

Marceaux advises not to 'buy any cheap sausage'

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The first thing Tennessee Republican gubernatorial candidate Basil Marceaux discussed on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live!" early Tuesday morning was how he injured his hand cooking sausages.

Marceaux, 57, told host Jimmy Kimmel that the reason he was injured was because the sausage was "cheap."

"So don't buy any cheap sausage," Marceaux advised.

The sausage topic and others discussed on the show are sure to raise Marceaux higher into Internet stardom. He became an instant viral hit after appearing on WSVM-TV in Nashville in late July.

The Chattanooga resident said on the Nashville news station that he believes all citizens should carry guns.

He reiterated those thoughts to Kimmel, saying: "After reading the Constitution, it says we have a right to bear arms against our government."

"But would people be required to bear arms? Would they have to have guns?" Kimmel asked.

"If they didn't have one, they couldn't represent themselves, protect themselves against the government, so I'll probably fine them \$10 if they (don't have a gun)," Marceaux replied.

"Little investigators on the street with no power" would be the ones issuing the fines, he said.

Marceaux was the last of four guests on the show, appearing after NBA star Shaquille O'Neal and "The Bachelorette" stars Ali Fedotowsky and Roberto Martinez.

This isn't the first time Marceaux was put into the national spotlight by TV. Shortly after he appeared on WSVM-TV, Stephen Colbert of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" took a stab at Marceaux.

"Basil Marceaux dot com looks pretty impressive," Colbert said, referencing Marceaux introducing himself as "Basil Marceaux dot com" on WSVM-TV. "I mean people always vote for the candidate they could have a beer with. And it looks like he had several even before (his statements on WSVM-TV)."

Marceaux assured the Kimmel audience, which was frequently heard laughing throughout the interview, that he would not put Lindsay Lohan to death "unless she killed someone."

"Then I would have no choice," he said.

Marceaux cited an 1866 law as the reason he would immune citizens of all "traffic stops."

"I went back in the past, and I found the Civil Rights Act of 1866 that was adopted in the Fourteenth Amendment. It made it a misdemeanor to break the Constitution, a \$1,000 fine and you're in jail, for anyone. You turn them over to U.S. marshals, a freedom bureau agent, and that's supposed to be a Marine today, civilian," Marceaux said.

"All right, OK. I'm not sure I get that," Kimmel responded.

Kimmel turned the discussion to "Mrs. Basil Marceaux."

"She's happy I'm running, but she's not happy that ... she thinks I've put her life in danger by ... the stand I'm taking about turning Tennessee (into) a republic," Marceaux said.

Marceaux said his campaign manager, who also is his son, agrees with his father 98.5 percent of the time.

One of the things Marceaux said the two disagree about is "murder(ing)" people for killing others. "No, no. He's being ridiculous," Kimmel said as the audience laughed.

Kimmel asked Marceaux if he would consider moving to California to become the state's governor if he isn't elected in Tennessee.

Marceaux responded: "I'll be a governor of any state as long as I can fix it."

