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The *Prairie Rattlers of North Dakota* donated \$ 150.00 to the *North Dakota BBB Run*...

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*FYI* – Special Thanks goes to the *Silent Thunder MC of North Dakota* for helping with ALL things at the Clubhouse...

In memory of *Hells Angel Willy* from *Nebraska* who died in his clubhouse on July 14<sup>th</sup> (see article)... RIP Willy...

In memory of *Hells Angel Delano Mike* from *California* who died in a motorcycle accident on July 17<sup>th</sup> (see article)... RIP Delano Mike...

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Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of 73 Motorcycle Clubs...

Editor's Note: For *June* there was 1 issue, For *July* there were 2 issue, For *August* this is the 1<sup>st</sup> issue ...

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*In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!*

**Editor's Note:** It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**73 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Renegades, Sadistics, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons of Legion, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Unforegiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, & Wales...

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**Biker Newsbytes:** Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

**Emissions Testing No Longer Required for Motorcycles:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has dropped its requirement that Phoenix-area motorcycles undergo annual emissions inspections, the last place in the country to require such testing. The Fed agency has approved a request from state environmental officials in Arizona that motorcycle tests be discontinued, effective immediately. The request to drop the testing requirement came in response to a 2008 state law requiring the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality to do an analysis of pollutants emitted by motorcycles & make a proposal to the Fed agency. "Our analysis has determined that the cost & inconvenience is not providing a significant environmental benefit," said Trevor Baggione, deputy director of air quality at ADEQ. Even though motorcycles account for 3.5% of vehicles on the area's roads, the department's analysis determined that they emit "insignificant" amounts of pollution, accounting for less than 1% of total emissions in the Phoenix metro area. Pima County (Tucson) & Maricopa County (Phoenix) were the only areas in the United States that required motorcycles to pass yearly emissions inspections at a cost of \$19 per test, & Pima County halted motorcycle testing in 2007. Congratulations to ABATE of Arizona, the MMA of Arizona & the Arizona Confederation of Motorcycle Clubs (ACMC) for their years of stalwart efforts to relieve Grand Canyon State riders of these unnecessary costs & burdensome time wasted in long lines.

**Anti-Abortion Measure Rides Motorcycle Bill Through N.C. House:** The Republican-controlled North Carolina House recently pushed through anti-abortion legislation, using as their vehicle a motorcycle safety bill that lawmakers had stealthily turned into a measure to further regulate abortion clinics. Republicans

introduced the legislation (S.B. 353) in the House Judiciary Committee the previous morning by attaching the abortion provisions to a gutted motorcycle safety bill -- without first notifying either the public or their Democratic colleagues. "This bill came hurriedly through the Senate, rerouted through the House on a motorcycle," lamented state Rep. Alma Adams (D). "No input from stakeholders, no public scrutiny, no transparency, no fiscal note." The final vote was 74-41 on July 13; the bill now heads back to the GOP-led state Senate for approval, then on to Governor Pat McCrory (R) who says he will sign the measure into law if it reaches his desk.

**Guam Enacts "Limited Helmet Law":** Originally, Senator Tommy Morrison's bill called for universal helmet use for all motorcycle riders in the U.S. protectorate of Guam, but the revised version of his proposed helmet law makes it mandatory only for riders under the age of 18 & for those with less than 3 years riding experience. After a lengthy public hearing & receiving input from the community, Bill No. 87 "Limited Helmet Law" passed unanimously, & also requires new riders to first complete a defensive driving/motorcycle safety education course prior to being licensed & prohibits licensees from operating a motorcycle or scooter of larger engine size than that which they take the motorcycle exam on. In order to operate a motorcycle with a larger engine, the operator must apply & test for a new license under that engine size.

**Amended Helmet Law has Positive Economic Benefit in Michigan:** Changes last year in Michigan's mandatory helmet law have had a positive effect on motorcycle riding in Michigan, according to ABATE of Michigan. There has been an increase in motorcycle travel in Michigan since April of 2012, said ABATE in a recent press release. "Motorcycle tourism is up. Motorcyclists across the country are coming to Michigan in droves. Very few out-of-state motorcyclists were seen in Michigan before the adult helmet requirement was modified," according to ABATE. "Cyclists from across the country are discovering the beauty of the lower & upper peninsulas of Michigan. There is an increase of out-of-state participation in Michigan motorcycle events by as much as 5 times during the summer of 2012." "Our members have reported an increase in motorcycle tourism since the enactment of the rider choice law," added Scott Ellis, executive director of the Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, which represents more than 1,800 restaurant, bar, party store, hotel & casino establishments across the state. "From Monroe to Muskegon to the Keweenaw Peninsula, more out-of-state motorcyclists are stopping, staying & spending money at our restaurants, hotels & attractions," he told the Midland Daily News. Motorcycle sales also are up in Michigan, & ABATE says that 2012 was the safest riding season in 10 years for licensed motorcyclists in the state.

**Motorcycle Checkpoints in New York Net Nearly A Hundred Tickets:** More than 80 motorcyclists & their vehicles were checked by specially-trained State Police motorcycle inspectors near Buffalo, NY in mid-June, with 2 checkpoints resulting in the issuance of 92 traffic tickets for offenses that included helmet & equipment violations. NY has been the epicenter for the Motorcycle-Only Checkpoint debate, which has resulted in 4 states; New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia & California, passing laws to prohibit law enforcement agencies from establishing motorcycle-only checkpoints. In addition, on the Fed level Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced H.R. 1861 "To stop motorcycle checkpoint funding," & also contains

language “to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates.”

**Motorcycle Club Sues City Over Discrimination:** A local MC said it was just doing things by the book when it filed a permit to hold a BBQ fundraiser at a local park in Rio Vista, California, but the city & the police chief turned that simple request down. Now, the motorcycle club is filing suit, claiming it was discriminated against. “No one other than us has ever tried to put in a permit,” Saxon Creed MC President Rob Anderson told News 10/KXTV. “We thought we were doing the right thing.” Last July, the club wanted to hold its fundraising pig roast at Blackwelder Park, the same park where dozens of other community events have been held. So, the group filed for a permit with the city. But, the request was declined by the police chief & the city. The group held their pig roast this year without problems at a Veteran’s Hall, right next door to the park they applied to last year. Members of Saxon Creed MC say they feel like the request was denied because they are bikers. The group has filed a discrimination lawsuit, claiming its civil rights were violated. They’re suing for \$250,000 in damages on behalf of their 15 members. “It makes me very angry,” Anderson said. “This is America. We all have rights. I don’t like seeing anyone’s rights trampled on.”

**Man on A Mission:** “This will be the most important thing I have ever done.” says Tim King, founder & news editor of Salem-News.com, in regard to his scheduled 48-state motorcycle ride for Veterans. “I am riding 48 states this summer to educate Vets through talks & media appearances about health issues that are taking lives; we’re talking about PTSD/TBI, Agent Orange & the effects of serving aboard toxic military bases.” A former Marine who has covered the wars in Afghanistan & Iraq, Tim & his wife Bonnie received the NCOM Silver Spoke Award for Media in 2011 for advocating on behalf of motorcycle clubs & riders & their civil rights, & they have also been recognized by the Oregon Confederation of Clubs for Excellence in Journalism. Tim is riding thousands of miles to share the information he has accumulated over his journalism career & 9 specific years reporting for Salem-News.com & he’s doing it by himself, so your help can make Tim’s trip safer & more effective. Tim’s covering an ongoing war here at home where Veterans are fighting for their rights, & he’ll be checking in with motorcycle riders who are busy defending their civil rights in regard to club membership & other issues, so he’s enlisting the support of the motorcycle community to publicize & help fund his mission. Along the way he’ll be writing stories & posting photos & videos of the places & people he visits, & you’ll be able to track his progress at Salem-News.com & also via this dedicated Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/tim.king.146612?ref=tn\\_tmmn](http://www.facebook.com/tim.king.146612?ref=tn_tmmn).

**Vertical Motorcycle License Plate Bill Clears PA House:** Legislation allowing the vertical display of registration plates on motorcycles was recently passed by the state House & now heads to the Senate for consideration. House Bill 1060 is sponsored by state Rep. Mark Keller (R-86). “This legislation is specific to motorcycles,” explained Rep. Keller. “Currently, the state vehicle code does not specify how a vehicle registration plate may be mounted. However, regulations in Title 67 of the Pennsylvania Code require horizontal mounting of vehicle registration plates & do not give the option for vertical mounting.” HB 1060 would also “authorize the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to produce, upon request, registration plates for motorcycles which display the identifying characters in a vertical alignment.” “Owners of custom-made or vintage motorcycles are sometimes reluctant to mount the registration plate horizontally on the rear

fender because doing so interferes with the custom paint job or other custom work done on the cycle,” according to Keller. “Many of these owners have approached ABATE of Pennsylvania, the motorcycle advocacy group, about making this legislative change, & ABATE supports my legislation.”

**More Rules Proposed for Canadian Riders:** Saskatchewan is considering more requirements for new motorcycle licensees, supervision for new riders & the possibility of mandatory gear. The ideas are among more than a dozen changes to motorcycle safety, training & insurance rules proposed by Saskatchewan Gov’t Insurance as it looks for ways to reduce claims, save money & quell the roar of angry riders. One suggestion is for potential riders to pass a basic skills test or complete a motorcycle training program before they’re issued a learner’s license. New riders who don’t take the training courses could see an additional \$500 a year fee or be restricted on the size of the bike they use. Helmets & eye protection are currently the law in Saskatchewan & similar rules apply across the country, but no other jurisdiction in Canada has mandatory rules for wearing gloves, ankle-covering boots or clothing that cover arms & legs, according to SGI. The review was launched earlier this year after a proposed rate increase which would have seen insurance costs for motorcycles go up by an average of 73% to cover a \$9 million gap between what SGI takes in from motorcyclists in fees versus what is paid out for collisions. The public has until the end of July to comment on the proposals & SGI is to report to the Gov’t in the fall. The goal is to have the new rules in place for next year’s riding season.

**Motorcycle Ban Lifted in Pakistan:** After 5 years, Pakistani authorities have lifted ban on motorcycle riding in Bajaur tribal region. The ban on motorcycle riding was imposed in 2008 when the Taliban stepped up their activities in the region, & the ban was aimed at controlling insurgency & preventing targeted killings because motorcycles were being used for attacks against anti-Taliban forces. The announcement about lifting the ban was made by Brig Ghulam Haidar, a sector army commander, during his speech through the security forces-run FM radio channel (Radio Aman FM 88). “The lifting of ban on motorcycle riding is a gift for the tribesmen on the eve of the holy month of Ramadan. This good news may enhance happiness of Ramadan,” he said. Brig Ghulam said that imposing the ban on motorcycle riding was a difficult decision but it was taken only in the larger interest of people of the tribal agency.

