

The Bible and the ACLU Agree: Require Corroboration for Drug Sting Testimony!

**Please Support HB 2351 (Hinojosa)
to be voted on the House floor this week**

The requirement for corroborating evidence is a living legacy of our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Mosaic Law required corroboration

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneith: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.

Deuteronomy 19:15

Jesus concurred with corroboration rule

If thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone ... But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

Matthew 18:15-16

HB 2351 (Hinojosa) grew out of the nationally publicized “Tulia” drug busts. In that case, 12 percent of our small West Texas town’s black citizens were arrested on the uncorroborated testimony of a single officer who was later demonstrated to have fabricated at least some of his testimony. The bill would require corroboration for testimony by confidential informants and certain police officers involved in undercover drug stings.

Requiring corroboration “puts a protective hedge around the ninth commandment, ‘You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.’ As long as people bear false witness against their neighbors, this Biblical law will not be outdated.”

The Reverend Dr. Charles Kiker (retired), Tulia Texas

What Would Jesus Do?