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In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!
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Editor’s Note (For BBB Only): Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges… And this is one of them… If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings & contact me, include your Chapter too… If you are Not a patch holder of a MC in Good Standings, Don’t write me & request that I add you to the mailing list. You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions.

MC Gives Back To Oak Grove Community – Dec 22, 2013 - Tennessee - By www.WDEF.com - They call themselves the Sin City Disciples, but behind the name, the leather, and the perception, lies a simple group of people helping those in their Oak Grove neighborhood have a Merry Christmas. “If I can give something to some one that maybe I don’t know if they can afford it or not, but just the giving, being able to give to someone and their kids oh man it’s a great feeling,” says Gregory Taylor. “This means a lot when you can help the less fortunate. I wish I could give more, I wish I could, if I had my choice I’d give all the kids presents,” adds Edward Holmes. The group held a Christmas party and toy run for neighborhood kids, and want people to look past the stereotypes commonly associated with motorcycle clubs. “We are just trying to get rid of that negative vibe that the community has about us and like I said this is just some of the things that we do. Guys do mentoring and stuff like that you know trying to help and also trying to pull kids out the gangs,” says Terry Smith “I’m just a guy. I ride a Harley Davidson, but I’m no different from nobody else. I go to work, and I go to church, I believe in God, I believe in helping people;” adds Taylor. Helping the community they live in…and ride in…. “You wish you could help every kid, but you can’t so the little bit that you can do you try to give it all that you have. I wish we could help every kid, but the little bit we can we give back,” says Holmes.

“From us to the teachers coaches everyday people just I mean just whoever,just as long as everybody is involved. It’s going to be some work. We want it to change overnight and it’s not going to happen overnight,” says Smith.

Largo, Bouncer And Doc – Dec 26, 2012 – California – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - It is still possible to squeeze news out of the great Mongols case of 2008. That’s how big the case became. Fifty months after the busts there is still news to report. At the end of 2012 there are still 2 defendants whose individual cases are still open. Horacio “Scorpio” Ponce, defendant number seven, allegedly sold 78 grams of methamphetamine to a paid confidential informant in the case in 2007. It is likely in this case that the snitch begged Ponce to do it. Possessing an “amount greater than 50 grams” is a much more significant crime than possessing only 49 grams. Throughout the Mongols case, multiple defendants are charged with transactions of similar amounts of the drug. Ponce was almost certainly a victim of what usually called “sentence entrapment.” And, virtually all of the filings in Ponce’s portion of the case remain under seal. Arthur “Chiques” Roseli, Jr., was sentenced to 15 months incarceration last Feb. He spent 6 months at a halfway house in El Monte, California beginning last July before he was allowed to spend the rest of his sentence on home detention. His case however remains technically open.

Largo: Hector “Largo” Gonzalez, who became Pres of the Mongols MC after Ruben “Doc” Cavazos resigned with the intention of becoming a celebrity, pled guilty to racketeering in June 2011. Gonzalez volunteered for the job of cleaning up the mess his predecessor had created. The legal fees that resulted from the charges against him ruined him financially. He honestly felt that while he was Pres of the club he had committed no crimes & he continued his defense until his money ran out. One quote from the Govt’s sentencing position paper last Sept explains in some detail the ways in which Gonzalez was a “racketeer.” “In his guilty plea, defendant specifically admitted that he has been a member & ‘officer’ in the Mongols criminal enterprise, & that he served as the ‘treasurer’ & Nat’l ‘Pres.’ In that role, defendant directed some of the activities of the organization. He participated in & led ‘Mother Chapter’ & officer meetings, all members meetings & Nat’l runs for the Mongols. He advised members about the conduct of the organization & directed members to ‘keep your house clean.’ During the meetings, defendant & other Mongols discussed acts of violence & other crimes committed by Mongols members on behalf of the organization, including paying legal fees incurred by Mongols members for crimes committed on behalf of the criminal enterprise, & defendant collected money for that purpose. Defendant stated that he collected $15,000 to $17,000 every month for the organization. Defendant issued directions to Mongols members & associates in order to assist them in avoiding detection by law enforcement & rival gang members, & defendant also directed members to assist other Mongols during confrontations with rival gangs.” Gonzalez was sentenced to 63 months in prison & 4 years of supervised parole last Sept 24. He began serving his sentence Dec 3.

Bouncer: Peter “Bouncer” Soto earned his nickname while working as a bouncer at several Hollywood night clubs. He had a genuine love of motorcycles. One early riding companion was the television game show host George Gray. Another early companion was Tim “Big Tim” Medvetz, a Hells Angel who was one of the stars of the Discovery Channel series Everest Beyond the Limit. When Doc Cavazos began recruiting dozens of new members into the Mongols, Soto joined the club as a probationary
member. Because Soto is a very large man he was frequently recruited by Doc as a bodyguard. Because Soto worked at clubs in Hollywood he sometimes supplemented his income by selling small amounts of cocaine & methamphetamine. In an interview in 2010 he emphatically denied “moving weight” or ever consuming his own product. “I don’t do drugs,” Soto said. “Never done coke in my life. Never done crystal…. I never talked to Doc about anything illegal.” Finally, because he sold drugs in Hollywood, Soto sometimes carried a gun. All of that was woven into a number of allegations of racketeering. Soto acquiesced to a plea agreement last Nov 7. In that document he confessed to selling either cocaine or methamphetamine on multiple occasions to paid confidential informants who solicited the drugs from him in order to catch him in the act of selling drugs. Soto agreed to a “base level offense” with a value of “30.” He did not cooperate with prosecutors or admit remorse for his “crimes.” He will be sentenced on Feb 25, 2013 & he faces up to ten years in prison.

**Doc:** As recently as last summer Doc Cavazos, the man who brought the wrath of the Department of Justice down on the Mongols, bragged that he was giving autographs & posing for photos with his fellow inmates at the Fed Correctional Institution in La Tuna, Texas near El Paso. Last Fall Doc disappeared from the Bureau of Prisons inmate locator system. His disappearance led to rumors that he had finally been rewarded for betraying his former club brothers but as of 2 weeks ago Doc remained at FCI La Tuna. Last week, Judge David O. Carter filed an order that officially refused to acknowledge a letter from Cavazos to the judge. The judge’s order included a copy of Cavazos’ letter which was postmarked Dec 13. The letter reads in full: “During the time of my cooperation with the prosecution I met with ATF agent John Ciccone & Montebello Police Officer Chris Cervantes. During those meetings I was given information that I could later use in court to convict other defendants. “Information such as evidence found at certain crime scenes should never be revealed to a possible witness/informant. It can be used to convict an innocent defendant. I refuse to use it to help them but I am concerned that later they will convince other cooperators to perjure themselves & use this evidence. “From my prison cell I do not have access to anyone who might investigate my accusations against Ciccone & Cervantes. I know that inmates are not considered very credible but if someone with the authority to investigate my accusations would ask me what I have learned from my meetings with Ciccone & Cervantes they may find what I am saying credible. I have not released the contents of my meetings with Ciccone & Cervantes to the news media for fear of contaminating legitimate witness testimony to these cases. The news media will be my last resort to prevent those 2 from sending an innocent man to prison.”

**Boulder City Farce celebrates Christmas** – Dec 27, 2012 – **Arizona** - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The legal fight between Las Vegas attorney Stephen Stubbs & Boulder City Police Chief Thomas Finn got a little more interesting today when Stubbs filed a motion in Clark County Court that accuses Finn of yet another felony. This time Finn seems to have violated Nevada Revised Statute 199.520, which translates into English as “disclosure of information to the subject of an investigation” or obstructing justice. The crime is a Class D felony & in Clark County it is typically punishable by up to 4 years in prison & a fine of up to $5,000. Realistically, Finn could wind up doing 6 months in the Clark County Detention Center if he is convicted of the crime. In public documents attached to this ballooning case, Finn is described as someone who “just pisses on the Constitution.” Stubbs is described as “some chappy-lipped little mouth breather (who) thinks he can make a name for himself.” In yet another part of the paper blizzard Finn is “a police administrator who has had nothing but a sterling reputation throughout his entire professional career.” In a phone conversation that Stubbs alleges was illegally recorded last Oct, Stubbs calls Finn’s behavior as “a definition of cluster fuck.”

**Where Did This Come From:** The group love began when Stubbs filed a Fed civil rights lawsuit on behalf of the Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs that alleges numerous incidents of illegal police harassment of bikers in Clark County. The suit argues that the complainants “were willfully, maliciously, & intentionally prevented from associating and/or assembling without justification or compelling state interest as a result of their status as a motorcycle club or motorcycle club member.” Damages in the suit could amount to more than $5 million. About the time Stubbs filed that suit the Mongols MC held their Nat'l Run in Boulder City. Stubbs represents the Mongols in Nevada. Finn has openly admitted that he intended to give the Mongols a hard time for buying hotel rooms in his city & Stubbs thought that conduct typified what the Fed law suit was about. Finn encouraged Boulder City officials & employees to destroy public documents before Stubbs could subpoena them. Stubbs sought to have Finn investigated & FILED a defamation lawsuit Nov 21 against Stubbs as well as the Boulder City Attorney, a City Councilman & 2 police sergeants. In that suit Finn admits to illegally eavesdropping on a conversation between Stubbs & City Attorney Dave Olsen. The police chief asks for “in excess of $10,000” in general damages; more than $10,000 in special damages; punitive damages, attorney’s fees & costs.

**SLAPP:** Stubbs then filed a motion to dismiss Finn’s suit under Nevada’s anti-Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation, or anti-SLAPP statute. SLAPPs are lawsuits that are filed to intimidate or censor critics of public officials by forcing those critics to defend themselves against the lawsuit until they abandon their criticism. Finn filed a motion opposing Stubbs’ motion on Dec 19. Finn attached a copy of Stubb’s complaint against him. In the motion filed today, Stubbs argues that Finn obstructed justice by gaining access to Stubb’s complaint. The Boulder City Council asked the Nevada Division of Investigation to investigate Finn’s conduct about a month ago. Finn has been the Boulder City Chief of Police since 2006. He told reporters last month the dustup with Stubbs had “destroyed” his career. “I was planning on staying here another 3 to 5 years,” he said, “but it’s quite obvious I’ll be gone.” There will be a hearing in the defamation suit Jan 4.

**Cop Club Menace Claims Victim** – Dec 28, 2012 – **Arizona** - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The growing menace of cop motorcycle clubs claimed another victim last Saturday night. The victim, a 23-year-old man from Glendale, Arizona, was attacked in a Prescott, Arizona bar by multiple assailants. He told police at the Yavapai Regional Medical Center that he had been attacked by members of a “motorcycle gang.” Prescott police immediately imposed a news blackout on the incident except to say that they were turning the investigation over to the Arizona Dept of Public Safety’s Special Investigations Unit. Prescott police admitted that they had “gathered evidence” at the crime scene. A Dept of Public Safety spokesman named Carrick Cook said, “There was an incident involving members of the Prescott Valley P.D. No arrests have been made & the investigation continues. There is limited information that is available during an active criminal investigation.”
The Iron Brotherhood: The assailants were members of the Iron Brotherhood MC. The IBMC describes itself as “a non-political, non-police MC.” This club was founded in Southern California in 2006. On its national website the IBMC states: “Members of the Iron Brotherhood respect all clubs & the colors they wear. However members of this club do not associate with members of one-percenter clubs. We also do not attend events sanctioned by one-percenter clubs.” The club accepts current & former male cops as hangarounds & prospects. In a display of their “respect” for “all clubs & the colors they wear” the national website states, “The Iron Brotherhood MC wears 3 piece colors because we can. We are a Law Enforcement club & will not seek permission from any organization to fly our colors.”