**Quotable Quote:** “Success is not final, failure not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.” ~Winston Churchill (1874-1965), British Prime Minister & inspirational WWII leader

**Robert Whiting, an elderly gentleman** of 83, arrived in Paris by plane. At French Customs, he took a few minutes to locate his passport in his carry on. “You have been to France before, monsieur?” the customs officer asked sarcastically. Mr. Whiting admitted that he had been to France previously. “Then you should know enough to have your passport ready.” The American said, “The last time I was here, I didn’t have to show it.” “Impossible. Americans always have to show their passports on arrival in France!” The American senior gave the Frenchman a long hard look. Then he quietly explained, “Well, when I came ashore at Omaha Beach on D-Day in 1944 to help liberate this country, I couldn’t find a single Frenchman to show a passport to.” You could have heard a pin drop!

**Nobody talks...** Everybody walks... Silence is Golden...

**Alleyne v US (relevant conduct / enhancement)** – July 3, 2013 – *U.S.A.* - In *Alleyne v US* it is the biggest win in history due to a 5 to 4 decision by the supreme court that in simple terms says: Anything that is to be considered an “Element” that increases a sentence beyond a specific range (mandatory min) using Relevant Conduct or Enhancement must be considered by the Jury & Not the Judge!!! This is a direct 6th amendment violation to be judged by a jury of peers. If you want to know more this is the link to the decision (43 page decision):

<http://law.lclark.edu/live/files/14693-alleyne-v-usus-sup-ct061713>  
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**Alleyne v. United States, 133 S. Ct. 2151** - July 03, 2013 – *U.S.A.* - Defendant was convicted in Fed district court of using or carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence, which carries a 5-year mandatory minimum sentence. During sentencing, defendant objected to the sentencing report that recommended a 7-year sentence, incorporating the longer minimum sentence mandated if the firearm was brandished during the crime. Defendant argued that increasing the mandatory minimum to 7 years would violate his Sixth Amendment right to a jury trial because it was clear from the jury verdict that the jury did not make the finding of fact that he brandished the weapon & therefore any increase would be improperly based on the judge’s finding of fact. The district court overruled defendant’s objection, & the court of appeals affirmed on the basis that *United States v. Harris*, 536 U.S. 545 (2002), foreclosed defendant’s claim. In *Harris*, the Court addressed the same question involving the same statutory provision as presented in the case at bar, & the Court refused to apply its holding in *Apprendi v. New Jersey*, 530 U.S. 466 (2000), to require jury trial for facts that increase the mandatory minimum but not the maximum sentence. But this time the United States Supreme Court agreed with defendant & held that *Harris* was wrongly decided. In so ruling, the Court reasoned that a fact triggering a mandatory minimum alters the prescribed range of sentences to which a defendant is exposed, & that it is impossible to dispute that facts increasing the legally prescribed floor aggravate the punishment. The Court noted that defining facts that increase a mandatory minimum as an element of the substantive offense enables defendant to predict the legally applicable penalty from the face of the indictment. The Court cautioned that this holding does not mean that any fact that influences judicial discretion must be found by the jury; when fashioning a sentence, judges may continue to exercise their discretion to consider factors in aggravation or mitigation that are not covered by the allegations in the indictment. The Court explained that establishing the range of punishment that is available by law (jury’s function) is different from setting a specific punishment within that range (judge’s function). The Court vacated the court of appeal’s judgment & remanded to the district court for resentencing consistent with the jury verdict.

**Harrisburg Law Firm Seeks to have DUI Breath Testing Banned in Pennsylvania** – January 10, 2013 – *Pennsylvania* – By [www.PRWeb.com](http://www.PRWeb.com) - In connection with Dauphin County Judge Lawrence F. Clark’s ruling last week in the case of *Commonwealth v Schildt* (Court of Common Pleas, Dauphin County PA, Number 2191 CR 2010), Attorney Justin McShane of The McShane Firm in Harrisburg who was the lead defense counsel in this case, has filed a further motion seeking a ban on all breath testing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. This motion calls for the dismissal of all current DUI cases statewide that involve breath testing evidence as well as re-opening all such cases that have occurred in the past year & 90-days. The motion comes after it came to light that the manufacturer of the Intoxilyzer

5000EN, CMI Inc. was found by the court to be non-compliant with state regulations. In his ruling in *Commonwealth v Schildt*, Judge Lawrence F Clark, Jr. writes, “However, notwithstanding any such “verifying” undertakings performed by the manufacturer (CMI) on its own gas chromatograph, the bare FACT remains that the entity (CMI) that is performing the initial calibration of the breath testing device is using a simulator solution which was prepared (and allegedly subjected to some sort of a gas chromatographic analysis) by the same manufacturer & calibrator of that device. The regulatory requirement of a “gas chromatographic analysis by a laboratory independent of the manufacturer” has been blatantly ignored & obviously violated.” He goes on to write that, “Despite CMI’s initial calibration & testing of the Intoxilyzer 5000EN up to a 0.30% ethanol concentration (using an in-house prepared solution that is unverified by a laboratory independent of the manufacturer (CMI), in violation of 67 Pa. Code §77.24(d)), the Intoxilyzer 5000EN is not on-site operationally tested & verified above a .15% ethanol concentration once it leaves the manufacturer.” The result, as the court has noted, is that the reading from the Intoxilyzer 5000EN breath machine is no longer considered reliable. Judge Lawrence F Clark, Jr. writes in his opinion, “As a result of the evidence produced at the hearing, it is now extremely questionable as to whether or not any DUI prosecution which utilizes a reading from an Intoxilyzer 5000EN breath testing device could presently withstand scrutiny based upon the startling testimony of the commonwealth’s own witness, Mr. Faulkner, at the hearing,” wrote in his opinion in the *Schildt* case. On the heels of this ruling, Attorney McShane, the lead counsel for Mr. Schildt, has motioned to the court calling for the dismissal of all current DUI cases statewide that involve breath testing evidence from the Intoxilyzer 5000EN, as well as re-opening all such cases that have occurred in the past year & 90-days. “I think morally it’s the right thing to do. Scientifically, it’s the right course of action,” McShane said. “I don’t want drunk drivers out there more than anyone else. But I don’t want false convictions. Drunk drivers deserve what they get. But all convictions must be based on science, & not based on science fiction.” If granted, this motion could affect tens of thousands cases statewide, according to McShane. About The McShane Firm: Located in Harrisburg, The McShane Firm is Pennsylvania’s foremost DUI & criminal defense law firm. Founded in 2004, McShane & his legal team have fought for the citizens of Pennsylvania in cases involving DUI & other criminal matters & achieved positive results for hundreds of clients. The McShane Firm lawyers believe in continually expanding their knowledge of DUI law through continued education, & bring these lessons to the courtroom to defend the citizen accused.

**Press Release from the Warlocks National, LLC** - July 5, 2013 - *U.S.A.* - Documentary series will be released on Friday, July 5, 2013 to be aired on the Discovery Channel entitled “Warlocks Rising.” This documentary purports to depict some members of the Warlocks various personal activities & in various club activities & events. The depictions aired during this series will be the result of the participation of individuals & of the editing process utilized by the publisher. Nothing depicted in this series should be interpreted as being approved or ratified by the Warlocks National, LLC, or any individual chapter or member of the Warlocks MC. Indeed, there are many members of the Warlocks MC who do not approve of this series nor the activities & opinions depicted or expressed therein. Roger B. Butcher  
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**Law seeks to close loophole for synthetic marijuana** – July 2013 - *Pennsylvania* – By Natasha Lindstrom; <http://m.phillyburbs.com> - A few years ago, as Pennsylvania State Police crime lab scientist Roscoe Bennett examined a crushed, leafy-like substance under his microscope, he realized it wasn't the marijuana that law enforcement turns over to his lab on a regular basis. He also had a hunch the suspects caught inhaling the substance weren't "smoking it for nothing," & so he tested it for a new type of drug he'd been hearing about in other states. It was the first time Bennett had encountered so-called synthetic marijuana, often dubbed spice or K2. It's comprised of chemicals sprayed on a potpourri-like material that seeks to mimic a marijuana-like buzz & has been linked to dangerous side effects, from severe paranoia to seizures. Smoke shops throughout Pennsylvania legally sold such substances until 2011, when the General Assembly passed Act 7 by Sen. Elder A. Vogel Jr., R-Beaver County. That legislation added synthetic marijuana & "bath salts," other synthetic compounds that seek to mimic the effects of cocaine, LSD & methamphetamine,— to the state's controlled substance list. But ever since then,— as Bennett has observed firsthand,— manufacturers of the drugs have been slightly tweaking their compounds to skirt the statewide bans. "It was a cat-and-mouse game where these chemists that are formulating these drugs would just change the compounds enough to create a new substance that was not covered under the original ban," Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association spokesman Richard Long said, "so we'd be right back where we started where they had these drugs out in the streets & in stores." On Tuesday, Gov. Tom Corbett signed into law House Bill 1217, a new amendment to Act 7 that seeks to remedy that problem. HB 1217, put forth by Rep. Jerry Stern, R-Blair, essentially expands the bans to any substances that have the core molecular structures common in bath salts & synthetic marijuana, rather than limiting the bans to particular strands. The new law takes effect immediately. "Rather than identifying a specific compound, it identifies a class of compounds," Bennett said. "We've been able to identify them for awhile; it was just making our chemistry match up with the law." The synthetic drugs, often sold with elusive names like "Cloud 9," "Funky Monkey" & "Yucatan Fire" still line many of Pennsylvania's smoke shop shelves, or are brought out from underneath store counters upon a customer's request. Just last week, police raided a Newtown tobacco store & seized some 300 packets of suspected synthetic marijuana, along with arresting a woman who allegedly bought some of the stuff for local teens who became "violently ill" after smoking it. The synthetic compounds have been known to produce severe side effects, including delusions, suicidal thoughts, seizures, panic attacks, increased blood pressure & heart rate, chest pain, nausea & vomiting. Bath salts particularly have been linked to bizarre & even violent behavior. "These are very dangerous substances & the public should stay away from them," Long said. For Stern, the issue was personal. He first took up the cause when he learned that the 20-year-old granddaughter of some close friends had tried bath salts at a party & later died of a heart attack. "It's something we need to get ahead of before it really destroys the lives of our people & even kills people," Stern said. U.S. poison centers took 2,656 calls about exposures to bath salts in 2012, the American Association of Poison Control Centers reports. That was a nearly 200-percent drop from 2011, when more than 6,000 calls came in. Calls about synthetic marijuana totaled 5,205 in 2012, a 25-percent drop from 2011, & 1,190 calls have come in so far this year. Bennett, who was instrumental in drafting the new amendment, said he borrowed heavily from existing legislation in other states scrambling to keep up with the synthetic drug business. Now, Stern hopes other states will look to

Pennsylvania's amendment as model legislation to regulate synthetic drugs. At least 40 states have some type of a ban on synthetic drugs, & the DEA has been stepping up efforts to crack down on traffickers of the products, much of which seem to come from the Middle East & other places abroad. "Unfortunately these rogue chemists, most of them probably in Southeast Asia, they're pretty smart, & I'm sure in a couple years they'll have to revisit this issue, but hopefully this will help the prosecutors do their jobs, at least for the next couple of years," Bennett said. "We can try to guess what they might do in the future but you never really know until they actually do it." He pointed out that though these synthetic compounds are getting a lot of attention because they're so hard to regulate, the vast majority of drugs that come through the state's crime labs haven't changed: marijuana, heroin & cocaine. Bennett said the state Legislature might want to next consider approving an emergency scheduling process so that future discoveries of compounds that get around existing law can be immediately banned.

