Problem P8

A slider (mass = 0.60 kg) is made to slide in a smooth slot through the application of a force, P, that is tangential to the slot. The slot is described by a spiral curve $r=1.5~\theta$ meters. The angular rate is a constant, $\dot{\theta}=-4.0$ rad/second, and $\theta=90^\circ$. In this configuration, calculate the magnitude of P required to produce this motion and determine the normal force being exerted by the side of the slot on the slider.