Blind Squirrel: The patch holders involved in the assault included members from Prescott’s Whiskey Row Chapter. The club has twenty chapters from coast to coast in the United States. Whiskey Row is a block on South Montezuma Street in downtown Prescott that was once home to 40 saloons. The assault occurred during The Whiskey Row chapter’s annual Christmas Party. The phenomena of cop clubs is virtually invisible to non-biker civilians. But, people who do know about these clubs are often infuriated by them. One cop who reported his contempt for clubs like the Iron Brotherhood is celebrity ATF agent Jay Dobyns. Dobyns wrote about his attempted infiltration & entrapment of Hells Angels in Arizona in a book called No Angel. According to Dobyns, he encountered a cop club called the Wild Pigs in the parking lot of Harley dealership in Bellemont, Arizona about 70 miles north of Prescott. Dobyns categorizes cop clubs as an “abomination” & he claims to have said the following to a Wild Pigs patch holder: “You can’t have it both ways, asshole. You can’t pretend to look & act like us until the shit gets nasty & then pull a badge & gun & sit us down on the side of the road. Fuck you. Pick a side.” Dobyns’ book is so full of inaccuracies that the conversation may be completely invented. And Dobyns is hardly a friend of bikers in general. But the quote probably reveals his true feelings about cop clubs. And, it is reprinted here because even a blind squirrel comes up with a nut from time to time.

Julie on Justice: Families Against Stupid Sentences! – January 2013 – U.S.A. – By http://famm.org/ - Happy New Year! I hope you & your loved ones had a great holiday season. I had a much appreciated break & then returned to FAMM & the hundreds of emails that pile up during time away. One of the emails I received was from a FAMM member in prison who wrote, “Do you only work on drug cases?” The mother of another prisoner wrote, “Why do you talk so much about drugs? What about prisoners serving mandatory minimum sentences for other crimes, like gun crimes or child pornography offenses?” These are good questions & this is a good time -- as we begin a new year -- to clarify what FAMM is all about. To begin with, we do not care only about drug cases. We oppose all mandatory minimums. We do so because they eliminate the discretion of courts to impose a sentence that fits the individual who committed the crime & the unique circumstances of the crime. The politicians who draft mandatory sentencing laws cannot foresee every circumstance that might arise in the future. That’s why judges need the flexibility to make sure the punishment fits the crime & the offender. So, to those who ask if we work only on drug cases, the answer is “no.” But we talk so much about drugs because more people are serving Fed & state sentences for drug crimes than any other type of offense. For example, in 2010, more than 75 percent of Fed convictions carrying a mandatory minimum sentence were for drug crimes. But we strongly oppose mandatory minimums that apply to other offenses, too. FAMM has & will continue to speak out against excessive gun mandatory sentences that paint routine offenders as “career criminals.” And we will continue to oppose overly broad child pornography sentences that do not distinguish between those who look at photos online & those who physically abuse children. While this may make some of our members uncomfortable, we are not in the business of moralizing. We are in the business of making sure that whoever breaks the law receives a sentence that fits his or her crime & role in it. Despite our name, FAMM does not only oppose mandatory minimum sentences. Although that was my original focus, I quickly learned that mandatory minimum sentences had perverted the sentencing system so badly that we needed to fight their harmful effects in other areas. For instance, drug & gun mandatory minimums passed by Congress caused the U.S. Sentencing Commission to increase the sentencing guidelines for drug & gun offenses. Then, to maintain parity between those & other offenses, the guidelines were raised for lots of other crimes. Today, the sentencing guidelines are absurdly high for all kinds of crimes, including many white collar offenses. So, in addition to advocating for repeal of all mandatory minimums, FAMM actively promotes reform of the Fed sentencing guidelines. To curtail the effects of excessive sentences -- whether mandatory or guideline-driven -- FAMM seeks greater opportunities for prisoners to earn “good time” credit & early release. We also fight to restore a vibrant clemency process so that presidents & governors are free & willing to ameliorate the worst results of one-size-fits-all sentencing laws. So maybe our name shouldn’t be FAMM. Maybe it should be FASS (Families Against Stupid Sentences) or FFFS (Families For Fair Sentences)! In the end, our name isn’t important. What’s important is that we get the job done & restore flexibility & discretion to our nation’s sentencing systems. In 2013, we will step up the fight in all the areas in which we work & we will be asking you to help us. One reason I know we will be successful is because of the commitment of our membership. As you know, we just finished our year-end fundraising drive. Thanks to so many of you, we raised $76,000 in the month of Dec! That amount will be matched by one of our most ardent & generous supporters, giving us a welcome $152,000 with which to start our fight for sentencing justice in this new year. That makes this a very Happy New Year, indeed! Thank you so much! My very best, Julie Stewart; FAMM Pres

Man shot at Sin City Disciple’s MC – Jan 1, 2013 – Colorado – By www.KRDO.com - Colorado Springs police are investigating a shooting outside the Sin City Disciple’s MC. The shooting happened around 3:00 a.m. Tuesday at the clubhouse in the 600 block of West Vermijo St. When officers arrived they found one man with a gunshot wound to his hip. His injuries are not life-threatening. No one was arrested & there is no suspect description, police said.

John went to the local bank to borrow money for a new bull. The loan was made & Banker Bill, who lent the money, came by a week later to see how the bull was doing. John complained that the bull just ate grass & wouldn’t even look at a cow. The Banker suggested that he have a veterinarian take a look at the bull. Next week, the Banker returned to see if the vet had helped. John really looked very pleased. “The bull has serviced all of my cows! He broke through the fence, & bred all my neighbor’s cows! He’s been breeding just about everything in sight. He’s like a machine!” “Wow,” said The Banker, “what did the vet do to that bull?” “Just gave him some pills,” replied John. “What kind of pills?” asked The Banker. “I don’t know, but they got a peppermint taste.”
Lender turned to motorcycle gang to extort Redmond business owner – Jan 2, 2013 – Washington – By Levi Pulkkinen; www.SeattlePI.com - A Kirkland man accused of turning to a motorcycle gang to collect a $35,000 debt has been charged with extortion. King County prosecutors contend Robert D. Golden loaned a Redmond man the money to launch a business, then 3 years later sold that debt to the Bandidos MC. According to charging documents, Golden, 39, threatened that Bandidos members would attack the borrower & destroy his business. Described by the FBI as an outlaw motorcycle gang, Bandidos members have been tied to drug trafficking in Washington & several slayings elsewhere. The alleged victim met Golden on a fishing trip several years ago, & the men became friends. Golden ultimately loaned the man $35,000 to start a retail business, a debt prosecutors say Golden has since sold to the Bandidos motorcycle gang. On informing the man that the Bandidos owned his debt, Golden also said – during a meeting attended by the Seattle-area head of the Bandidos – the business owner now owed the gang $57,500, due immediately, Senior Deputy Prosecutor Susan Storey said in charging documents. As police looked on via video surveillance set up in the business, Golden purportedly forced the man to sign over the titles to several motorcycles, a boat & a truck. Golden & an alleged accomplice have been charged with extortion. No charges have been filed against the Bandidos chapter Pres. “The evidence shows that the defendants threatened the victim with violence if he did not comply with their demands,” Storey told the court. “Particularly given (Golden’s) … admitted association with the outlaw Bandidos motorcycle gang, there is reason to believe that these defendants will continue to pose a threat.” Golden loaned the 61-year-old business owner $35,000 when the business was launched 3 years ago. The pair authored a one-page document detailing the loan terms that didn’t state how or when the loan would be repaid, or what interest would accrue. Months before the loan was sold to the Bandidos, Golden phoned the alleged victim & demanded the money be repaid. It was not. In mid-Nov, Golden came to the alleged victim’s shop, accompanied by a man police claim is Pres of the North Seattle Bandidos chapter. That man previously testified against several Hells Angels during a 2007 Fed racketeering prosecution. At trial, the man described himself as an active member of the Bandidos. Golden informed the business owner that the Bandidos now owned his debt, which had now climbed to $57,500, a 78.6% increase. Concerned for his safety, the business owner contacted the police days later. Having met with detectives, the man returned to his shop to find Golden, the Bandidos Pres & a third man waiting for him. According to charging documents, the Bandidos Pres suggested the business owner repay his debt immediately. “We need to get this addressed,” the man told Golden before turning to the business owner. “If this goes on too long it’s going to affect my family & we don’t want that,” the Bandidos Pres said, according to charging documents. “I’ve enjoyed the time we’ve had together. … Just take care of it.” A week later, Golden contacted the shop owner & again demanded he pay up immediately, a Redmond detective told the court. The shop owner described Golden as “ranting & raving.” Concerned for the man’s safety, detectives listened in on a recorded phone call between Golden & the shop owner. According to charging documents, Golden threatened the shop owner’s business & personal health. “You really understand what’s going on?” Golden asked rhetorically, according to charging papers. “They get stuff, that’s what they do. They’re gonna shut the whole thing down. … That’s their money. They don’t care about you. They want the money. “These people hurt people.” Golden went on to claim he has worked for the Bandidos in the past & knows what gang members are willing to do. “Do I have to worry about being beat up?” the shop owner asked Golden. “For the lack of a better word, that’s the least of your worries,” Golden responded, according to charging documents. Golden told the man he had 3 days to pay his entire debt, or the Bandidos would start charging $9,500 a day in interest. Redmond & Seattle police detectives then set up surveillance at the business & staged officers nearby in case violence appeared imminent. Arriving on Dec. 21 in a BMW 7 Series sedan, Golden & codefendant Robert A. Edwards III entered the shop to speak with the business owner. Golden & the business owner began talking about the debt, which upset Golden. Claiming he expected to be repaid in 2011, Golden demanded the business owner sign over the titles to his truck, boat & several motorcycles, a Redmond detective told the court. Charged with extortion alongside Golden, Edwards is alleged to have assisted Golden during his Dec. 21 visit to the shop. Police waiting nearby arrested Edwards, 35, as he got into an SUV he & Golden had just seized from the business owner, the detective continued. Golden ran out of the business & dashed for about 200 feet before an officer took him into custody. Golden was jailed on $500,000 bail but has since posted bond. Edwards, a Riverside, Calif., resident, was also released after posting bond. Both men have been charged with first-degree extortion.

Senior member of Finks outlaw motorcycle club to face court on drug charges after detectives search Airlie Beach home – Jan 2, 2013 – Australia – By www.News.com.au - A Senior member of the Finks motorcycle gang has been charged after police allegedly found cash & drugs at an Airlie Beach house yesterday. The man & 2 others were charged after detectives executed a search warrant at an Airlie Crescent home about 5pm, allegedly seizing a large sum of cash, cocaine, amphetamine tablets, drug utensils & anabolic steroids. The 40-year-old senior member of the Finks Gold Coast chapter was charged with 2 counts of possession of a dangerous drug & one count of possession of property from the proceeds of a drug offence. A 49-year-old man was charged with one count of possession of a dangerous drug. A 26-year-old man was charged with 2 counts of possession of a dangerous drug, one count of possession of a thing used in the commission of a crime & one count of possession of a drug utensil. The men are due to appear at the Proserpine Magistrates Court on Jan 16.