**Ignorance works in Md. driver's favor in Pa. license suspension case** – July 10, 2013 – *Pennsylvania* - By Matt Miller; [www.PennLive.com](http://www.PennLive.com) - Sometimes, ignorance is the best defense. That was the case when the state Superior Court overturned Andrew Rampolla's conviction for driving while under a license suspension. On its face, the York County criminal case against Rampolla seemed airtight. According to court testimony, Rampolla, 43, of Aberdeen, Md., was pulled over by a state trooper Nov. 6, 2011, on Route 516, after the officer, who was following Rampolla's car, ran a check on its Maryland license plate. That check showed the car's registration was revoked, & Rampolla's Maryland driver's license had been suspended. After the officer testified to those facts during a Sept 2012 trial, county Judge Richard K. Renn convicted Rampolla of the license violation & fined him. But as Senior Judge Robert E. Colville observed in the opinion the Superior Court issued Tuesday voiding that conviction, there was more to the story. On appeal to the state court, Rampolla's lawyer Kurt A. Blake contended that the conviction wasn't warranted, because the prosecution didn't prove that Rampolla knew his license was suspended when he was pulled over. And to be convicted of driving while under license suspension, the defendant has to know his license had been pulled, Blake argued. The Superior Court agreed. As Colville noted, testimony at the trial showed only that the trooper received a record from the Maryland Vehicle Administration after the traffic stop showing that a license suspension notice was mailed to Rampolla in Sept 2011. "However, there was no additional evidence demonstrating (Rampolla's) knowledge of the suspension," Colville wrote. "Thus, we cannot conclude that the commonwealth proved beyond a reasonable doubt that (Rampolla) received actual notice that his license had been revoked."

**Homicide at Hell's Angels MC building** –July 14, 2013 - Nebraska - By Kevin Cole; [www.Omaha.com](http://www.Omaha.com) - Police said Sunday they are investigating a homicide in the Hell's Angels MC building at 4501 S. 27th Circle. Officer James Shade, an Omaha police spokesman, said 911 received a "nature unknown" call around 10:45 a.m. Emergency responders from the Omaha Fire Dept entered the building & found 1 deceased adult male. "Evidence around the body indicated there were signs of foul play," Shade said. Police began canvassing the area & interviewing witnesses, Shade said. He said there have been very few disturbance calls for the club which was formerly home to a tavern called "Mary's Happy Corner Bar."

**Police Find Dead Man in Hells Angels' Clubhouse** - July 14, 2013 - *Nebraska* - By Jennifer Griswold; <http://www.KMTV.com> - Neighbors surprised of murder in quiet neighborhood... Sunday's first homicide was reported just before 11 a.m. Firefighters & police officers were responding to a vague 911 when they found a man dead inside the Hells Angels motorcycle clubhouse. Neighbors watched as investigators taped off the scene at 4501 S. 27th Circle. Rosalee Combs has lived in the area for more than 30 years. "This is just as surprising as if my 80 year-old neighbor down the road, if something had happened down there. I never expected it." Police say at 10:46 a.m. Sunday an unknown 911 call came in. There was little information so both the police & fire officials responded. Firefighters were first on the scene. "They did locate a male party that was down on the floor," said Officer James Shade with Omaha Police. "They did attempt to resuscitate him & were unsuccessful in that." Police launched a homicide investigation. Neighbors say they didn't hear anything. No gunshots. No disturbance. "The neighborhood pays attention," said Combs. "We're not a sit on your butt neighborhood that doesn't pay attention to anything that's going on. All the neighbors talk to each other." Police say evidence around the adult male's body does indicate foul play. As for the Hell's Angels, Combs says they've been good to the neighborhood, & since they've arrived, it's only improved. "They're my neighbors. They're quiet. Since they moved into the neighborhood & the bar moved out, the neighborhood is actually quieter."

**Legislative Action Alert: Motorcycle only checkpoints:** H.R. 1861 is a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would prohibit the Department of Transportation from providing funds to state & local authorities for the purpose of creating motorcycle only checkpoints. This bill also contains language to force the DOT to focus motorcycle safety efforts on crash prevention programs, not national helmet mandates. That's right, this bill would tell Fed DOT to stay out of the helmet law business, this is huge & we need to get on board with this. Our Motorcycle Riders Foundation Lobbyist Jeff Hennie is fighting hard on this battle & he needs back up so please consider taking action. If you are represented by one of the following members of the United States House of Representatives please contact their office to say thank you for signing on as a co-sponsor to H.R. 1861.

MN-U.S. Rep John Kline <http://kline.house.gov> 202-225-2271  
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**If you are represented** by one of the following members of the United States House of Representatives please contact their office & ask them to sign onto H.R. 1861. Tell them that motorcycle only roadblocks are discriminatory & they do nothing to make the road safer & ask for their support in encouraging Fed agencies to concentrate on safer riding instead of safer crashing. If you want a guarantee of leaving a message & not speaking to anyone, call today (Sunday).

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**Body Found at Hells Angels Motorcycle Club Identified** - July 15, 2013 - *Nebraska* - By [www.KMTV.com](http://www.KMTV.com) - Omaha Police say the body found at the Hells Angels MC has been identified as William Furlong, 48. This weekend, officers found Furlong at the club near 27th & J. Initial investigation shows signs of foul play & the death is being investigated as a homicide.

**Hells Angel member, Michael Pena, dies in Los Angeles I-405 crash** - July 18, 2013 - *California* - By Denise Charles; [www.Turnto23.com](http://www.Turnto23.com) - A local man who was a member of Hell's Angels & involved in local charities died yesterday in Los Angeles. On July 17, at about 4:30 p.m., a driver of a 2009 Harley Davidson, identified as 47-year-old Michael Pena, crashed into another vehicle in the HOV lane of I-405. According to the accident report, a Nissan pick-up truck had a flat tire & stopped the vehicle in the HOV lane of the southbound I-405, north of Victory Boulevard. The report said that Pena was driving in the HOV lane & was unable to stop before rear-ending the truck. Pena was pronounced dead by the Los Angeles City Fire Dept as a result of his injuries from the collision. Two lanes of the southbound I-405 were closed for about 4 hours as a result of this crash yesterday.

**Alleged motorcycle gang member charged in Rock Hill with hiding meth, gun** - July 18, 2013 - *South Carolina* - By Jonathan McFadden; [www.CharlotteObserver.com](http://www.CharlotteObserver.com) - An alleged Charlotte gang member who improperly changed lanes while riding his motorcycle was charged with drug & weapon charges after York County drug agents say they found a loaded gun & methamphetamine hidden in his flashlight. At about 3:15 p.m. Tuesday, agents with York County's highway interdiction team stopped Brandon Hellman, 29, who they said improperly changed lanes while riding his 2007 H-D between Cherry & Celriver roads in Rock Hill, according to a sheriff's report. Hellman was wearing a jacket bearing the insignia of the Outlaws MC, which for years acted as rivals to the Hells Angels, said Marvin Brown, commander of the county's multijurisdictional drug enforcement unit. Brown said Hellman had hidden 8 grams of methamphetamine in a flashlight & was carrying a pistol loaded with 15 bullets. Police seized the flashlight, 2 hunting knives & 2 cellphones. Hellman also was operating the motorcycle without a valid motorcycle driver's license, police said. He was charged with possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, unlawful carrying of a pistol & for having no S.C. motorcycle driver's license. He was released Wednesday on bond of more than \$6,200, according to court records. He could not be immediately reached for comment. Hellman has no past criminal history in South Carolina, according to records with the State Law Enforcement Division. But, his North Carolina criminal history spans more than a decade with a one-year probationary sentence for possession of marijuana in 2001, according to court documents. A year later, he paid fines for carrying a concealed weapon. A few months later, he was charged with driving after consuming alcohol while under 21. He was charged again with the same offense in 2004. Several traffic convictions followed in subsequent years before Hellman was found guilty of driving while his license was revoked. Since 2001, more than 20 charges filed against Hellman in North Carolina have been dismissed without leave by the state district attorney, court records show. Those charges ranged from traffic & driving violations, such as

driving a car with an expired license tag, to resisting police, possession of a handgun by a minor & felony conspiracy. The investigation that prosecutors touted as having vanquished the Rock Hill chapter of the Hells Angels motorcycle club – the “Rock Hell Nomads” – developed after police received complaints about a growing turf war between the Hells Angels & the Outlaws in York County. Several years ago, York County drug agents & the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms raided a clubhouse belonging to the Outlaws on East Main Street, Brown said. Since then, most of them have left the county for Charlotte, he said.

**Man acquitted of murder charge dies in motorcycle crash** - July 19, 2013 – *California* – By [www.kget.com](http://www.kget.com) - A Bakersfield Hells Angels member acquitted of murder charges in Bakersfield in 2011, died in a motorcycle crash in Los Angeles. The California H.P. said Michael Pena, 47, was riding his Harley Davidson southbound in the carpool lane of Interstate 405 Wednesday night, when the car in front of him got a flat tire & slowed. Pena was unable to stop in time & slammed into the disabled vehicle, the CHP reported. He died at the scene. Pena was acquitted of murder charges in 2011 in the stabbing death of Roger Violano, 18. Violano was killed during a fight between members of the Hells Angels & Vagos motorcycle gangs outside a tattoo parlor in Oildale, authorities reported. The jury determined Pena stabbed Violano in self-defense.

