you high and mighty thinking you are better than those without a home! I never said it had to be a million dollar home that would be given away! I am thinking more constructively and resourcefully. Again, I reiterate, it is not up to us to judge, it only makes us bitter... Kind of like how you seem!

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- **Gary W. Martinez Sr.** <http://www.washingtonpost.com/.../the-surprisingly.../>



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- **Tiana Evans** Thank you Gary! See I'm not stupid after all wink emoticon

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- **Robert Harding** Thank you Gary!

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