Henry Ford died & went to heaven, where St. Peter met him at the gates. “You have been such a good man & your invention, the assembly line, changed the world,” said St. Peter. “As a reward, you may hang out with anyone you want to in heaven.” Henry thought about it for a moment & replied, “I would like to hang out with God Himself.” St. Peter took Henry to the Throne Room & introduced him to God. “Hey, aren’t you the inventor of woman?” Henry asked. “Yes, I am,” God replied. “Well,” Henry said, “there are some major design flaws in your invention: There’s too much front end protrusion. Maintenance is very costly. It chatters at high speeds. It is constantly in need of repainting & refinishing. It is out of commission 5 or 6 days out of every 28. The rear end wobbles too much. The intake is positioned much too close to the exhaust.” “Hmmmm, just a moment,” God replied. He then went to the Celestial Supercomputer, typed in a few keystrokes & waited for a reply. Within a few moments the computer printed out a slip of paper. “It may very well be that my invention is flawed,” God said, “but according to statistics, more men are riding my invention than yours!”
Local Motorcycle Gang Official Sentenced in St. Louis – Jan 3, 2013 – Missouri - www.FOXYYoungstown.com - A Youngstown man convicted of being one of the leaders of a highly-organized & violent Nat'l motorcycle gang that committed several murders, shootings & kidnappings, was sentenced on Thursday to serve seven-and-a-half years in Fed prison. Frederick Morgan, the Wheels of Soul outlaw motorcycle gang’s Midwest Reg’l V.P., was handed down the sentence Thur by U.S. Eastern District of Missouri Judge Catherine Perry after Morgan pleaded guilty in August to racketeering conspiracy. Charges of kidnapping & tampering with an informant were dropped as part of the plea agreement that was filed under seal. Several other motions, including a motion to present mitigating factors before sentencing, were filed under seal in the case. Morgan, 47, of Wayside Drive, was a bail bondsman who owned Ohio Bail Bonds on West Front Street. Morgan & 17 other leaders of the Wheels of Soul gang were indicted in 2011. The gang’s Nat’l V.P., James E. Smith, was based in Philadelphia, where prosecutors said the entire organization was run from. Others indicted were from Philadelphia, Chicago, St. Louis, Denver, Milwaukee & Louisville. It’s believed to be the only racially-mixed motorcycle gang in the country. The indictment alleged the Wheels of Soul was led by a national chapter in Philadelphia. Regional chapters, such as the one Morgan served in, were the next level of organization followed by individual city chapters. The club has more than 400 members, prosecutors said. Within each level, identical officers, such as treasurers or sergeant at arms, were put in leadership roles. Prosecutors alleged the gang used murder, attempted murders, crack dealing & intimidation to maintain status & territory against rival gangs, including the Street Soldiers, Hells Levers, Sin City Titans, Sin City Disciples & Outkast gangs. A feud with Outkast in 2010 resulted in a nationwide battle that involved several shootings, according to the indictment. Seven members of the gang, including Smith, were convicted by a jury Dec. 7 following a 35-day trial in which more than 60 witnesses testified. They will be sentenced separately in March. Of the 6 others that have already been sentenced, prison terms ranged from just less than 4 years to 12 years. The indictment says Morgan attended several national & regional meetings & gave instructions to chapter presidents, including a reminder to not use phones or speak in codes to elude wiretaps. He also kidnapped a rival motorcycle gang member at the Joker’s Wrath MC on Market Street & threatened him & his family. Morgan weighed in on an on-going discussion about how a member failed to protect the Midwest chapter Pres in a shootout that left a rival gang member dead, saying the man needed “to take care” of the person who shot regional Pres Dominic Henley. During one high-level meeting in Nov, 2009, then-regional Pres Myron Farris, who was later fatally shot in Chicago, said Morgan was his “right-hand man.” Later at the meeting Morgan told members he was concerned Fed agents knew their plans & said he would “part the ear” of anyone member who talked with law enforcement. On Jan. 22, 2010, Morgan kidnapped a rival gang member at the Joker’s Wrath MC & threatened to kill the man & his family. During another meeting later that year, Morgan spelled out how a feud with the Outkast gang exploded. He said Outkast had threatened to shut down other clubs in North Carolina. When Wheels of Soul members went there, Outkast members claimed they were assaulted, which Morgan denied. The feud led to a shootout between the 2 groups in N.J. Morgan was arrested in June 2011 with 2 other gang members in Youngstown.

As I have grown older, I’ve learned that pleasing everyone is impossible, But pissing everyone off is a piece of cake…

Angling Diamond Dan – Jan 3, 2013 – South Carolina - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Last month The Associated Press asked American newspaper editors & television news directors to name the top stories of 2012. The AP does this every year & the news service released its most recent survey results a few days before Christmas. The consensus among America’s media executives is that the rash of mass shootings like the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut; the national elections; “Superstorm Sandy;” “Obamacare;” the attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya; Jerry Sandusky, the Penn State pedophile; the economic recovery; the fiscal cliff; gay marriage; & the civil war in Syria – in that order – were the top ten stories about which America most needed to be informed. Not even Mark Lett, the executive editor of the State newspaper in Columbia, South Carolina ever thought the local prosecution of Diamond Dan Bifield was important enough to make one of his reporters drive the 4 long miles from the plant out by the airport to the Fed courthouse all the way downtown. Maybe Lett just wants his staff to conserve gasoline. The State may pick up the story tomorrow, now that the lead defendant has thrown in the towel. But that depends on whether United States Attorney Bill Nettles sends the paper a press release that one of Lett’s news monkeys can rewrite. That’s how news works. Another South Carolina newspaper did mention the Hells Angels in its list of the last year’s top local stories. The Myrtle Beach Sun News listed another Hells Angels prosecution as the ninth most important local story of 2012 – well below last May’s scaled down Blue Crab Festival but just ahead of a touching human interest piece about a black Lab that walked 500 miles to reunite with his master. People love dogs. Reporters love human interest stories. But people don’t love Hells Angels – at least not since they killed Sharon Tate & ruined that free Stones concert. Reporters don’t love Hells Angels because, you know, if those guys screwed up a free concert 43 years ago who knows what else they might be capable of. All of that is why, since the first indictment was announced last June, no newspaper or magazine has bothered to cover United States versus Daniel Bifield & others. The case has been ignored because no editor, reporter or writer has found an angle to hang the story on. Maybe The Aging Rebel can help. This page has published 16 stories about the case so far & has found that if you bother to look, the case is not at all what the prosecution has made it out to be. The story of this case has larger than life, innocent & villainous, brave & cowardly, noble & ignoble characters wrestling with big, important, relevant, sexy issues. This racketeering case is more important than the Blue Crab Festival. US v Bifield et al. might even be more important to America than gay marriage. It may say more about the state of the nation than the deaths in Benghazi. It should be easier to explain than the Syrian uprising. So here are some obvious angles on this case that even a news monkey could have written on but that no newspaper or network bothered to pursue.

Motorcycle Outlaws: America’s greatest exports have always been ideas. The American Revolution inspired the French Revolution. In 1888, as part of a complex business strategy intended to frustrate unionization & sell sporting goods, National League founder Albert G. Spalding sponsored a round the world baseball tour that made baseball matter in Japan. One of the attractions the touring baseball players viewed in Paris & again in London was Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show – a kind of rodeo that had a global effect on how America & the American frontier are still understood. America’s most important exports in the decade after the Second World War might have been rock n’ roll & blue jeans. When hippies protested in Berkeley, hippies appeared & protested in Paris & Prague. And, there are now 3 piece patch
motorcycle clubs modeled on similar clubs in the United States in every English speaking country, most of Europe & even in the former Soviet Union. “Bike is the most democratic transport vehicle,” Vladimir Putin told the Night Wolves in Sevastopol in July 2010. “Bike is the most daring, challenging, as it gives its owner the tempting feeling of freedom. That is why one can say without exaggeration, bike is a symbol of freedom. You came here, because you are a free people & you can go wherever you want.” American style outlaw motorcycle clubs, for reasons that are too complex & varied to be explored here but that should nevertheless be self-evident to any reporter of near normal intelligence, are now one of the most cogent institutions on the planet. They are not a symptom of social decay. They are, as the historiographer Arnold Toynbee would have put it, a “response” to some transnational “challenge” in exactly the same way that fever is a response to infection. A significant fraction of the world’s population is now fascinated with the idea of small, tightly knit bands of armed, mobile, capable, secretive, honor driven, anti-materialistic, defiant, loyal & physically courageous men who make & live by their own rules. Monkeys who own televisions know this. Brothers in Arms was a hit in Australia. Sons of Anarchy is the highest rated basic cable series in the United States. Even The Devils Ride, a reality drama about members of a small club in San Diego, can attract 2 million viewers in any 7 days. The television bikers have become role models for millions of disaffected & otherwise invisible adult men. Almost everyone knows this, too. Kurt Sutter probably knows this. The advertisers on his show absolutely do. Even Fed prosecutors may understand this but, as a rule, they are too personally selfish & egotistical to behave rationally. A great, bloated, apparently recession proof industry has appeared in America, Australia & other traditionally free nations that exists to invent imaginary threats & then defeat them. The currently escalating war on the outlaw biker menace is a major component of the so-called war on terror. This terror war is not a war on Al Qaeda. It is obviously a war on inner city neighborhoods, immigrants, recreational drugs, fringe religions, survivalists, militias, outlaw bikers & other social dissidents. It is a war on behalf of social & political orthodoxy & the longer it continues the more likely a catastrophic reaction to all this becomes. The defendants in the Bifield case were targeted, spied on, tempted with forbidden fruit, encouraged & entrapped because they were relatively defenseless & because they were easy to vilify. At any point in this case a prosecutor or one of his witnesses will likely invoke an imperfect memory of either Hunter Thompson’s Hell’s Angels or Marlon Brando’s The Wild One. Jurors are not likely to learn that Thompson mocked the very notion of the biker menace — beginning with his ironic “the menace is loose” on page one. The Internet Movie Database summarizes the Brando film as, “Two rival motorcycle gangs terrorize a small town after one of their leaders is thrown in jail.” But that isn’t what the film is about at all. “Hey Johnnie, what are you rebelling against,” a loose blonde in a burqa style skirt asks the leader of the biker pack in what is probably the most famous minute in the film. “Whaddaya got,” Johnnie the antihero replies. The movie’s bikers, 2 factions of the Black Rebel MC are annoying & disquieting. But the movie, produced in 1953, is about a witch hunt inspired by a popular panic over “juvenile delinquency.” Before the film ends Johnnie is pursued, assaulted & framed for manslaughter. And, he escapes only because one old cop cares more about discovering the truth than in padding his permanent record with a slam dunk conviction. The defendants in Columbia do not have the advantage Johnnie had. The men who are prosecuting them don’t care about truth.