**Working “Outlaw” Bikers to Make Warlocks Rising** – July 19, 2013 – *Florida* – By Bryant Frazer; [www.StudioDaily.com](http://www.StudioDaily.com) - How Free Reign Media Got Access, Gained Trust, & Navigated Motorcycle Club Politics... Airing Fridays at 10 p.m. on Discovery Channel, Warlocks Rising is a 4-part reality show that takes a look at the stories behind a Florida chapter of The Warlocks, one of the “1%er” motorcycle clubs in the U.S. that are often considered outlaws by the police & society at large. The show is being promoted as a look into a violent, secret subculture, but series co-creator Cameron Casey says there’s a deeper narrative through line that has to do with strength, loyalty, & brotherhood under pressure in an often unfriendly world. We asked Casey about getting the bikers on board, selling the idea to Discovery, & how production navigated some very sensitive situations. **StudioDaily:** Fill us in a little on Free Reign Media. You’re an independent production company?

**Cameron Casey:** Free Reign Media is my personal production company, & I have various partners in various projects. Stuart Schonfeld, my producing partner, first introduced me to the Warlocks. I’ve been producing TV for 20-plus years, & I’ve carved out a kind of niche for myself by tackling interesting characters & gaining access to worlds that other people don’t always get access to. That’s what I’m building my business around — my access to unique worlds & their unique stories. That’s the philosophy of my company. **StudioDaily:** Seems like that’s the perfect skill set for reality TV. What did you know about the Warlocks before you started, & how did you get the idea that there could be a reality show about these guys?

**Cameron Casey:** Stuart [Schonfeld] has been one of my producing partners since the days when I was directing commercials. He had met some Warlocks at a wedding — very randomly — & was speaking with one of them, Shotgun, about production. They eventually talked about doing a documentary on the club & the conversation evolved into doing a docu-reality show. The club had been approached for projects many times prior, but ignored these requests. Stuart’s primary goal was to make it clear that any story told would be the Warlocks’ story & it would be done honestly & authentically. Stuart spent the next 6 months flying to Florida, talking with key people & building up

considerable trust & access. Stuart, working with Shotgun, Troy & Slob, also put together a core group of people from the Warlocks that would eventually become the people you see featured in the show. Stuart’s background is in features & high-end commercials and, to move forward, he was looking for someone immersed in television. Due to our past working relationship, he contacted me both for my television experience & my directorial background, & wanted my collaboration on taking an extensive amount of research he compiled & turning it into story. He & I then spent the next year talking to more & more Club Members & building up further trust. Their world is built on relationships & trust, & if you don’t have that with your subjects, you’re not going to get anything real.

**StudioDaily:** So Stuart really got the ball rolling?

**Cameron Casey:** Yes, definitely. He saw the opportunity, & I think there was a natural trust because of the time spent & face-to-face meetings. He had extensive conversations about what aspects would & would not be portrayed. We later found out these guys had their patches on the line for this show, so I believe that says volumes about the trust we built. [Bikers wear patches to indicate their membership in & loyalty to specific clubs.] Because the guys that we did the show with were only a few chapters of a very big organization, that’s been difficult to navigate since the start. The hierarchy & organization are very complicated. There is a national president who presides over the entire nation of the Warlocks & then there are chapter bosses who have to answer to the nation, almost like a board of advisors. It feels kind of like a corporation, but most of the older guys are Vietnam War veterans, so they treat it very much like a military unit.

**StudioDaily:** It’s interesting how they bring those life experiences to the structure of the organization.

**Cameron Casey:** They’re proud, patriotic Americans who came back to the States after being at war. They weren’t very popular, so they banded together & created their own brotherhood out of necessity, to feel the camaraderie & acceptance they didn’t get in normal society. That becomes very apparent when you spend time with these guys. The irony is that Fed agents & local police forces are always after these guys, but calling them outlaws is ironic & hypocritical. They’re just living by their own rules & doing their own thing — which is very American at the base of it. Some of these Warlocks are highly decorated soldiers, with multiple purple hearts & multiple silver stars. They fought bravely & proudly for their country & came back & were treated like crap. So they turned inward & formed their own bonds. At the end of the day, that’s what these guys wanted to get across in the show. “We might live by our own rules, but we have a brotherhood that’s supportive, & we look out for each other.” Out of love & respect — that’s kind of their motto. There’s a strength there that keeps them together. It gets them through life.

**StudioDaily:** So they trusted that you understood what they wanted to communicate, & wouldn’t betray that?

**Cameron Casey:** Both Stuart & I put our names & reputations on the line to ensure they got their story told the way they wanted it told. It’s still a sensitive thing. A lot of members of the club weren’t very accepting of this show. They were against us from the start. They feel really strongly about their patch, & don’t want a bunch of Hollywood TV guys exploiting their patch. These guys fought hard to get where they are. Frankly, I understand it & I respect it.

**StudioDaily:** How did you manage that during production — making sure you didn’t cross a line in what you depicted?

**Cameron Casey:** Teaming with Discovery Studios was the smartest thing we could have done. Simon Andre from Discovery Channel introduced us to Eddie Barbini at Discovery Studios & recommended Brian Knappmiller as showrunner. We had

multiple networks bid on the show. One of the other networks had made a slightly better financial & creative deal, but knowing we had the support that we had from Simon & then later from Eddie, we knew Discovery was the place to be. The Warlocks who were working with us read all the storylines, & they signed off on stuff as we went along so that we, as producers, weren't put in harm's way. They're very serious about this. These guys live & die by their patch, so you can imagine what it's like when a producer comes in to tell the story & they don't want the story to be told. One of the club members, Shotgun, was appointed as the advisor. He would see the cuts & sign off on them. Shotgun, along with another member, Troy, would help us with the larger political picture of communicating with the other chapter bosses & also the national president.

**StudioDaily:** What kind of access were you given?

**Cameron Casey:** We had unique yet highly guarded access into their lives & club. Yet still there was much we were not privy to for obvious reasons. They brought us into very select situations with cameras, but at all times we had to respect their laws, privacy & order within the club. The restrictions were totally understandable & we respected this at every turn. They were able to open up parts of their lives like no 1%er club has ever done to the real world. These guys, at the end of the day, wanted to tell their story & be real about it.

**StudioDaily:** How did you get Discovery on board in a co-production deal?

**Cameron Casey:** We had been developing this for well over a year, & Stuart for 6 months before bringing it to me at Free Reign Media. We had mountains of material; pages of storylines & character development. We outlined several seasons before we started pitching. We wanted to be protective of the guys & get their stories told, so we put the time in & put together a very compelling presentation. We sent it to several networks, but Discovery gave us a straight-to-series offer that we couldn't turn down.

**StudioDaily:** What was the crew like during the shoot?

**Cameron Casey:** The team at Discovery Studios worked closely with us to handpick the right guys for the job. They really understood the material & what needed to be done. Eddie Barbini is a seasoned TV veteran especially with this type of material & he nailed this show. He pulled top crew for each department, from production through post & never compromised the vision we set out to achieve. He worked with the network on our behalf to make sure we had everything we needed & to push the limits of what could be produced. Brian Knappmiller was the showrunner & executive producer. He was our frontline guy both during the production & then in the following months of editing. He had the toughest job & made it effortless. He managed multiple talent, always-changing storylines & delivered what we set out to achieve. Ian Jones was co-executive producer, Laurence Frank was supervising story producer, Stuart was producing on the ground, Don Poquette was line producer, & Jason Fay was field producer. We had an amazing camera crew with Terry Pratt as our DP operating main camera, Oliver Lynch as second camera & Ariel Benarroch as AC & additional camera when needed. All our camera guys are DPs in their own right, but they saw the opportunity to work with Terry on a unique project. David Ortega was our trusted sound guy & we had a great team of support crew. We also had an incredibly talented editorial department headed by post producer Tessa Treadway & editors Alex Albanese, Nick Arico, Rob Licalsi & Ron Romberger. We used Canon C300s & shot very documentary style. A lot of it was shot single-camera, very film-like. It kind of has the feel of a single-camera shoot. We did a lot of soft focus, & a lot of long-lens stuff. We even brought in swing-and-tilt lenses, which were sort of my idea from the start. I used them a lot in the 1990s on music videos to create a texture

of out-of-focus depth of field to represent the dark secrecy & convoluted world we were in. And we had a voyeuristic camera as well. We tried to be a fly on the wall & give you a glimpse into the world from a distance. There's always a sense of danger & violence every minute of the day, but there is a crazy sick sense of humor & camaraderie that seems to overshadow everything else.

**StudioDaily:** Were there any moments you felt like you might not be able to get the show done after all?

**Cameron Casey:** From the start, production was challenged. Obstacles at every turn, literally, starting with the near death of Slob Rob, one of our main characters who was in a life-threatening motorcycle accident the first week of filming. We also had a little hiccup at the end of the shooting. We were done filming & already had the episodes cut, & the Warlocks decided they didn't want the show after all. It was like, "No, I don't think we want this show to air," & they were talking to us about shutting the show down completely. But we were able to somehow navigate through this, & give some of the top members access to the cuts — thanks to an amazing post team. They personally went through every cut. So we were able to gain their trust & get them to sign off & let the show move forward.

**StudioDaily:** What kind of response did you get when the show actually started airing this month?

**Cameron Casey:** I've heard from people all over the country who love it. I've heard from many of the Warlocks & they're very proud & happy, & word on the street is other bike clubs like it as well. One of the first calls I got after the show aired was from one of the top members of a bike club in Oakland called the East Bay Dragons. He was so excited & proud, congratulating me, saying, "That was a great show, but wait 'til we tell our story." So he wants to tell the story of their historic club as well.

**StudioDaily:** Are you looking at a second season after these first 4 hours air?

**Cameron Casey:** We have 4 hours, but we shot enough for several other episodes if the ratings are good & if the Warlocks & Discovery feel it's a good idea. They wanted to see what direction the show was going. There are challenges with a second season — first, if the Warlocks want us around again & second, whether Discovery is ready to take this on again. It wasn't easy for anyone. They have a lot of things to consider, including safety, while doing a show like this.

