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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

Bum Rap

Head Shop Employee Receives Media Bum's Rush Over Outrageous Sticker "Kind of a bummer"

When the Black employee Ken Anderson created his (in)famous "Please don't feed our bums" sticker, he thought he was making a cheeky statement about a local problem — young, aggressive homeless who had decided on begging as a career, and who thought nothing of berating and harassing those who refused to support their lifestyle.

But comedic subtlety doesn't always travel well. As the story went viral on the World Wide Web, Anderson found himself cast in the role of a heartless capitalist, indifferent to the suffering of his fellow man and interested only in bolstering his business. "It's an odd feeling for a dude who works in a store devoted to helping people get high and kick back," he mused over a

beer at the Catalina Lounge. Anderson's chief antagonist has been Frank Gormlie, former O.B. resident and current proprietor of the blog *O.B. Rag*. "The stickers carry a message of hate," Gormlie told the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. "This attempt to dehumanize the young homeless promotes apathy and even hostility toward others based on where they sleep at night," continued Gormlie, who sleeps in Lemon Grove, of all places. "The rise in violence against the homeless after the *Bumfight* videos were released is a verifiable fact [160 in 2007 vs. 142 in 2006]. Teenagers in several cities have set bums on fire. And I shouldn't have to mention the Ben Martin case." (Martin, a 31-year-old resident



A black eye for the Black?

of Los Angeles, was recently sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility for parole for killing homeless man John McGraham by setting him on fire with a signal flare in 2008.)

In light of all this media attention, Anderson has had second thoughts. "I still believe we have a problem, and I'm not about to back down because some people who don't live in O.B. think

they know what's best for O.B. But I don't want to promote violence against the homeless." Anderson said he has therefore decided to produce another, similar sticker, this one featuring Smokey the Bear and reading, "Welcome to Ocean Beach — Please Don't Set Our Bums on Fire."

"But I'm not about to come out against bumfights," concluded Anderson. "Those are awesome."

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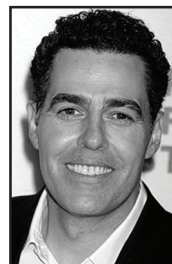
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