Diamond Dan Bifield: The case that has swallowed more than a score of people is named for Daniel Eugene Bifield who was founding Pres of the Hells Angels’ Rock Hell Nomad charter & V-P of the charter at the time of his arrest. He is a genial & charming man who is well-regarded by almost everyone who knows him & his biography is more interesting than most contemporary fiction. Any hack could compare Bifield to either Rip Van Winkle or Richard Farnsworth’s The Grey Fox. Farnsworth’s old stage coach robber – based on a man named Bill Miner – spent 33 years in prison before his release in 1901. Van Winkle lost 20 years to a magical sleep. Dan Bifield spent 27 years in a couple prisons. The 2 fictional characters & the 2 actual men, Miner & Bifield, were thrown into a world that was radically different than the world they knew. In Bifield’s case the new world he found himself in had a much more corrupt & petty system of Fed justice than the world he had prepared himself to enter. When Bifield went to prison the first time America punished men for committing crimes. The world he found beyond the walls that bound him for so long punishes men for being criminals. Dan Bifield never stood a chance. And, like all the most tragic heroes he is an interesting man. He has been a Hells Angel since 1975. He founded the Bridgeport charter of his club. He got his nickname because he has always been fond of expensive jewelry. He was arrested in 1981 on Fed gun & extortion charges. Fed authorities described him as the most dangerous man in Connecticut – which may have carried more romantic overtones than then it does now. Shortly after his arrest he was mentioned in a news story as an example of a man who refused to tolerate racially motivated, homosexual rapes of young & weak white inmates in the Bridgeport Correctional Center. Even then jailers detested Bifield – possibly because he was a more moral man than they were. He developed kidney stones. Fed officials denied him treatment & in Sept 1981 he found an open window & he broke out of jail. Within a week the United States Atty prosecuting Bifield declared the young Angel was dead & that his body had been found in the East River in New York. A few months later Bifield sent that prosecutor a photo taken in the Bahamas. That prosecutor became a United States Senator. The great American meritocracy didn’t work as well for Diamond Dan. He was captured by U.S. Marshalls in Denver in Feb 1982. He was sent to what was then America’s Devil’s Island, the escape proof, super-maximum Fed penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. In general, at least at that time, Fed prisons were not intended to simply segregate criminals from the general population while they were rehabilitated & paid their debt to society with great fractions of their lives. Marion in particular was a place where men nobody cared about were punished everyday out of sight of the public, press, prosecutors & politicians. 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of the latter…. RICO originally was directed against the conspiratorial activities of so-called mob families. However, the law is so loosely worded that any 2 instances of illegal conduct within a 10-year period – even if relatively trivial – can, if they involve use of the mail or telephone, be prosecuted as a “pattern of racketeering activity.” One of the first targets of RICO after Turkette was the San Diego charter of the Hells Angels. The law has since been used extensively in motorcycle club cases as a de facto “Writ of Attainder” to punish men for associating with motorcycle clubs. Over the last 3 decades RICO has become a way to find petty criminals & innocents guilty by association. The law enforcement collaboration that stalled & trapped the defendants in this case was called “The S.C. Hells Angels Task Force.” It was a collaboration of Fed & state police that attempted to catch the defendants breaking local laws. Most of those laws including informal firearms sales & the possession, use & sharing of common recreational drugs like marijuana were punishable by months or as long as a few years in jail. Except for an alleged conspiracy invented by paid Gov’t agents provocateur the crimes were all what lawyers call malum prohibitum – which means that they are not crimes because they are intrinsically wrong but because someone passed a law that makes them crimes: As buying & selling beer was illegal during prohibition & as buying & selling marijuana is a Fed crime everywhere in the country today. Because the defendants had ties to a perfectly legal, but frequently vilified, association called the Hells Angels MC the defendants all face penalties of twenty years or more in Fed prison. Worse, if the defendants were simply charged with their alleged crimes under state law prosecutors would have to prove them guilty of those “predicate crimes” beyond a reasonable doubt. But RICO allows Red prosecutors to prove the defendants guilty by the civil standard which is by a “preponderance of the evidence.”

**Prosecution Is Punishment:** Except for the wealthy & advantaged, America no longer has an adversarial legal system & the accused are no longer considered innocent until proven guilty. As in Soviet Russia, laws have become a way to supply the bodies needed to support the police-prison industrial complex, which has become an important component of the rotting American economy. Dying towns that once competed for factories now compete for prisons. Virtually no one escapes Fed “justice.” According to the most recent statistics available, about 93% of all of the federally accused take a deal. In very many cases, defendants continue to stubbornly maintain their innocence until their assets are exhausted & they have to hire the lawyer of their choosing. Fed public defenders, usually instruct their clients to take the deal. Contesting a charge alienates these defenders from their prosecutorial colleagues & the judges upon whom they depend for their income. Fed prosecutors are never interested in freeing innocent prisoners but only in improving their batting averages & the esteem with which they are regarded by their colleagues. At least 90% of those who insist on a trial before a jury comprised of people too stupid to get out of jury duty are convicted. And universally, defendants who go to trial are punished more harshly than they would have been if they had cooperated & taken the plea. All Fed district judges “believe in the plea bargaining system.” And almost universally, judges resent the assets – starting with sending a jury subpoena to 5,000 or more registered voters – that must be squandered to try uncooperative defendants. Fed defendants are considered guilty until proven innocent & Fed judges consider themselves to be administrators of punishment not judges of innocence. In biker cases, defendants are typically punished in at least 3 ways before they are even offered a plea & sentencing agreement: By Swat, by

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**The Racketeering Angle:** All the defendants in U.S. v Bifield et al. are charged with racketeering under the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations statute which is usually called “RICO.” The law is whimsically named for a film character called Rico “Little Caesar” Bandello who was supposed to represent the mobster Alphonse Gabriel “Scarface” Capone. One of Capone’s most heartfelt desires was to get out of whiskey & get into milk. In 1932 Capone used his bootlegging money to buy Meadowmoor Dairies & so he almost escaped a risky life of crime. Many men who followed Capone’s path to wealth & power also wanted to eventually “go legitimate.” RICO was written to prevent that legitimacy so the so-called “Mafia” couldn’t “get away with” their crimes. When the law was new, the definition of a “criminal enterprise” was explicitly understood to mean the legitimate enterprise, like Capone’s dairy, that served as a “front” for racketeers. The legal concept was related to the “fruit of the poisoned tree” analogy that applies to the admission of evidence. Theoretically, police have to play fair when they gather evidence against you & if they don’t the evidence can be thrown out. Similarly, RICO would prevent bad men from hiding behind illegal money by converting that money into a legitimate asset. That was what racketeering used to mean. In 1981 however, in a case called United States v. Turkette, the Fed Supreme Court redefined the meaning of “enterprise.” Before Turkette “enterprise” meant the legitimate business that had become tainted by its association with an organized criminal organization. Turkette changed the meaning of “enterprise” to mean the criminal organization itself. The Columbia Law Review called this newly defined RICO “The Crime of Being a Criminal.” The Los Angeles Times editorialized: “A good law has several essential attributes: It is clear; it addresses itself to a specific & clearly defined form of illicit conduct; it prescribes a remedy or punishment proportionate to the damage done by the offense. Statutes that fail to meet these tests are enacted not in the cause of justice, but for the convenience of the state. RICO, in fact, is one
public shaming & by punitive incarceration. Dan Bifield & his wife Lisa were arrested by a Swat Team. Swat, a word that began as an acronym for “special weapons & tactics,” now means militarized police armed with machine guns. In most cases these ersatz commandos are transported by quasi tanks. The original concept of Swat in Los Angeles in the 1960s was to institutionalize a police squad to deal with snipers. Soon Swat meant a specialized police squad that could “reduce risk to the police forces…to the suspects & to the community at large.” Currently Swat translates as “goon squad.” Dynamic Swat entries follow a formula. First they blow in your door. Then they kill your pets. Then they point guns at your wife & children. Then they wreck the interior of your house. The Bifields were Swat victims. “The feds have ruined & taken everything we had & worked for,” the biker from another, more innocent age wrote from jail. “They blew up our house! They searched & destroyed it! And, all they found were 7 knives! They didn’t have to do all that. We were told & knew they were coming but we had no idea it would be a set-up. I told the cops over & over that they didn’t have to come blow up our house & destroy it. I told them that we had nothing in there. We never have & we never would. I told one of the officers to call us or let us know (when the indictment was unsealed) & I would turn myself in to whoever I had to.” “When I stepped outside with my hands up they had 5 red dots in the middle of my chest,” Dan Bifield continued. “And do you know what I told them? I said, ‘Go ahead & shoot me.’ One of the feds ran up to me & tried to push me hard but I pushed back & held my position. I told them they did not have to do all that. I was more worried about my wife. She was so scared, upset & confused! I wanted to run over & hold her. We hardly had any clothes on but they didn’t care. They took our jewelry which we had paid for long before all this bullshit. They took & kept my club jewelry that had been given to me 30 years before. They even took the bracelet my wife had given me for my birthday. The took the diamond earring she had given me for our anniversary. They took our wedding bands.” After the Swat raid the public shaming began. Police held a news conference to announce that the Bifields’ arrests, “follow a two-year interagency investigation by the South Carolina Hells Angels Task Force (SCHATF). Assisting in the investigation & today’s operation were the FBI-Columbia & Charlotte Field Divisions; ATF; Lexington County Sheriff’s Dept; Lexington P.D.; Rock Hill P.D.; York County Sheriff’s Office; Lancaster County Sheriff’s Office; State Law Enforcement Division; Gastonia, P.D.; Charlotte-Mecklenburg P.D.; Gaston County Sheriff’s Office; & North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. “United States Attorney Bill Nettles commended the inter-agency cooperation, saying, ‘Today’s arrests & seizures are an important step in our ongoing fight against criminal gangs operating in South Carolina. This investigation is also another example of what can be accomplished through a close partnership among local, state, & Fed law enforcement agencies.’” An FBI special agent stated, “The significance of the extensive & long-term investigative efforts that resulted in the arrests today represent the FBI’s continuing commitment to the dismantling of organized criminal organizations. By working in a joint environment with Fed, state, & local counterparts, we send a clear message that such pervasive criminal activities will not be tolerated.” The bare bottom of the press handout warned, “all charges in this indictment are merely accusations & that all defendants are presumed innocent until & unless proven guilty” but that was simply boiler plate & the press knew it. The immediate press coverage stated that “91 indictments had been returned against the Rock Hell City Nomad Chapter of the Hells Angels, for charges including racketeering, narcotics, money laundering & firearms.” No press outlet even mentioned

the possibility that the defendants might be innocent or that the authorities might be wrong let alone corrupt. In some press accounts the Bifields were even accused of prostitution & the point of that was to portray Dan as a pimp & Lisa as his whore. That accusation will haunt both of them for the rest of their lives. Bifield remained defiant, however, so he was furthered punished in jail. “I see how they did my wife & me! They took us to different jails,” he wrote in July. “They put us in the hole with no visits, mail, phone calls or recreation. We have no clothes. They refused to give me clean clothes, showers, tooth paste, soap or toilet paper. I had to wipe myself with a towel! I weighed 224 pounds & now I weigh 211. The cells were dirty & nasty & ice cold. There was little food & it sucked. Ask my wife all they did to her & how badly they treated her. All of this was at the orders of the feds. She has never been arrested or in trouble for anything before. She worked hard in the bars she was partners in. She took care of her daughter, me & everybody else. “When I was in the hole I finally managed to get something to write with, a couple of pieces of paper & an envelope from another convict. Believe me, that was not easy. I wrote my public defender about the conditions in the hole. I included a letter to my wife in the same envelope & asked the defender to send it to her but he never mailed that letter because he was afraid.” As recently as a month ago Dan Bifield was denied a blanket to keep him warm at night. But the way the Gov’t of the United States really punished the technically innocent Dan Bifield was by punishing his wife.”