**StudioDaily:** What's next? **Cameron Casey:** I'm talking with the East Bay Dragons. It's the biggest & oldest black bike club in the country. They've been around since the early 1950s. They're an amazing club with a history that's unbelievable. One of the club members, K Cloud, had a history on the streets. As he got older, he opened a bakery where he bakes cakes & desserts. But he's a biker! Beyond that, the bakery was the original office for the Black Panthers in the 1960s. The history of the club is phenomenal. I'm gaining access to all kinds of worlds. I've been working with the U.S. State Department for a couple of years to tell the stories of people working in USAID in embassies around the world. I've got unique access into some pretty interesting worlds. Through my other production company, VelocityGroup.tv, I've got access to Capitol Hill, the Brazilian BOPE, Brazil's elite special-forces crime unit, & other high-profile people that I can't mention at this time.

**StudioDaily:** What was your biggest challenge in making Warlocks Rising? **Cameron Casey:** It was definitely one of the hardest productions I've ever been involved with in my career, & I've done some pretty intense stuff. I grew up in San Francisco, but I started shooting rap videos on the streets of Oakland in the early 1990s when the murder rate was #1 in the country, & we all carried guns on set. I'm no stranger to being in harm's way to tell stories & get stuff on film, but this world is complicated &

political & full of misinformation. In order to maintain secrecy, they make sure [outsiders] never know what's true & what's not true. We had to navigate that every day. Fortunately, our team was used to being out in the field shooting shows like Ax Men [on History], where they had to dodge logs to save their lives. Our production guys on the ground every day were bulletproof. They were solid & stuck to their guns (so to speak) & got through it. But you had to work out riddles on a daily basis. And I think that added to the spirit of the show. My philosophy of production has always been that if it feels like it's a disaster & things are falling apart & there's chaos during production, whatever's on screen is going to be really good.

**More Hells Angels Take Plea Deals** – July 19, 2013 – *Nevada* – By Ken Ritter; [www.LasVegasSun.com](http://www.LasVegasSun.com) - Lawyers told a Nevada state court judge that 6 accused Hells Angels will plead guilty to reduced felony charges stemming from a 2008 brawl with rival Mongols motorcycle gang members at a downtown Las Vegas wedding chapel. The agreement outlined Friday before Clark County District Court Judge Ken Cory will bring to 7 the number of men taking plea deals before trial on charges including attempted murder, battery, assault, conspiracy & taking part in activities of a criminal gang. That'll leave 1 Hells Angels member, John Merchant, to stand trial Aug. 5. Trials for more others are pending. Police say fights erupted at A Special Memory Wedding Chapel when HAs attending a wedding unexpectedly encountered Mongols arriving for another ceremony. 6 people were injured, including 2 who were stabbed.

**Police Biker Clubs Draw Scrutiny in Wake of Bar Brawl** – July 22, 2013 – *Arizona* - By Zusha Elinson; <http://online.WSJ.com> - Gang Investigators Fear Motorcycle Groups Hurt Credibility of Law Enforcement... Prosecutors are considering criminal charges against 4 members of the Iron Brotherhood motorcycle club for their roles in a Christmastime bar brawl in Prescott, Ariz., that sent one man to the hospital. Their nicknames are Tarzan, Mongo, Guido & Top Gun. They rode Harley Davidson motorcycles, wore vests decorated with skulls & some allegedly carried knives & brass knuckles. And their day jobs were police chief, county sheriff's sergeant, police officer & paramedic. An increasing number of police officers are forming motorcycle clubs, & hundreds now exist nationwide, according to experts on motorcycle gangs. Gang investigators fear that such clubs, some of which have the trappings of outlaw biker groups, can hurt the credibility of law enforcement & undermine criminal cases brought against traditional gangs. "In the last 15 years I would say that we've probably seen a tenfold increase in these clubs," said Terry Katz, V.P. of the International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association, who works for the Maryland State Police. "The first ones were pretty straightforward—they were family-oriented clubs. What we see now as a trend is biker by night & cop by day." The growth of such groups worries some law-enforcement officials because of the rowdy & violent behavior that sometimes goes on. In South Dakota, for instance, prosecutors charged a Seattle police detective who was a member of a group called the Iron Pigs with shooting & injuring a Hells Angels biker in a 2008 brawl between the clubs. The charges were later dropped. This year, the police chief in Melrose Park, Ill., a Chicago suburb, disbanded a police motorcycle club called the Reapers whose members had allegedly been in a bar fight. "If this is not addressed, you're going to continue to have these issues like you have in Arizona," said David "Vito" Bertocchini, a retired detective who investigated motorcycle gangs in California. "If these guys were dressing as street-gang members & they had red rags hanging out their

pockets, would this be tolerated? Absolutely not." In the courts, defense attys seek to torpedo charges against alleged gang members by arguing they are no different than police motorcycle clubs. Jorge Gil-Blanco, a retired San Jose police officer & expert witness, said the issue "muddies the water for juries." He adds, "I shouldn't have to sit there & justify this type of behavior." Members of police clubs say the concern is overblown. The Blue Knights, a law-enforcement club with more than 20,000 members around the world, was formed to raise money for charities & ride bikes with fellow officers & families, said D.J. Alvarez, international V.P. "We try to maintain a positive appearance," he said. "We promote motorcycle safety, we involve families & we're not discriminative," he added. The national board of directors for the Iron Brotherhood didn't respond to requests for comment, but on its website appeared to distance itself from the Arizona bar fight, denouncing "any behavior by its members that would reflect negatively on our club or our profession as law-enforcement officers." The board said what was known as the Whiskey Row Chapter in Prescott no longer exists. The fight broke out Dec. 22 last year at Moctezuma's Bar in Prescott, where members of the Iron Brotherhood had gathered for their Christmas party. A patron approached Bill "Tarzan" Fessler, president of the Iron Brotherhood chapter & the police chief of neighboring Prescott Valley, & either grabbed his vest or asked about the club's patch, according to witness accounts in a report released by the Arizona Department of Public Safety. A melee ensued & a security guard observed an Iron Brotherhood member "pounding" someone's face, the report said. Investigators concluded that the man, who was treated for a possible broken nose, & another patron were hit. State investigators recommended assault charges against 2 Iron Brotherhood members, obstruction-of-justice charges against Mr. Fessler & another member of the club, & disorderly conduct charges against the patron. A spokesman for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office said prosecutors were reviewing the recommendations, but have yet to decide on filing criminal charges. The men have denied the allegations. Mr. Fessler called them "absolutely absurd." "I still don't know to this day who hit who," Mr. Fessler said. "This whole thing is a witch hunt for police officers belonging to motorcycle clubs that wear a 3-piece patch"—a patch sometimes associated with outlaw biker gangs. Mr. Fessler, who retired from the Prescott Valley P.D. in March, said he joined a police club to avoid hanging out with the "wrong crowd" at some biker events. The Iron Brotherhood's activities consisted of weekend rides & get-togethers with families, he said. The Yavapai County Sheriff's personnel board recently recommended terminating 3 employees who were members of the club. "I know the badge has been tarnished, & we will work relentlessly to regain the community's full trust & confidence," said Yavapai County Sheriff Scott Mascher. The Hells Angels—which has been labeled a dangerous criminal organization by Fed authorities, though its members dispute the characterization—also weighed in on the incident. The local chapter expressed its disapproval to a local news site & challenged the Iron Brotherhood to a boxing match. The Brotherhood didn't take up the offer. "[The boxing challenge] was really kind of to stand up to these guys," said Michael Koepke, V.P. of the Yavapai County Hells Angels chapter, who last year had charges stemming from a 2010 shootout dismissed. "They give a bad name to motorcycle clubs."

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## **Rash of motorcycle deaths worries Minnesota riders, officials**

– July 22, 2013 – *Minnesota* - By Jenna Ross; [www.StarTribune.com](http://www.StarTribune.com) - One man, with his wife on board, lost control of his motorcycle on July 4th, killing them both. Another veered off the road on a sharp curve & struck a road sign, dying. A Coon Rapids couple was killed when they crossed the centerline & collided with a pickup. All were in their 50s. Minnesota is on track for an especially deadly riding season this year, with at least 32 motorcycle deaths so far, & baby boomers are most often the fatalities. Since January, more than half of those killed in motorcycle crashes statewide were over the age of 45. The toll last year also was bad, perhaps because of an early spring, authorities said. But despite May snowstorms that kept many hogs in the garage well into spring, this year appears worse. Total fatalities, so far, are up 60 percent over the Department of Public Safety's tally at this time last year. (The 2012 number later grew once more reports were compiled.) "People are just going crazy this year," said Bill Shaffer, director of the state's Motorcycle & Roadway Safety Programs. "It's discouraging, to say the least." The number & nature of the crashes have safety officials, riding instructors & motorcyclists worried. Nearly half of this year's fatalities were caused by a motorcyclist losing it on a curve. That's way more than typical & speaks to a lack of skill, Shaffer & others said. Meanwhile, fewer riders are getting trained. Despite a record number of licensed riders, sign-ups for state safety courses have fallen from their peak in 2008. This season, the Minnesota Motorcycle Safety Center canceled some classes because of low registration. Rider coach Bill Gregor has never seen so many cancellations. "The economy is better than it was 2 years ago, gas prices are high. We should have 50 people trying to get in here," he said, gesturing to his class of 15. "I can't figure that out." His teaching partner, Ashley Delzer, chimed in: "It's because they're all out there, uneducated & dying." They both got quiet, shaking their heads.

**'Makes you feel younger':** Some wore leather jackets & head wraps. Others sported suits. But the dozen customers at a Harley-Davidson dealership in Lakeville on an evening last week had one thing in common: their age. Baby boomers have driven the last decade's dramatic rise in motorcycle riders. In Minnesota, a record 237,000 motorcycles were registered in 2012 — a number that has more than doubled since the mid-1990s. Roger Holmes, 59, perused Harley-logo shirts with Sue Kealy, his regular companion on rides. Many of Holmes' friends were buying bikes, so in 2004 he did too. The Rosemount resident takes his Sportster to work on summer weekdays, an occasional band gig at night and, with Kealy as his passenger, on little trips on weekends. The couple's most recent ride brought them south on Hwy. 61 to Wabasha, Minn. "It makes you feel good," Holmes said, of riding. "It makes you feel younger." "Maybe they don't go to school because they rode when they were younger," said Jed Duncan, owner of Rider Academy in St. Paul. "Maybe they don't wear a helmet because they grew up with that image of 'Easy Rider.' Maybe they have a beer or 2 because they came along before M.A.D.D." Mark Koon is president of the St. Croix Valley Riders, which pays for its members to take safety courses. But Koon himself probably put 500,000 miles on his bike before taking a class last year. "I grew up in the country, riding dirt bikes," he said. Braking techniques have changed since then, he said, & the class helped him correct some bad habits. "Even if you're an experienced rider," Koon said, "it's well worth the time." Holmes took a safety class at Dakota County Technical College & believes that riding has made him a more attentive driver. But 4 years ago he was in his truck when someone ran a red light, hitting him hard. If he had been on his Harley, he

guesses, "I'd be dead." "It's one of those things: You think, I better do this before I die," Holmes said, laughing. "Then you get into it, & you think, 'I'm going to die doing this.'"

