

BECAUSE FRED COULD BE DEAD

Mr. Robinson's driver's license was suspended due to nonpayment of his traffic debt and Mr. Robinson's opportunity to receive critical medical care and to pursue a potentially life-sustaining liver transplant was in jeopardy.

—Civil Rights Corps

call it ulcerative colitis. the body
turning in. & on itself a long line
around the colon. inflamed forget

the betrayal it must be. forgotten
cirrhosis is a late stage. of scarring
(fibrosis) of the liver it is called

what ails the system of blood, veins
sinew & bone matter. a bright light
or the digestive tract. under arrest

hands raised surrendered walking
backwards. towards a vertical cliff
dangling for inability to pay. so

traffic tickets can kill quite quick
but who cares. about a transplant
or saving life in lieu of forgiveness:

there is a disability in law & order
a canker sore. scourging society
justice doesn't facilitate the poor

maybe common sense is outlawed
in a quest to appease plutocracy?