The Tragic Love Story: A unique feature of this prosecution has been the use of wives as hostages to compel men to plead guilty to crimes they did not commit. At least 4 of the defendants in this case have been coerced this way. Somying Anderson is being prosecuted because she is married to a Hells Angel defendant named Bruce Long. Lisa Bifield was prosecuted because she is married to Diamond Dan. In his life, as a Hells Angel, a sometime criminal & as a prisoner, Dan Bifield found reasons to be proud of himself. “People don’t know who I am,” he protested after his arrest. “I always talk to people with respect & courtesy. In my life I have helped children, women, families, career people, special needs children & abused children. I did not do any of that to impress people. I did it because I cared about them & wanted to help. It makes me feel good in my heart & it is the right thing to do. I say this as a husband, a man, a Hells Angel & a convict. I have never done anything I was ashamed of. My wife was always telling me that I can’t help everybody & that I was too trusting. That is just how I was.” Not even prosecutors contest that that is how Dan Bifield was. Prison led Diamond Dan to a very Christian outlook on life. “Whom the Lord loveth he chastenth,” the educated, thoughtful & anonymous author of The Epistle of Paul The Apostle To The Hebrews wrote, “and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.” Whether you are a believer or not, even a news monkey must see that Diamond Dan Bifield glimpsed the big picture in prison. His suffering was not without meaning. God would see & care if he lived by a code. And sure enough, after the Gov’t dumped him in South Carolina he found for his earthly reward the great love of his life. Her name was Lisa. And in the end prosecutors, for reasons God sees, used her to get the old outlaw. “Anybody who knows me knows how I am,” he wrote to a friend. “I always helped my wife at the bar & watched over her. We always travelled together. We were a happy family. I never had a woman love me like she has. It hurts deeply that she is suffering because of me.” “Now I’m fighting for my wife, my club & my life,” he wrote again. “I am at the point where I don’t care what they do to me. I may spend the rest of my life in prison but I would never sell out the people I love & believe in. I will never turn my back on any of them.” One thing
those who now judge Dan Bifield should consider is that when he listed what was worth fighting for he listed himself last after his wife & his club. Dan & Lisa Bifield were finally reunited late in Dec, a day or 2 after Christmas. The reunion was brief. What they said to one another is nobody’s business but theirs. They talked & said goodbye & then he took the deal. The deal was that he would get twenty years in prison if she only had to do three. That is the heartless bastard the Gov’t of the United States will now lock in a cage & throw away the key. This is what our Gov’t does. This is what the fourth estate ignores. This is who matters less than the squabbles of politicians. These are the news angles no reporter can find. Imagine the stories you will never read.

Wheels of Soul Outlaw Motorcycle gang members plead guilty to racketeering conspiracy charges – Jan 4, 2013 – Missouri – By Matthew Hibbard; www.BizJournals.com - Three Wheels of Soul Outlaw Motorcycle Gang members were sentenced on racketeering conspiracy charges in U.S. District Court this week in St. Louis. One-time Midwest Region motorcycle gang Pres Allan Hunter, 34, admitted he conspired with other Wheels of Soul members to distribute cocaine in Chicago. He also admitted he convinced other conspirators to travel to East St. Louis in Jan 2011 to kill members of a rival motorcycle club. In addition, Hunter helped other gang members in their attempt to acquire an AK-47 assault rifle to be used in the murders, the U.S. Attorney’s office said in a statement. In Feb, Hunter asked another member of his gang to construct pipe bombs & transport them from Kentucky to Chicago. According to the statement, he told the court he intended to use the pipe bombs on rival motorcycle clubs. Hunter also admitted that he conspired with other members of the Wheels of Soul to dispose of several firearms following a March 2011 shooting in Marion, Ohio in which one person was killed. Frederick Morgan, 47, & Walter Lee, 36, were also sentenced & previously pled guilty to the racketeering conspiracy charge. Hunter was sentenced today to 102 months in prison, Morgan was sentenced yesterday to 90 months in prison & Lee was sentenced to 44 months in prison Wednesday. All 3 members appeared before Chief United States District Judge Catherine Perry. The Wheels of Soul investigation began in 2009 after an armed robbery & a murder took place in St. Louis by the organization’s St. Louis Chapter, according the U.S. Attorney’s office.

Devils Ride Plot Twists – Jan 4, 2013 – California - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - It is a shame that the corner office tough guys who run the Discovery Channel all wear extra-extra-small jocks because the 2013 season of The Devils Ride is already starting to look like riveting television. Probably, none of the good stuff will run. But maybe it will. The show is still technically renewed for 2013 although Discovery clearly understands there are problems. The network has quietly begun pulling promotional videos featuring at least one cast member already. But if anybody at Discovery does manage to grow a pair here are some of the real things you can expect to see in this real show about a real motorcycle club real soon.

Cliff Hangers: Last season the show was so action packed that the producers, a company called Bischoff-Hervey Entertainment, ignored 2 of the more compelling story lines – the patch pulling & the civilian beat down. First, last Jan 27 before the show even aired, a character named Prospect Charles, an employee of the production company & a Laffing Devils MC old lady beat the hell out of a photographer named Ashi Fachler in San Diego’s Gaslamp Quarter. The beating became content in the show. Prospect Charles explained, “Somebody was posing as a threat so we had to do a dance.” Fachler’s account of the beating is essentially the same except he adds a couple details. “I was walking through the district & I saw an interesting scene,” Fachler said. “Two camera crews were filming some women. The women were sitting outside. I thought it was an interesting scene. I raised my camera to take a photo & the director asked if I was with the press. I said no. Suddenly a guy behind me started pushing me. I said, ‘Get your hands off me!’ I thought if I said it loud enough they would turn the cameras in my direction. Somebody from behind punched me 3 times.” And, one of the old ladies broke a glass over his head. Sometimes, when some of us dance, Swat invites itself into our homes. That’s what happened last May 14 to a member of the Peckerwoods MC named Deron Jaffe. Jaffe became embroiled in a spirited discussion with 2 members & one associate of the Laffing Devils, prevailed, borrowed some articles of clothing they should not have been wearing, returned them to their rightful owner & was charged with 4 felonies & 5 gang enhancements. The Laffing Devils were not charged. Jaffe eventually plea bargained his legal exposure down to 3 years probation. Obviously, the only reason no Laffing Devils were charged in either of these incidents has to be an ongoing infiltration of the club by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives. The Laffing Devils are a “real” motorcycle club after all. So the next season of The Devils Ride will be filled with tension as members, prospects & old ladies nervously await the unsealing of the Fed indictment.

Domestic Drama: One of the most appealing elements of the first season of the show was the tension that popped up from time to time between patch holders & their girlfriends & wives. That should be a big element in the next season because of events that began last August & continue even now. Last August, first season star Tommy “Gipsy” Quinn was arrested in La Mesa, California on suspicion of lewd acts on a minor. Quinn was never charged with molestation. It may have begun with a domestic dispute. The child Quinn was accused of exploiting was his ten-year-old daughter. Whether the accusation was made by that little girl, by Quinn’s current wife Carla, a San Diego cop, or by someone else, watching the family deal with it will certainly make for the kind of can’t miss TV media executives get paid the big bucks to deliver. Finally, next season’s finale is sure to exploit the current legal woes of Robert Joseph “Sandman” Johnston. Sandman, one of the series’ most poplar characters, had a rough week after Christmas. Apparently, on Dec 27 Johnston wanted to surprise his ex-wife with a belated Christmas gift. After discovering he had lost his key, Sandman let himself in & discovered another man lying on his ex-wife. When he heard her moans he assumed she was being raped so he rushed to her defense & stabbed her assailant 3 times in the back. The police misunderstood. And then some other stuff happened that the police also misunderstood. Sandman is currently staying at the San Diego Central Jail while he raises his $755,000 bail. He is charged with 2 counts of burglary, receiving stolen property, first degree attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, making a death threat, reckless driving, failure to stop a motorcycle at a stop sign, exceeding a posted speed of 55 miles per hour on a 2 lane road, failure to stop behind the stop line at a traffic control signal, failure to signal a turn, & ignoring a traffic ticket. Sounds like a great second season already, doesn’t it?

Something to look forward to: In the coming New Year, 2013, both Groundhog Day & the State of the Union address will occur on the same day. This is an ironic juxtaposition of events. One involves a meaningless ritual in which we look to an insignificant creature of little intelligence for prognostication. The other involves a groundhog...
Michael James Grayson – Jan 5, 2013 – Virginia - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Michael James “White Bear” Grayson, a widely respected & long-time member of the Pagan’s MC’s Mother Chapter, died the day after Christmas at Lewis Gale Hospital in Pulaski, Virginia. He was born in Philadelphia on Oct 24, 1944 & spent most of the last 30 years of his life in Virginia. He was not charged in the most recent Fed prosecution of the Pagan’s but his name did come up in the case as a man who distrusted & was contemptuous of a Fed informant named Ronnie Howerton. White Bear Grayson was a Pagan for 42 years & he left behind him his own obituary. In a letter to his club brothers he wrote: “I tip my Hat that I have been so Honored from Nov 18, 1978 to present day. To the new Brothers I wish only good. For without you it is finished. To each Pagan old & new thank you for your dedication – to so many, you know who you are. Some have heads like a Bastard Cat & all that have been privileged to have sat at my table square & round, to those who are responsible for 16 Broad Street I thank you. So drink hardy & no tears for I celebrate a great life. Now bury me the way I lived & celebrate my life. Michael ‘White Bear 1%13’ Grayson ‘DONE.’” At the time of his death White Bear Grayson lived in Barren Springs, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie Lawson Grayson; his children, James William Grayson; Kathy Gray; Claudia Grayson-Karapinar; Hilary Raptis; & Jason Michael Grayson; his brothers Philip Grayson, William Grayson & Jack Grayson; & his sisters Liz Westerberg & Mary Jane Whelan. He was buried in the Memorial Christian Church Cemetery in Draper, Virginia on Dec 29. Many women wept for him. Many men remembered his integrity & courage.

Police Search for Suspect in West Philly Triple Shooting – Jan 6, 2013 - Pennsylvania – By Danielle Johnson; www.NBCPhiladelphia.com - Police say 3 members of the Wheels of Soul MC were shot in West Philadelphia early Sunday morning… Police are searching for a man who allegedly shot 3 members of the Wheels of Soul MC in West Philadelphia early Sunday morning. Investigators say it happened shortly before 5:50 a.m. outside the club on the 6100 block of Market Street. Police say the men had just parked a vehicle on the southeast corner of Dewey & Market Streets & were about to enter the club when one of the men noticed another man standing on a corner who was acting suspicious. One of the men asked him if everything was alright but the man did not respond, the victim told police. As the men knocked on the door of the club to enter, the suspect began firing at the group, police say. The suspect left the scene & ran south on Dewey Street, according to police. Investigators say a 31-year-old man was shot in the head & is in critical condition. A 34-year-old man & a 47-year-old man were both shot in the leg & are listed in stable condition. The suspect is described as 6-foot-tall, 190 pounds, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt & a knit hat.

Devs Ride Correction – Jan 6, 2013 – California - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - In a story published Friday, Jan 4 about possible plot twists in the second season of the biker reality show The Devils Ride, The Aging Rebel stated: “Finally, next season’s finale is sure to exploit the current legal woes of Robert Joseph “Sandman” Johnston. Sandman, one of the series’ most popular characters, had a rough week after Christmas. Apparently, on Dec 27 Johnston wanted to surprise his ex-wife with a belated Christmas gift. After discovering he had lost his key, Sandman let himself in & discovered another man lying on his ex-wife. When he heard her moans he assumed she was being raped so he rushed to her defense & stabbed her assailant 3 times in the back. The police misunderstood. And then some other stuff happened that the police also misunderstood. “Sandman is currently staying at the San Diego Central Jail while he raises his $755,000 bail. He is charged with 2 counts of burglary, receiving stolen property, first degree attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, making a death threat, reckless driving, failure to stop a motorcycle at a stop sign, exceeding a posted speed of 55 miles per hour on a 2 lane road, failure to stop behind the stop line at a traffic control signal, failure to signal a turn, & ignoring a traffic ticket.”