**Do classes work?** Already, it's the deadliest July in 4 years. At least 11 people have died in motorcycle crashes — matching the total for the entire month in 2009. "People! We must do something about this," pleaded Koon, of the bikers rights group, in a note to members. His organization touts classes as the solution, but some experts question whether they're effective. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which conducts & compiles research on road safety, argues that "there is no evidence that safety training for motorcyclists reduces crashes," said Russ Rader, the nonprofit's spokesman. The group also has found little difference in insurance claims between states that require all new riders to take courses & those that do not. Six states, including Texas & Oregon, have that requirement. Minnesota is among 19 states that order younger riders, only, to complete a safety class. Here, those under 18 must enroll.

**Helmets are a flash point:** But the Insurance Institute does advocate for another fix — helmets. Helmets cut the risk of a motorcycle fatality by 37 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Two-thirds of motorcyclists who have died this year in Minnesota were not wearing helmets. Nineteen states & the District of Columbia require helmets for all motorcyclists. Minnesota requires them only for riders under 18. Many rider groups, including Koon's, oppose mandatory helmet laws. Duncan believes that the cheapest way to cut down on motorcycle fatalities is to enact a mandatory helmet law. But he's against that. "Everybody should be able to choose," he said. "At the same time, I wear a helmet every single time I'm on a motorcycle." A 2011 survey of 1,350 riders in Minnesota found that about half said they wear a helmet either "most of the time" or "all of the time." Those in their 40s were the least likely to report wearing helmets. The youngest & oldest riders — under 30 & over 60 — were the most likely to.

**A different crowd:** Greger stood before the half-full classroom, gray-haired & goateed. Many students appeared to be in their 20s & 30s. That's not typical, said Greger, 59. But it's this year's mix. Dennis Urabe, 42, had his motorcycle license for 20 years, until he moved to Minnesota from New York 6 years ago. His wife worries about him riding, so partly to assuage her concern, he plans to take both the beginner & the advanced safety courses. "I'm getting older, so I definitely want to be as safe as possible," Urabe said during a class break. On Saturday, the group would get on bikes, practicing balancing, braking & turning. But the course's first session was indoors. They worked through a thick rider handbook, answering questions on helmets, gear & controls. They watched short videos of attractive people checking their bikes before a ride. They also talked about crashes. "OK, now for my least-favorite question," Greger said. "Who's got Number 6?" "Describe one crash from your previous experience, or that you are aware of," one man read from the book. "Briefly describe the circumstances."

**Two sisters & red head & blonde** go to Daytona Bike week the first night there they go separate ways partying. The next morning they are talking about what fun they had. The red head says I had so much fun last night & even slept with a Brazilian guy. The blonde placed her hands on her cheeks in disbelief & said. OMG! How many is a Bazillion? You gotta love Blondes & Bike week.

**High Desert Vagos bust nets 3 arrests** – July 22, 2013 – *California* - By Melissa Pinion-Whitt; [www.MercuryNews.com](http://www.MercuryNews.com) - A 1 1/2-month-long investigation into a robbery allegedly committed by Vagos motorcycle gang members ended with the arrest of 3 members of the gang Monday in the High Desert.

San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies, working with county probation officers & Fontana police, raided 14 homes where members of the Vagos live in Apple Valley, Hesperia, Phelan & Victorville, officials said. They arrested Tyler Graziano, 36, & Enrique Felix, 55, both of Apple Valley; & Mark Johnson, 41, of Phelan. The investigation began following a car crash in Apple Valley on June 2. Sheriff's officials said a member of the Vagos collided with a man driving a pickup truck at an intersection. Several Vago members, who were inside a nearby business, came to the crash scene, beat & robbed the truck driver of his vehicle, officials said. The Vagos fled before deputies arrived. Detectives identified several of the Vago members involved through their investigation. Deputies seized 2 shotguns, 2 handguns, gang paraphernalia including Vago denim vests, patches & other gang clothing. They also seized a weapon known as a slungshot, a weight connected to a length of rope. The men arrested on suspicion of various drug & weapons charges & booked into Victor Valley Jail.

**New details emerge in Rockford-area Hells Angels arrests** – July 23, 2013 – *Illinois* - By Jeff Kolkey; [www.rrstar.com](http://www.rrstar.com) - All 14 suspected Hells Angels sought by authorities in connection with a June 27 beating & armed robbery of a Rockford area man are in police custody. Chicago P.D. officers arrested a 13th man, Jose Vielma of Countryside, on Friday night. The last of those sought, Christopher L. Lawson, 39, who was previously listed as at-large, turned himself in to Rockford authorities Sunday. Lt. Marc Welsh said police began to investigate the case after a man was treated at an area hospital for injuries consistent with a severe beating. Seventeenth Circuit Court Judge Ronald White authorized the arrests after being consulted late Thursday night. Court documents say the victim, whose most recent entry in online records lists a Machesney Park address, was attacked by the 14 men who allegedly conspired together to beat & rob him. One man hit him with an ax handle, another struck him with brass knuckles & 2 men started a fire in an attempt to burn evidence of the beating, court documents say. He was punched by 3 men, tasered, struck with a hammer & stabbed with a knife. They stole his wallet, keys & white GMC pickup truck. An 11-year-old girl, whose relationship to the victim was not been specified by authorities, was held against her will while the victim was attacked, court documents say. Welsh declined to comment on whether the girl witnessed the crime or to specify where the crimes took place. Police previously said the girl was not injured during the attack. Those arrested were: Richard Todd, 54; Robert Bell, 49; Curt Lambert, 38; Aloysius J. Balice, 34; & Lawson, all of Rockford; John R. Savalick, 47, of Pecatonica; Dariusz Achramowicz, 50, & Tomasz Lech, 37, of Chicago; Bradley K. Wilhelms, 32, of Freeport; Dennis R. Juno, 40, & Earl Murray, 45, of Rockton; Donald J. Hess, 40, of Loves Park; & Vielma, 48, of Countryside. They were all charged with armed robbery, aggravated kidnapping of a child younger than 13, unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle, aggravated battery with a Taser, aggravated battery with a knife, aggravated battery with an ax handle & mob action. The most severe of the charges, armed robbery & aggravated kidnapping, are Class X felonies punishable by 6 to 30 years in prison. A Rockford Hells Angels clubhouse, 1109 Rock St., was condemned for alleged building-code violations after a search. Considered an "outlaw motorcycle gang" by the U.S. Dept of Justice, the Hells Angels have had a

presence in Rockford for decades. It is just one of the 92 Hells Angels chapters that operate in 27 states. They are suspected by Fed authorities of using the motorcycle club as cover for participation in drug production, transportation & smuggling operations. But authorities also say the June 27 attack does not appear related to a planned weeklong Hells Angels USA Run that starts Sat night. Many of the 500 to 1,000 members of the motorcycle gang expected at the event could camp at Lyran Park, a secluded Kishwaukee River camp site south of Chicago-Rockford International Airport. Others have booked rooms at area hotels. Law enforcement agencies for weeks have worked to coordinate a security plan for the event. Rockford Police Lt. Patrick Hoey issued a news release Tuesday warning residents to expect an increased number of motorcycles on area roadways & additional law enforcement from Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, Whiteside, Lee & Stephenson counties patrolling in a cooperative police effort.

**Rise Of The Warrior Cop** - July 23, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - A couple of years ago I found myself – as all of us in the new & improved America, even old housecats like me, must inevitably & repeatedly find ourselves – on my knees as when I pray, in my driveway, shivering in a winter night's rain. My hands were cuffed behind my back & 3 policemen wearing visible body armor were pointing guns at me. Two of them held black, automatic handguns with the sort of high capacity magazines I must never be allowed to possess & they both were doing that cop trick – you know that thing where you hold both your pistol & a flashlight in both hands at once. So when I looked right I was blinded by the light. Thirty feet straight in front of me my neighbor, call him Bob, had emerged grinning & fascinated by my humiliation. Bob is a lawyer who specializes in the lucrative practice of screwing injured men out of their workman's compensation claims & we were never friends. But after years of reading the half-hidden glances of his ripe & voluptuous wife, I got the idea that some days Bob liked to live through me & some days his wife liked it when he did. "Get back in your house now, sir! It's dangerous here," a voice hidden in the blinding glow commanded & of course Bob obeyed. He scurried back inside where, mostly hidden by a curtain, he continued to peek at me through his front window unconcerned by the potential danger my exploding head might present. Maybe Bob had Kevlar curtains. Maybe he was just being brave. On my left, well out of my reach but well illuminated, was an aging police sergeant with some sort of a gee-whiz gun. I belong to a generation of men who still call the M-16 rifle & all its variants the gee-whiz gun. And that particular gee-whiz gun was a real beauty. It had a collapsible stock with the usual pistol grip. Some sort of miniaturized astronomical telescope occupied the top of the receiver group where the carrying handle should be. It had a sling, a front grip like a Tommy Gun, some sort of electronic device under the front sight & a banana clip. I've always thought simple systems work best & this particular weapon struck me as complicated & theatrical. And since my curse, from about the time I turned three, has always been my smart mouth I asked the trig sergeant, in that annoying way I have, "Is that a real, fucking gun?" My question made him frown & without missing a beat he snapped back, "Of course it's a real gun!" He took himself very seriously. He was very proud of his rifle & I'm sure he thought I was way out of line for a man on his knees. I suppose I should have just been glad they didn't run over my motorcycle with a Bearcat.

