

House Arrest

Nobody asked but ...

I know this will look like I have too much time on my hands, but really I was taking a break between two strenuous tasks. Anyhow, as I sipped a cup of joe, I idly began to read the court docket for the past week here in my local burg. This was a depressing exercise. Then one particular item jumped out at me. In connection with a traffic stop, a scofflaw had been charged with several transgressions, including one for failure to notify the state motor vehicle registration regime of an address change. How would this kind of violation come to light in a routine traffic stop? But that is neither here nor there. What really concerns me is the tacit idea that you, as part of getting a driver's license in Kentucky, are somehow agreeing to be always in a known location when the man comes looking for you. To me this is just another negation of this country's purported principle that one must be considered innocent until proven guilty.

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