Twisted: Within hours Melis, Sandman Johnston’s smoking hot & apparently up for grabs life partner, took to the great people’s forum Twitter to comment on this domestic incident. On her twitter feed Melis replied “pretty creative – late Xmas present. Thought I was being raped. Forgot his key. Hahaha u got the story all twisted dude.” At the head of her Twitter account Melis describes herself as “I am Melis, the crazy red head on Discovery Channel’s ‘The Devils Ride’, Stay tuned for Season 2!!” The Devils Ride is the creation of the Santa Monica production company Bischoff-Hervey Entertainment. Show producer Eric Bischoff is the author of the acclaimed memoir Controversy Creates Cash. The Aging Rebel regrets twisting the story.

Motorbike Gang War in Britain: Outlaws, Mongols & Comancheros to do Battle – Jan 7, 2013 – United Kingdom – By Dominic Gover; www.ibtimes.co.uk - Violent biker gangs armed with firearms & grenades could soon be cruising British roads, according to European law enforcers. Criminals on motorbikes from America, Canada & Australia, are targeting the UK, according to Europol. In their recruitment sights are football hooligans, far-right activists & ex-soldiers. Gangs are keen to draft in foot soldiers to help wage a turf war with other criminals for control of sex trafficking rings, drug smuggling routes & gun running markets. Clashes could break out with UK-based gang the Outlaws. It has more than 30 chapters dotted across Britain, with links to violent crime. Members of the chapter were behind the shooting death of Hell’s Angel Gary Tobin as he rode his H-D on the M40 in 2007. Motorbike rebels in the under-watch chapters revel in their outsider status. Members like to call themselves the “one-percenters” to distinguish them from the 99% of law-abiding motorcyclists whom they disdain. Police in Britain have been put on alert following the arrival in Europe of Ovagoes from the United States.  Collectively, they are termed Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs by law enforcement agents. It is feared their presence will stoke tensions with established biker gangs in Britain like The Outlaws. However, among the influx of criminals are many who do not ride motorbikes, or even hold a license. A Europol spokesman said: “The main threat to public safety associated with OMCGs stems from their propensity to use extreme forms of violence. “This includes the use of automatic rifles like Kalashnikovs, & explosive devices such as grenades, & the indiscriminate nature with which this violence is often used in open conflicts between rival groups.” Concerns about what clashes could happen between the The Outlaws & foreign biker gangs is fueled by the Nordic Bike Wars of the 1990s. Clashes between members left 12 dead & wounded more than 100.

A Wish To Live Forever: I met a fairy who said she would grant me one wish. Immediately I said, “I want to live forever.” “Sorry,” said the fairy, “I’m not allowed to grant eternal life.” “OK,” I said, “Then, I want to die after Congress gets its head out of its ass!” The fairy said, “You crafty bastard.”
The FBI Release: Hells Angels Member Diamond Dan Bifield Pleads Guilty to Fed Racketeering Conspiracy… U.S. Attorney’s Office Jan 04, 2013 District of South Carolina (803) 929-3000… Columbia, SC—United States Attorney Bill Nettles stated that Dan Bifield, a/k/a Diamond Dan, of the Hells Angels’ Rock Hell City Nomad Chapter in South Carolina, pleaded guilty to a racketeering conspiracy (Racketeer Influenced & Corrupt Organizations Act, also known as RICO Act-18 U.S.C. §1962). He faces up to 20 years in prison as a result of his RICO plea & will be sentenced in March 2013 by United States District Court Judge Cameron McGowan Currie. Facts detailed for the court showed that Bifield agreed with co-conspirators to participate in an criminal enterprise. The enterprise’s participants, who were associated through the Rock Hell City Nomad Chapter, engaged in a pattern of racketeering activity across the state from Rock Hill to Lexington, South Carolina. Among other offenses, the group engaged in narcotics trafficking & money laundering. As part of this enterprise, Bifield received kickbacks in return for illegal activity conducted by other members of the criminal enterprise. This guilty plea arises from a superseding indictment charging 20 members & associates of the Hells Angels with racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, narcotics trafficking, money laundering, robbery, arson, & firearms trafficking. The indictment resulted from a two-year interagency investigation by the South Carolina Hells Angels Task Force (SCHATF), which includes agents & officers from the FBI; A.T.F.; Lexington County Sheriff’s Dept; Lexington P.D.; Rock Hill P.D.; York County Sheriff’s Office; & the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attys Jay N. Richardson & James H. May. A man believed to be a high-ranking member of a local chapter of the Hells Angels MC who authorities say ran a criminal enterprise stretching from Rock Hill to Lexington pleaded guilty Thursday to racketeering conspiracy & faces up to 20 years in jail. In exchange for Bifield’s guilty plea, Fed prosecutors agreed not to pursue other charges, said Nancy Wicker, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney’s office in Columbia. Lisa Ellen Bifield, Dan Bifield’s wife, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking & crimes of violence. The couple is from Batesburg-Leesville. The suspects were accused of running a criminal motorcycle gang involved in racketeering, robbery, money laundering, drug trafficking & gun trafficking. At buildings believed to be gang outposts, agents seized methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana, pills & about 100 firearms – including 2 automatic machine guns. They also confiscated more than $300,000 & 9 H-D motorcycles. From clubhouses in Rock Hill, Indian Land & West Columbia, the group sold drugs & guns & “promoted a climate of fear through intimidation, violence & threats,” the indictment reads. The group “trafficked in stolen property & engaged in prostitution.” The Bifields originally pleaded not guilty but changed their pleas on Thursday, according to court records.

The State: One of 20 members of the Hells Angels biker gang operating in the Midlands has pleaded guilty to Fed racketeering charges. “Diamond” Dan Bifield of the Rock Hell City Nomad Chapter of the gang faces up to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to racketeering conspiracy in Fed court, according to a U.S. Attorney’s Office press release. During court it was revealed that Bifield & fellow gang members all agreed to commit various crimes, including drug trafficking & money laundering, in areas from Rock Hill to Lexington, the release states. Bifield, the gang’s V.P. at the time of his arrest in July, also received kickbacks from crimes other gang members committed.

Security presence increased at Hells Angels-Vagos hearing – Jan 8, 2013 – Nevada – By www.MyNews4.com - There was an increased presence of law enforcement officials at Washoe County Courthouse today. Officials stood outside the courtroom, K9 units were used on the inside & RAVEN helicopter circled outside. It is all part of additional security measures Washoe County Sheriff’s Office has in place during a hearing involving Hells Angels member Cesar Villagran & Vagos member Ernesto Manual Gonzalez. The men are charged in connection with the murder of Hells Angels Pres, Jeffrey “Jethro” Pettigrew. State prosecutors are trying to make a case that the 2 clubs are motorcycle gangs while Defense Attys argue that is not the case & believe it should not be used as evidence during the trial. “Simply being part of Vagos MC is not a gang. You have freedom to associate in this country. That’s what being an American is all about,” said Biray Dogan Public Defender for Gonzalez. The evidentiary hearing is set to continue on Wed. Gonzalez remains in jail while Villagran is out on bail. Gonzalez & Villagran have pleaded not guilty. A trial is set for March 4, 2013.

Swat Raid Suit In Dago – Jan 8, 2013 – California - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Swat raids are performances like pole dancing, magic tricks or that lady & her favorite donkey down in old Tijuana. The Gov’t approved script says Swat victims are bad guys who must be crushed & the police are heroes who protect our nation from terrorist threats. So that’s the message the morons of television repeatedly shove down people’s throats. But there is another, more skeptical way to describe these raids & a Fed civil case filed Jan 2 in San Diego lights the way. It is not an important story because, by the commonly accepted definition of important, it hasn’t yet been on television. But it does provide some insight into who the police are & what they do as well as the evil & antidemocratic alliance between cops & the rotting corpse of America’s fourth estate.

The Eunice Suit: A fairly prominent Hells Angel named Maurice Peter “Pete” Eunice (photo above) is suing the United States of America; 4 Drug Enforcement Administration Attys named Patrick Ryan, Patrick Kelly, Mike Mervos & Bethany Watrous; a DEA Tactical Field Officer named Steve M. Kingkade; & up to 50 unnamed Fed & local police over a shock & awe raid on the Hells Angels clubhouse in El Cajon, California on Aug 2, 2011. Eunice owns the clubhouse building & he has rented it to his club since 1996. The day of the raid, police led reporters to believe they were looking for suspects. DEA Special Agent Amy Roderick made a statement outside the clubhouse in which she said, “Everybody that we’re targeting today – we have several arrest warrants along with search warrants – they all have violent criminal histories as well as what we’re looking to arrest them for today…. It’s hard for me to say a lot more because we’re still in the middle of a criminal investigation.” Later that day a spokeswoman for the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office revealed that no arrests had been made as a result of the Swat raid. The only occupant of the building when the raid occurred was a dog named Molly. The raid was a made for television event that was calculated to maliciously punish club members without due process. And, the Eunice lawsuit reveals some of the details of the raid that television has ignored so far.
Let’s Play Swat: The Eunice suit alleges: “At the time that the agents blew up the doors & windows to his property, they knew that Mr. Eunice owned these properties. These agents knew Mr. Eunice’s contact information & they knew how to obtain the keys to the properties. Agents knew that there were no tenants inside the building. They did not contact Mr. Eunice. They instead contacted members of the media & multiple media outlets came to the properties.” “Instead of contacting Mr. Eunice, they blew up the doors & windows using multiple explosives. These agents knew that there was no reason to blow up Mr. Eunice’s property. They acted out of malice in order to intimidate Mr. Eunice. These agents held animus & ill will toward members of the Hells Angels. They wanted to punish, deter & intimidate Mr. Eunice who leased his properties to the Hells Angels to use as their club house. Mr. Eunice had a due process right to be free from the arbitrary exercise of the powers of Gov’t. These agents including Doe defendants made a deliberate decision to deprive Mr. Eunice of his property.” “After they caused explosions & a fire at the property, causing extensive damage to the frame & foundation of the buildings, Patrick Ryan called Mr. Eunice to let him know that he should come out to the property. The explosion was of such magnitude that the City had to shut off the main pipes that run deep beneath the properties due to the damage to the pipes & water leaks. Agents Ryan, Kelly, Mervos, Watrous, Kingkade & DOE defendants knew that three-year old dog Molly, was in the courtyard of the properties. They knew that using explosives would frighten the dog & cause physical harm to her. After the explosions, these agents let Molly out of the property & out into traffic on El Cajon Boulevard.” “After agents gained entry into the properties, they continued their destruction by smashing windows & throwing the photographs off of the walls & stepping on the faces of the people depicted in the photographs.” “When Mr. Eunice arrived on his properties, he was met with 6 to 9 law enforcement officers around the perimeter. Two officers carrying AR-15s & other law enforcement officials kept him outside for approximately thirty to forty minutes as they continued their destruction inside the properties. Patrick Ryan handed Mr. Eunice a copy of the warrant. Agents told Mr. Eunice that they were turning the building over to him to deal with the destruction.” The suit seeks “general & special damages according to proof at the time of trial” & “injunctive or declaratory relief this Court deems just & proper, including an injunction requiring the institution of appropriate supervision & prohibition of unnecessary destruction of property.”