**At Last The Point:** Which is all a roundabout way of saying that I am not the only person to notice the police-stating of Thomas

Jefferson's aging ideals. And, at the same time I am probably more willing than most people to care about Radley Balko's new book, *Rise of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America's Police Forces*. Balko is currently a senior writer & investigative reporter for the Huffington Post, where he covers civil liberties & the criminal justice system. He is a former senior editor for the libertarian monthly Reason. His politics may explain why *Warrior Cop* has been mostly ignored. Although *The Wall Street Journal* did give Balko almost 2 full broadsheet pages last Saturday, July 20th, to talk about postmodern policing he hasn't yet become one of Bill Maher's special guests. Balko is hardly an ideologue. He is a lucid & considerate writer. His prose is muscular & his work is information dense so it is curious that his latest book hasn't yet been reviewed by the New York Times Book Review, *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Yorker* or any of the other national periodicals that define America's reading list. The problem is probably that most of America's Mandarin class more readily identifies with a Trayvon Martin who was stalked & killed by a nut with a gun than with the likes of me on my knees in the rain cracking wise about some fool's precious machine gun. As Balko puts it, "Most Americans still believe we live in a free society & revere its core values." Balko wrote this book to answer the question: "How did we get here? How did we evolve from a country whose founding statesmen were adamant about the dangers of armed, standing Gov't forces – a country that enshrined the Fourth Amendment in the Bill of Rights & revered & protected the age-old notion that the home is a place of privacy & sanctuary – to a country where it has become acceptable for armed Gov't agents dress in battle garb to storm private homes in the middle of the night – not to apprehend violent fugitives or thwart terrorist attacks, but to enforce laws against nonviolent, consensual activities." Whether he succeeded or not depends on your cynicism. The more cynical you are the more likely you are to think that Balko might be soft-selling the situation. But it is a meticulously researched book about a problem that should be at the top of the nation's agenda yet is not.

**We Also Have Noticed:** This page has taken several looks at Swat in America, for example in "Swat Murdered Russell Doza", & with all due respect for this book & without intending to offend the man, one gets the impression that Balko has never heard of an *indicia* search – a pervasive form of extra-judicial punishment aimed specifically at known members of motorcycle clubs in which a Swat team invades a home in the darkest hour before dawn, kills the pets & sometimes the residents & terrorizes & humiliates those residents who survive on the pretext of searching for tangible proof, in the forms of mementos & insignia, that a known member of a motorcycle club is in fact a member of a motorcycle club. It is a shame Balko never stumbled over the tragedy of James Hicks, whose home was invaded & who was killed during an *indicia* search in late 2009. The search found a "shotgun, a bank statement, assorted photos, (2) motorcycle helmets, MC Club patches, 2 Pagan walking sticks, camera, Samsung video camera" & "assorted ammunition." And, it lasted for hours while the new widow Hicks was compelled by the police to grieve, not in her home & not over her husband's body, but in the restroom of a nearby gas station. Most readers here will also remember the murder of a Pagan named Derek J. Hale in Wilmington, Delaware in 2006.

**Buy A Copy:** But these little complaints are really only quibbles that Balko doesn't cite my most memorable Swat atrocities. The fact is that there is a Swat atrocity somewhere in America every single day. And, Balko did manage to find a lady cop named

Betty Taylor. Taylor had her own satori when she opened a door during a Swat raid & found an eight-year-old girl in "a defensive posture, putting herself between Taylor & her little brother. She looked at Taylor & said, half tearful, half angry, "What are you going to do to us." Balko spends about 40 pages on the history of cops & then concentrates on the evolution of police since the invention of Swat in the 1960s. He spends almost 70 pages on the incorporation of domestic policing into the war on terror in the last decade. And he does not spare politicians of either party. He calls both George W. Bush & Barack Obama to account. If you like the things you read here you will also like reading almost anything by Radley Balko. If you are hungry to know more about how America is becoming a police state, you should read this book. And, if you want to do something about it you should encourage anyone who will listen to you to read *Rise of the Warrior Cop*.

**Pennsylvania State Police to Participate in "I-80 Challenge" Enforcement Detail** - July 23, 2013 - U.S.A. - By Michael Knight; <http://www.northcentralpa.com> - In an effort to reduce crashes, injuries, & fatalities along the Interstate 80 corridor during the summer vacation period, the Pennsylvania State Police will participate in the "I-80 Challenge," a multi-state traffic enforcement operation. The operation begins on Wednesday, July 24, & ends on Wed July 31... The goal of the eight-day enforcement initiative is to have zero fatalities on I-80 nationwide. The initiative was developed following targeted research which highlighted an increase in traffic fatalities along Interstate 80 during the summer vacationing period. The Pennsylvania State Police will be providing increased enforcement efforts while providing a highly visible presence throughout the corridor. The department is asking motorists to make safe driving a priority to achieve the initiative's goal of zero fatalities. Motorists are reminded to obey the posted speed limit, wear seatbelts at all times, & limit distractions while driving. Pennsylvania is one of 11 states participating in the operation along with state police & highway patrol agencies from New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada & California. Interstate 80 traverses 2,900 miles from New Jersey to California.

**Judge orders more than \$1M to be returned to exotic dancer** – July 23, 2013 – *Nebraska* – By Sophia Rosenbaum; <http://usnews.nbcnews.com> - A Fed judge in Nebraska ordered the Gov't to return more than \$1 million to a California exotic dancer who says she saved the money one dance at a time. The ruling came in an opinion last week after Fed authorities claimed at trial the money -- \$1,074,900 -- was the product of illegal drug sales. On March 3, 2012, Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Ryan Hayes pulled over a couple – Rajesh Dheri & his wife, Marina – on Interstate 80 near North Platte for driving 93 mph in a 75-mph zone. Hayes questioned the couple as to where they were going. Dheri explained they had rented the Mercedes SUV in Los Angeles & were driving back home to New Jersey with various stops to visit friends & family. Before he let the couple go, Hayes asked them if they had anything illegal in the car. The couple said no & agreed to let him search it. He found a duffel bag lined with dryer sheets & stuffed with rubber-banded bundles of \$100 bills totaling \$ 1,074,900; according to court documents. Hayes detained the couple & brought them to Nebraska State Patrol where a drug dog indicated the "odor of controlled substances emanating from the currency," the official complaint said. The Dehri's said they were taking the money to New Jersey for their friends for a business deal involving a nightclub. The U.S. Attorney's office argued that both the amount of money &

the way it was stored was indicative of drug trafficking. Tara Mishra, the Dheri's friend, testified last month at a bench trial in Omaha that she earned the money as an exotic dancer & had given it to the couple to invest. In his ruling, Judge Joseph F. Bataillon said the canine alert held little weight in the case because the Gov't offered no statistical support to back it up. "For all the court knows, there is a 90 percent chance that all money is drug tainted," the judge said, but the Gov't "left too many unanswered questions & had a general failure of proof in this case." The money, plus interest, was ordered to be returned to Mishra.

**Biker charged after allegedly throwing 4-pound bar at car window on I-90** - July 24, 2013 - *Montana* - By Greg Tuttle; <http://BillingsGazette.com> - Yellowstone County prosecutors say a member of a Colorado motorcycle club threw a 4-pound metal bar at the driver's side window of a vehicle on Interstate 90, smashing the glass & injuring 2 people. Todd Charles Schisler, 44, appeared Tuesday in Justice Court by video from the county jail on a felony charge of criminal endangerment. His bond was set at \$5,000. A prosecutor said Schisler has no significant criminal history. According to court records, Schisler was among a group of motorcyclists who were stopped Monday at about 12:30 p.m. by 3 Montana H.P. troopers & a county sheriff's deputy. The officers stopped the motorcyclists after receiving a report of reckless driving on Interstate 90. The group appeared to be members of the Valiants motorcycle club, court records state. The alleged victim, identified in court records as J.V., reported that the motorcyclists were driving "extremely aggressively" on Highway 212, "passing in no-passing zones & driving in the oncoming lane as if playing chicken with other drivers," court records state. J.V. said the motorcyclists got on Interstate 90 toward Billings where he saw them "pass in between vehicles traveling parallel in both lanes, & raise their middle fingers to other drivers." As J.V. approached the Mullaney Lane exit, he said, one of the motorcyclist pulled something from his vest & threw it at his driver's-side window. The window shattered, but most of the glass clung to a tinting film. J.V. & a front-seat passenger received cuts to their hands. Two young children were in the back seat of the vehicle, court records state. Schisler matched the description provided by J.V. He refused to give a statement & was arrested. Troopers said they found a solid metal round bar about 10 inches long & weighing about 4 pounds near where J.V. reported the object was thrown, court records state. According to its website, the Valiants club was started in Colorado in 1975 & is the second-oldest such club in that state.

**Spanish police raid Majorca's German mafia** - July 24, 2013 - *Spain* - By [www.TheLocal.es](http://www.TheLocal.es) - Spanish police on Tuesday raided the Majorcan chapter of the Hells Angels Motorbike Club in what was described as a major blow to the island's powerful German mafia. Some 200 police & Civil Guard officers made 25 arrests in 31 raids in an operation directed by Spain's National High Court. The raids led to the arrest of the most important Hells Angels figures in Europe, 49-year-old German Frank Armin Hanebuth. Hanebuth — considered by German police to be one of that country's most dangerous men according to Focus news magazine— was shackled up in a villa in Lloret de Vistalegre when he was taken into custody. One local police officer was also nabbed in raids that capped off a three-year investigation, local newspaper Diario de Mallorca reported on Wed. Operation Casablanca targeted alleged drug trafficking, extortion, money laundering, & running of prostitution rings by the Majorca chapter of the notorious motorbike club. Most of the club's members arrived on the island from Germany after authorities in that

country cracked down on the group in 2009. As part of their prostitution business on the island, the Majorca Hells Angels are said to have systematically performed cosmetic surgery on prostitutes. This was done "to make the product more attractive", according to a report in Spain's ABC newspaper on Wed. The Youssafi brothers apparently kept a tight rein on these operations. They 'captured' women though women already working for them. These women were only granted a day off when they had earned a specific sum. Several members of the Majorca chapter of the Hells Angels arrested on Tue were also wanted for kidnapping & homicide in Germany. The Hells Angels MC have their origins in California after the Second World War. They are thought to have from 2,000 to 2,500 members worldwide.