A guide to the motorbike gangs heading for the UK – Jan 8, 2013 – United Kingdom – By Tom Meltzer; www.guardian.co.uk - We might dismiss biker gangs as ale-swinging social clubs for bearded men, but the ‘violent one percenters’ are far from harmless… Biker wars are coming to the UK. The number of “outlaw motorcycle gangs” in Europe is growing fast & many of the most dangerous could soon arrive on our shores. The EU law enforcement agency Europol has warned the continent’s police forces to prepare for violent turf wars as Comancheros, Rebels, Vagos & Mongols expand their operations. Here in the UK we often dismiss biker gangs as ale-swinging social clubs for bearded men – & many are – but the self-identified “violent one percenters” are far from harmless. “They try to present themselves as biker enthusiasts,” says Italian organised crime specialist Antonio Nicaso. “Sometimes they have a very strong public relations side saying they are just bikers trying to raise money for charities. They are very sophisticated criminal organisations.” So who are they? Hells Angels: “There are really only 2 kinds of motorcycle gangs in the world,” explains expert Tony Thompson, author of 2 books on biker gang culture, “There’s the Hells Angels & then there’s pretty much everybody else. All those other gangs are either allies of the Angels or they’re not.” The Angels have been here in the UK since the late 60s. Outlaws: Sworn enemies of the Hells Angels, the Outlaws were the original outlaw motorcycle club, founded in 1935. According to Australian expert Duncan McNab, the UK was left to the Hell’s Angels & Outlaws to fight over in a deal struck at the end of the Scandinavian biker wars of the mid-90s. Rebels: Known for drug & arms trafficking, the Rebels are Australia’s largest motorcycle club & clearly expanding. According to Europol spokesman Soren Pedersen: “There are some Rebels who have started living in England. We don’t know what they’re doing there.” Vagos: Another product of California in the 60s, & another ally of the Outlaws, the Vagos have yet to be sighted in the UK, but have established a base in Scandinavia with 5 official chapters. They wear green & their club logo is the Norse god Loki riding a motorcycle. Mongols: Formed in the late 60s in east LA, the Mongols are allies of the Outlaws, & definitely expanding. Nicaso describes them as the most dangerous & violent gang of all. Europol confirm a nomadic chapter of Mongols has recently been spotted in the UK, possibly setting up drug trafficking or money laundering operations.

Member of notorious motorcycle club dies in ambush – Jan 9, 2013 – Pennsylvania – By Solomon Leach; http://articles.philly.com - Asir Pinkney & 4 fellow members of the Wheels of Soul MC rolled up to their West Philadelphia clubhouse at 6 a.m. Sunday after a 12-hour drive from Chicago, where they had attended a funeral for another member of the brotherhood. The men, who had taken turns driving an SUV, were getting ready to go their separate ways when a gunman near the club’s door opened fire on them, club members said Monday. Pinkney, 31, was shot in the head & taken to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he later died after being taken off life support. A 47-year-old man & a 34-year-old man also were wounded, but were in stable condition. “To come from a funeral to step into a situation where it’s going to be a funeral, & it’s right at your doorstep, it’s unthinkable,” said a man who would identify himself only by his club name, “Black Billy.” “There’s no words for it. We were already in mourning.” The 37-year-old member said inside the group’s clubhouse, on Market Street near 61st, that he was among the group that encountered the shooter Sunday. He said that he was standing closest to the shooter when the assailant pointed his gun. “I yelled ‘Gun!’ & threw my bag at him & dove behind a motorcycle,” said the member, who wasn’t injured. He said that he thought that he recognized the shooter but that the man was not a member of Wheels of Soul or affiliated with the club. Philadelphia is the mother chapter of the national organization. Local members described the shooting as unprovoked. “It’s a great loss to us. He was a straight-up good guy,” a member who identified himself as Mike said of Pinkney. “He worked every day. He didn’t have a bad word to say about nobody.” The group said that Pinkney was the son of a longtime club member & loved riding motorcycles. He lived in Philadelphia, but belonged to a different chapter. “It’s a shame this guy lost his life like this,” Mike said. “It’s senseless.” The group could not confirm reports that the gunman had been kicked out of the clubhouse earlier that morning. “He could have had an altercation with a member,” “Black Billy” said. “I don’t know. I just walked into a surprise.” One of the 2 other victims was from New Jersey, the other from Baltimore, the group said. The club has developed a reputation as a rowdy & violent bunch in recent years. Last April, one man was killed & another wounded outside the clubhouse. In July 2011, FBI & ATF agents raided the clubhouse & several others across the country as part of
Behind Dan Bifield’s Plea – Jan 9, 2013 – South Carolina - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Daniel Eugene “Diamond Dan” Bifield, who pled guilty to racketeering in Fed court in Columbia, South Carolina last Thursday, wrote these words on Dec 30. He has asked The Aging Rebel to publish them now. “I’m taking a plea deal. I’m not doing this for myself. I’m doing it for my wife Lisa. “My lawyers have given up on me & they think I’m guilty & that I don’t have a chance of winning! They gave up on me! I wanted to fight this & go to trial but a lot of people & several lawyers said I won’t win. Also, several of the other lawyers feel it would be better if I didn’t go to trial with their guys & that they would have a better chance of winning since I’m the main target. “I talked to several of my brothers & they & the lawyers talked to our club lawyers & they say I can plead guilty to the RICO Act. I’m pleading that I’m the one who did the crimes & it wasn’t the club. I will not say any names or that I did anything wrong with anybody else. And, of course I would never testify except to help the people going to trial. “My brothers, friends & lawyers are saying it is very honorable what I am doing. And, they understand. “They have offered my wife 14 years to plead guilty & if she goes to trial & gets found guilty they’ll ask for the 20 years. Her lawyer, family & friends are telling her to take the deal & not go to trial. Lisa is so afraid & worried about not seeing or being with her 14-year-old daughter! I feel so bad for her & I am so worried about her. Being the man I am & her husband I have no choice but to help her. “So I am pleading guilty to conspiracy to RICO & I will receive 20 years. They will drop all charges against my wife except for 1 gun charge which will she plead guilty to & be sentenced to 5 years. But, she should be home in about 3 years or maybe less if the judge decides! I really didn’t like the deal because I wanted her to go home with no more time or very little time. But this is a one-time deal only & they gave me a week to decide. It’s more like extortion than a plea deal! “I told the lawyers I wanted to see & talk to my wife before I did anything so they set up a visit for us on Thursday ( Dec 27, 2012 ). My lawyers were there, the prosecutors, my wife & her lawyer. I asked everybody to leave the room so I could talk to Lisa. They left one person to watch us. “I asked Lisa what she wanted to do. She said ‘Please take the deal so I can go home to my daughter again.’ She said, ‘I am so scared to go to trial & that we’ll lose!’ She said, ‘I’ll always love you & when I come home I’ll come see you & take care of you.’ “So I kissed her & I signed the plea agreement. I go to court on Wed Jan 2, 2013. (After Bifield wrote these words the hearing was continued until Jan 3.) I can’t take the pain of her suffering anymore because of me! And, I couldn’t live with myself knowing that because of me she would be in prison a long time. She does not deserve that. The Gov’t has taken everything we had. She doesn’t let them have her life. “The problem is all these tape recordings they have. Plus there seems to be so many of them missing & messed up that would have helped us. Also, I know in my heart that they erased & tampered with the tapes. I know this because I was there & I know what was said! But my lawyer says I can’t prove it. I just read all these things that Joe (agent provocateur) said & told them in the beginning & they were all lies & stories to get me. You can tell because of what was said & how they worked it into the case. It was all one, big setup! “I really wanted to fight this case & expose that piece of shit Joe for what he was but I had to choose Joe or my wife, The hardest part is I’ll never be able to love my wife like I want to or be with her again. “My wife found this taped conversation between the cops & the feds & I heard it just last night: Folder 362 02152-012-004. “It’s kind of like we did in the beginning with Dan, there, when I went in with my cane. We always said we need to make it look like he’s doing this business & CHS-3 always says…well, we never really got him doing that because everything turned into something else – everything spun off in a different way.” From Court Document 08551: “In March 2011, CHS-3 (Confidential Human Source) was interviewed. CHS-3 knows Bifield & other HAs (Hells Angels) because he did business at his jewelry store.” “CHS-3 advised that Dan Bifield, Long & Fogle were selling what CHS-3 believed was stolen property (gold) to him during the previous 2 or 3 months.” “CHS-3 borrowed $10,000 through Bifield & Long. Bifield demanded that CHS-3 pay $500 in interest every week. CHS-3 said the $500 was only for interest. CHS-3 was required to pay the $500 until he could pay off the loan in full. CHS-3 obtained the loan to pay debtors & knew that a bank would not loan CHS-3 the money.” “CHS-3 advised that Bifield would meet various people at Joe’s store & pass out envelopes with money in them. Bifield told CHS-3 that he was selling 8 balls (of cocaine) & Bifield has told CHS-3 that he purchases guns from various pawn shops. CHS-3 began working as a confidential source for the FBI in March 2011. CHS-3’s motivations have been financial gain & the betterment of the community. CHS-3 has agreed to testify. CHS-3 was convicted of interstate threats in 1993 & of making false statements to a financial institution in 1994.” From Court Document 08552: “In March 2011 CHS-2 began working as a confidential source for the FBI. CHS-2’s motivations have been financial gain & the betterment of the community. CHS-2 has agreed to testify.” “All that stuff CHS-3 said is lies. They have no tapes on any of that & that is because it never happened. And, the loan was on his terms & he paid $500 until the loan was paid off. When he missed payments he paid $500. That was his deal & his decision. Not mine! “My lawyers told me they received a disk on CHS-3 & he worked as a confidential source before against some people but he turned around & told them what he was doing…All his stories are lies!” Diamond Dan

Kirkland Man Pleads Not Guilty to Extortion in Case Involving Bandidos – Jan 10, 2013 – Washington – By Greg Johnston; http://kirkland.patch.com - A Kirkland man pleaded not guilty Thursday to first-degree extortion for allegedly trying to collect an inflated debt from a Redmond businessman with help from the Bandidos motorcycle group. Robert Dairold Golden, 39, made the plea in King County Superior Court & was granted a temporary release from custody pending a bond hearing on Jan. 14. His bail had previously been set at $500,000. An alleged accomplice from California, Robert Amahd Edwards III, 35, also pleaded not guilty Thursday & posted bond on a bail of $100,000. King County prosecutors say Golden loaned the business owner, who operates a custom fishing rod shop, $35,000 to launch the business. He then claimed to have sold that debt to the Bandidos MC & told the man it had been increased to $57,000 & that he would have to pay it by Dec. 27, 2012. Golden & Edwards were arrested by Redmond & Seattle police on that date when they showed up at the shop to collect, allegedly demanding the man turn over an SUV & other vehicles. They both face a case-setting hearing on Feb 14.

When I was little my dad had me convinced that the Ice Cream Truck only played music when it was sold out... Well played Dad, well played...
Clarkdale to assign officer to gang task force – Jan 10, 2013 – Arizona – By Philip Wright; http://VerdeNews.com - At a time when the State of Arizona cannot afford to fund Safe Schools Programs to protect children on school campuses, the state can pay salaries & benefits & provide cars for officers in the Verde Valley to gather intelligence on outlaw motorcycle gangs. The Town Council Tuesday night approved an intergovernmental agreement with the State of Arizona’s Dept of Public Safety. DPS is expanding its gang unit to include an office in Cottonwood. The state will pay 75 percent of all personnel expenses for the officers that agencies assign to the task force. The state also will pay for all training & provide a vehicle for the officer. In a report prepared for the council, Police Chief Randy Taylor stated, “There are currently adequate resources available in Clarkdale’s RICO funds to cover the town’s matching cost for participation on the task force.” Taylor said this is an opportunity with multiple benefits for Clarkdale. He said the training & experience is of a quality that could not be matched through normal practices. He also said participating in the program will give the task force insights into issues in Clarkdale. The agreement is with the Gang & Immigration Intelligence Team Enforcement Mission (GIITEM) State Gang Task Force. Taylor told the council that when the task force was limiting its expansion into Yavapai County to only the Prescott area, he wasn’t interested in getting involved. But when he learned that the expansion will include an office in Cottonwood, he became interested in investigating the matter. He said DPS decided it has lots of money, & they will pay Clarkdale $10,000 plus a car & 75 percent of an officers pay & benefits. Taylor told the council about some of the information his research discovered. He had information about a shootout several years ago between 2 outlaw motorcycle gangs in Laughlin, Nev. He also learned that 5 members of one of the outlaw gangs lives in the Verde Valley & one member lives in Clarkdale. He said several motorcycle gangs have a presence in Arizona, although he pointed out that he isn’t saying those gangs are active. Taylor said that the Clarkdale P.D. is excluded from the intelligence about gangs & outlaw motorcycle clubs until the town has an officer involved in the task force. Mayor Doug Von Gausig said his understanding is that Clarkdale would have one officer working for the task force & not for Clarkdale, but the officer would be a Clarkdale employee. “Would this be a current officer,” Von Gausig asked. Taylor said it would be. “They are asking for 3 years.” But he pointed out that the town can get out of the agreement with a 30 day notice to the task force. Taylor explained that Clarkdale will recruit a new police officer to replace the one selected for the task force duty. Councilman Bill Regner asked that if the program ends & Clarkdale’s officer comes back on the town’s payroll, would the replacement officer then be terminated. “Yes,” Taylor said. Vice Mayor Richard Dehnert made a point that Clarkdale does not have a gang problem. “One person’s motorcycle gang member is another person’s CPA,” he said. He pointed out that businesses in the area have signs up saying “Bikers Welcome.” He said there are a lot of motorcycle runs, & Arizona happens to be a great place for motorcycle enthusiasts. Dehnert said that pointing to those things as a danger to Clarkdale is harmful to the town’s reputation. He said that assigning an officer to the task force is not a response to a public threat. He said it is more to take advantage of some special training & experience that Clarkdale cannot typically offer its police officers. Taylor said that although the town does have some gang presence, his request to put an officer on the task force is not a scare tactic. “Clarkdale is a very safe community,” Taylor said.

Officials disregard public record requests on brawl allegedly involving police – Jan 12, 2013 – Arizona – By http://DCourier.com - The Daily Courier’s efforts to obtain public records about a Dec. 22 Whiskey Row incident allegedly involving off-duty police officers continue to be met with resistance by the investigating agencies. At 11 p.m. on Dec. 22, Prescott police officers spoke with an alleged assault victim at Yavapai Regional Medical Center’s west campus. The 23-year-old Glendale man told officers he was in a downtown bar & that he was punched several times by members of what he thought was a motorcycle club. He was treated for a facial injury & then released from the hospital, according to a news release from the Prescott P.D. The Daily Courier’s repeated attempts to reach the victim by telephone have been unsuccessful. The bar owner said he did not want to comment about the incident. Prescott P.D. officers investigating the incident found that the motorcycle club members were the Iron Brotherhood MC, made up of current & former police officers from agencies around the state, including Prescott, Prescott Valley, Yavapai County Sheriff’s Office & Dept of Public Safety. Prescott Police Chief Mike Kabbel, who has since retired, requested that the Arizona Department of Public Safety Special Investigations Unit take over the case to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. On Jan. 2, the Courier learned that the Yavapai County Attorney’s Office forwarded the case to the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office, citing a conflict of interest. On Jan. 7, Maricopa County Attorney’s Office spokesman Jerry Cobb said he was notified the case was conflicted out of Yavapai County to his office, but to date his office has not received a copy of the police report on the bar fight or any other information. Despite repeated public records requests by The Daily Courier to the Prescott P.D., DPS, Yavapai County Attorney’s Office & Maricopa County Attorney’s Office to obtain the initial police report, supplementary reports & surveillance video, nothing has been released regarding the incident that happened 23 days ago. Prescott Police interim chief Andy Reinhardt said Thursday he would not be releasing the report. “We don’t usually release reports when the incident is still under investigation,” he said. But Dan Barr, an attorney with the First Amendment Coalition, said, “There’s no exception under Arizona law for preventing access to a police report for an ongoing investigation.” A Phoenix television news station named Reinhardt as one of the officers at the scene, but after the report aired, Graves asserted that “Chief Reinhardt was not in the bar at the time of the incident.” Reinhardt was asked if he would step down from the Iron Brotherhood MC as Prescott Valley Police Chief Bill Fessler did. “I have no comment on that,” Reinhardt said. “I’ve been told to make no comment until the case is done.”

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers & wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned & whispered, ‘The tooth fairy will never believe this!’

While I sat in the reception area of my doctor’s office, a woman rolled an elderly man in a wheelchair into the room. As she went to the receptionist’s desk, the man sat there, alone & silent. Just as I was thinking I should make small talk with him, a little boy slipped off his mother’s lap & walked over to the wheelchair. Placing his hand on the man’s, he said, I know how you feel. My Mom makes me ride in the stroller too..."
Thank you from FAMM! – Jan 11, 2013 – USA – E-mail that FAMM just sent me - Thank you so much for your recent donation to FAMM! Our work would not be possible without the support of people like you! You help us put the human face on sentencing policies & practices that affect thousands of prisoners each year. With your support we communicate with prisoners across the country. That includes over 25,000 Fed prisoners who use a prison email system that allows us to ask them for information about their cases so we can write-up profiles. We use these prisoner profiles in our amicus briefs before the Supreme Court (we just filed one last month); in testimony we give to legislators & sentencing commissions; in our research papers such as the one we just released with Human Rights Watch on the Bureau of Prison’s failure to grant compassionate release to dying & deserving prisoners ( read it here: [http://www.hrw.org/reports/2012/11/30/answer-no](http://www.hrw.org/reports/2012/11/30/answer-no) ); & with the media to help them understand the impact of sentencing laws on real people. On Dec 11th, the New York Times used several of our cases in a front-page story on nonviolent offenders serving life without parole sentences. Humanizing sentencing policy is a critical step to reform because it’s harder for law makers to endorse bad laws when they “meet” the people they impact. That’s why FAMM specializes in it. And, thanks to you, we can offer more profiles to change more hearts & minds and, ultimately, more sentencing laws. On behalf of thousands of prisoners whose stories need to be told – thank you! Wishing you a happy & healthy new year, Meagan Heller; External Relations Associate; FAMM Foundation; 1100 H Street, NW #1000; Washington, DC 20005

**Hollister Police Hit Jackpot** – Jan 11, 2013 – California - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The unabashed greed fest called the Hollister Rally is now scheduled to return July 5 & 6, 2013. This will be the twelfth time Hollister has celebrated the anniversary of the so-called Hollister Riot since the semi-centennial in 1997. The Hollister event was invented to exploit all those Rich Urban Bikers with wads of cash to waste back in the heady days of the Clinton Administration – before the mortgage crisis, credit crisis, stock market crash, Iraq War, Afghanistan War, the Global War on Terror or even the formation of the one percenter task force in Los Angeles by the ATF. The event was cancelled in 2006, came back in 2007 & 2008 & was reborn last Monday night at a Hollister City Council meeting. According to dozens & dozens of published reports, the event will be held “in association with” an events planning corporation called World Wide Dynamics Incorporated. According to the same dozens & dozens of reports, World Wide Dynamics “has a role” in both the LaConia & Sturgis rallies. Sturgis also has a city “Rally & Events Department.” The Laconia Motorcycle Week Association is generally credited with planning the annual New Hampshire event. Hollister does not have a City Department of Riot Nostalgia although maybe it should.

**Last Time:** The Hollister Rally was cancelled in Nov 2008 when the last promoter, a company called Horse Power Promotions, refused to advance the City of Hollister $360,000 to pay for “security.” Horse Power Promotions had lost $100,000 on the rally the year before. Hollister police wanted an extra $120,000 a day in 2009 to do their jobs. At the time of the last cancellation City Manager Clint Quilter warned that if the police didn’t get paid they would not police the event. “Cutting back on law enforcement costs,” Quilter said, “could potentially result in police officers being manned around the downtown perimeter until the event’s completion when they would deal with the aftermath.” You know, like the guards had a perimeter around the Maximum Security Prison of Manhattan in the old science fiction movie Escape From New York. Nobody has yet calculated how much the city will make in sales taxes after local merchants quadruple the price of everything for the weekend.

**The Way We Were:** The Hollister Rally is an homage to an Independence Day weekend motorcycle rally held there in 1947. As many as 2,000 bikers rolled into town on a Thursday night & stayed until Sunday. They camped in city parks & raced up & down Hollister’s San Benito Street. Three bikers were seriously injured in crashes. On Friday afternoon, Hollister’s seven-man P.D. was reinforced by a reported 40 California Highway Patrol Officers. Saturday, the San Francisco Chronicle sent in a couple of old school journalists – a reporter named C. I. Dourghty Jr. & a photographer named Barney Peterson to report from the trenches. Dourghty’s colorful dispatch became the basis for the myth of the Hollister Riot. Dourghty reported an “outburst of terrorism” that included the “wrecking of bars, bottle barrages into the streets from upper story windows & roofs & high speed racing of motorcyles though the streets.” According to Dourghty, things got so bad that the Highway Patrol “herded the cyclists into a block on San Benito Street, between Fifth & Sixth Streets, parked a dance band on a truck & ordered the musicians to play.” Dourghty probably did not actually witness any of this. Peterson, meanwhile used a still drunken biker named Eddie Davenport sitting on his motorcycle surrounded by empty beer bottles to illustrate Dourghty’s words. The staged photo never ran in the Chronicle but it did appear in the July 21, 1947, edition of Life magazine over a caption that read, “Cyclist’s Holiday: He & his friends terrorize a town.” That photo became the inspiration for a short story by Frank Rooney called “Cyclists Raid.” In turn, that story inspired a movie starring Marlon Brando & Lee Marvin called The Wild One: About a pack of bikers called the Black Rebel MC who stop in a small town for a breather & a beer. Shortly before the Black Rebels move on their leader, a character named Johnnie Strabler, is framed for manslaughter. And, the rest is history.

**Arthur is 81 years old.** He’s played golf every day since his retirement 16 years ago. One day he arrives home looking downcast. “That’s it” he tells his wife “I’m giving up golf. My eyesight has got so bad. Once I’ve hit the ball I can’t see where it went.” His wife sympathizes. As they sit down, she makes a suggestion: “Why don’t you take your brother with you & give it one more try?” “That’s no good” sighs Arthur. “Your brother is 93 years old. He can’t help.” “He may be a ninety three” says the wife “but his eyesight is perfect.” So the next day, Arthur heads off to the golf course with his brother-in-law. He tees up, takes an almighty swing & squints down the fairway. He turns to the brother-in-law. “Did you see the ball?” “Of course I did!” says the brother-in-law. “I have perfect eyesight.” “Where did it go?” asks Arthur. “Can’t remember.”

There is no “I” in Brotherhood…

**U.S. Defenders:**
- We don’t accept applications. We accept commitments…
- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot…
- There can be no “I”, there has to be “We”…
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