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**The Sneeze:** A man & a woman were seated next to each other in the first class section of an airplane. The woman sneezed, took out a tissue, gently wiped her nose, & then visibly shuddered for ten to fifteen seconds. The man went back to his reading. A few minutes later, the woman sneezed again, took a tissue, wiped her nose, & then shuddered violently once more. Assuming that the woman might have a cold, the man was still curious about the shuddering. A few more minutes passed when the woman sneezed yet again. As before, she took a tissue, wiped her nose, her body shaking even more than before. Unable to restrain his curiosity, the man turned to the woman & said, "I couldn't help but notice that you've sneezed three times, wiped your nose & then shuddered violently. Are you OK?" "I am sorry if I disturbed you, I have a very rare medical condition; whenever I sneeze I have an orgasm." The man, more than a bit embarrassed, was still curious. "I have never heard of that condition before," he said. "Are you taking anything for it?" The woman nodded, "Pepper."

**Mongols MC Boss Wins Long Prison Sentence But It Could Have Been Worse** – July 26, 2013 – *California* - By R. Scott Moxley; <http://blogs.ocweekly.com> - Thanks in large part to the work of an on-the-ball defense lawyer, a Mongols Motorcycle Club gangster convicted on racketeering offenses won a sentencing break from what was originally sought by Fed officials. The U.S. Probation Office recommended a punishment of 87 to 108 months in prison for Peter Soto, the 39-year-old, onetime gang leader of a criminal organization involved in narcotics trafficking & violence in Southern California. However, David M. Philips--Soto's Riverside-based atty--found a June Fed court decision in another case that suggested the Govt's sentencing recommendation for the gang leader erroneously inflated sentencing guidelines. Philips' last-minute, supplemental filing to U.S. District Court Judge David O. Carter caused a 3-day delay in a scheduled sentencing hearing this week inside Orange County's Ronald Reagan Fed Courthouse, but proved fruitful to the defense. Though Assistant United States Atty Christopher Brunwin argued that Soto's underworld crimes were serious, he acknowledged the potential impact of Philips' argument & told Carter that he did not oppose the downward grading of the gangster's sentencing exposure. Soto, a giant of a man now sporting a head the size of a jumbo watermelon, has been depicted as a ruthless, uneducated thug & methamphetamine/cocaine dealer since his 2008 Fed grand jury indictment. For example, he participated in the severe physical assault of a Hollywood club patron who accidentally bumped into another Mongol. But Carter--one of Southern California's most experienced, criminal judges--heard from the gangster's friends & lovers, who suggested that portrait failed to capture the real Soto (a.k.a. "Bouncer"). They hailed him as a caring, stray dog lover who was abused by his parents as a youngster, suffered addictions beginning as a teenager & routinely went out of his way to please others as an adult. The judge decided to send Soto, who looked sedated at his sentencing hearing, away for 70 months. When he emerges back into society, he'll undergo supervised probation for 3 years. After the July 25 hearing, U.S. marshals delivered a chained Soto from the Santa Ana Jail to the Metropolitan Detention Center in Los Angeles. Undercover Fed agents with the ATF infiltrated the Mongols in Operation Black Rain & later made numerous arrests amid heavy media fanfare in 2008. Soto was captured hiding in Tijuana in 2011 after a broadcast of America's Most Wanted on Fox. The Mongols have their own website & believe they've received terribly unfair public, media & law enforcement ridicule. "When we do it right, nobody remembers," they wrote on their homepage. "When we do wrong, nobody forgets . . . Live Mongol, Die Mongol!"

**4 plead guilty in Hells Angels case in Vegas** - July 26, 2013 – *Nevada* – By Ken Ritter; [www.Star-Telegram.com](http://www.Star-Telegram.com) - Four Hells Angels pleaded guilty Friday in Las Vegas to a single felony charge apiece stemming from a 2008 brawl with rival Mongols motorcycle gang members that authorities said left 6 people hurt at a downtown wedding chapel. The pleas by Dominic Orlando, Frederick O'Dell, Brandon Young & John Dawson brought to 5 the number of men who have taken plea deals to avoid a retrial on multiple charges including attempted murder, conspiracy & taking part in activities of a criminal gang. A sixth co-defendant, Armando Porras, is due to plead guilty Aug. 2 to the same charge. Porras' lawyer, Chris Rasmussen, has said his client isn't a Hells Angels member & wants to put the case behind him. Orlando, O'Dell, Young, Dawson & Porras will face one to 5 years in prison & a \$10,000 fine at sentencing scheduled in Dec. One defendant, James Sexey, balked Friday at pleading guilty as scheduled to 2 felonies — coercion with force & battery with

substantial bodily harm with the intent to promote, further or assist the activities of a criminal gang. Sexey's lawyer, Dean Kajioka, said his client decided to instead stand trial beginning Aug. 5 with another accused Hells Angels member, John Merchant. Friday's developments came after one other co-defendant, Jeffrey Murray, pleaded guilty July 17 to coercion with force & battery with substantial bodily harm with the criminal gang element. Merchant's lawyer, Tom Pitaro, was in the courtroom for Friday's pleas by his client's co-defendants. Pitaro declined to comment afterward about how the pleas by 6 of 8 men who stood trial with Merchant last summer would affect a retrial. Prosecutors allege Murray, Merchant & Sexey stabbed 2 Mongols during the Dec 2008 melee at A Special Memory Wedding Chapel. Prosecutors Marc DiGiacomo & Sonia Jimenez say videotape shows an unprovoked attack. Defense lawyers say their clients acted in self-defense just 3 months after the Hells Angels' San Francisco chapter president was killed by a Mongols member outside a Bay Area bar. No one was arrested immediately after the Las Vegas brawl. Police investigated for more than a year before 13 men were indicted in July 2010. Trial last August for the first 8 defendants ended in a mistrial when a judge ruled that prosecutors failed to fully turn over to defense attys evidence including photographs & documents. Trials are still pending for 5 other defendants: Charles Goldsmith, Brad Goldsmith, Joseph Gennuso, Joshua Ramos & Samuel Murray. The case in Las Vegas is not connected with a trial continuing in Reno for a Vagos motorcycle club member accused of shooting the president of the Hells Angels San Jose, Calif., chapter to death during a Sept 2011 brawl at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Sparks.

**Police probe bombing outside Bandidos CH** – July 26, 2013 – *Australia* - By Julian Kennedy; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - Police expect to have a clearer picture this week of what type of bomb was used in an explosion outside the Bandidos bikie clubhouse in Dunn Crescent, Dandenong. Detective Sergeant Lionel Joseph from the Arson & Explosive Squad said today investigators had returned to the scene after initially being told of the explosion yesterday. "We're still piecing together the bits that we found so certainly our examiners are taking a close look at it," Sgt Joseph said. "We're hoping to get results back by Mon or Tue." Sgt Joseph said the explosion, which occurred overnight on Wednesday, was large enough to smash windows of neighbouring businesses in the industrial area. "It could easily have resulted in death if somebody had been nearby when it detonated ... if a security guard had have been checking any places around that area at the time," he said. Sgt Joseph said police were notified by a neighboring business owner of the damage yesterday morning. It is unclear whether the Dandenong bombing is linked to other bikie-related incidents. On June 17, a house in Doveton was sprayed with bullets, with a Comancheros & Rebels associate believed to be the target. Several children were sleeping inside. On June 14 a machine gun or semi-automatic weapon was used in the attack on the Angels' Darkside chapter in Seaford, just months after the clubhouse was established. Police have urged the bikies to call a ceasefire before someone gets hurt.

**A woman decided to have her portrait painted.** She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond rings, a diamond necklace, emerald bracelets, a ruby broach, & gold Rolex." "But you are not wearing any of those things," he replied. "I know," she said. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he will remarry right away, & I want his new wife to go crazy looking for the jewelry."

**Hells Angels to pay respect to fallen leader** – July 27, 2013 – *Illinois* – By Christi Warren; [www.SaukValley.com](http://www.SaukValley.com) - Members will visit the Sterling gravesite en route to Rockford... A leader of the Hell's Henchmen MC, 47-year-old Mathias – “Monte” to his friends – was shot, beaten & finally stabbed to death with a screwdriver in his Rockford motorcycle shop by a member of the Outlaws MC. 1994 was a strange time for motorcycle gangs in the Midwest. Things had long been quiet between the Chicago-based Outlaws & Hell's Henchmen, but when the Henchmen started to merge with the California-based Hells Angels, war broke out. Mathias' death was one of the many blood-drenched outcomes of that war. It also is what effectively sealed the merger of the 2 clubs, with more than 300 Angels rolling into Rockford, colors blazing, to attend his funeral & posthumously induct him as a member. Starting today & ending on Aug. 4, as many as 1,000 members of Hells Angels are expected to thunder through town en route to Rockford – 2013's pick for the annual USA Run. And a number of them are expected to visit Mathias' grave at Oak Knoll Cemetery, just north of Sterling, to pay respects to their fallen comrade. Mathias grew up on a farm & graduated from Tampico High School in 1964 before he moved away. He worked for Chrysler Corp., served 2 years in the Army as an instructor in Boulder, Colo., & finally came to own a motorcycle shop in Rockford. At the time of his death, he had been a member of Hell's Henchmen for 18 years. It's not the first time this pilgrimage has occurred. Often when groups of Angels are in town, they've been known to head to the grave & hold a ceremony of sorts to celebrate Mathias' life. “It's a tradition that they have, just like in any other organization,” said Scott Britnell, an intelligence officer with the Illinois State Police. “They go there as a sign of respect.” Law enforcement will increase their presence in the area during the event, though there seems to be no concern about possible conflicts arising between Outlaws & Angels. In Oregon, Lowden State Park put up snow fencing to keep any Angels off the campgrounds, should they stop to take a look at the statue of Chief Blackhawk. Officers advise drivers to be aware that more motorcyclists than usual will be on local roads. All of this comes in the wake of the condemning of the Hells Angels' Rockford clubhouse, which the city closed on July 19. Police said 14 of the club's members were arrested as the result of an investigation into aggravated battery, armed robbery, & kidnapping. “It's up to the city of Rockford to decide when they're going to release it,” Britnell said. Police don't know how that will affect the Angels' plans next week.

**Several motorcycle clubs in Kern County raising money for fellow member** – July 28, 2013 – *California* – By Carlos Correa; [www.Turnto23.com](http://www.Turnto23.com) - Family & friends are remembering a well-known motorcycle enthusiast who died in a wreck, along the 405. Michael Pena who everyone knew as Delano Mike was a member of the Hells Angel Bike Club. Michael Pena was a father & most importantly a friend to countless people. Now, many members of motorcycle clubs across Kern County & beyond are working together to help raise funds for his funeral. The sound of motorcycles & friends gathering for a good time is what Michael Pena would have loved to see. “He got along with everybody. He loved everybody,” said son, Jacob Pena. Delano Mike as he was known died as he was riding his motorcycle south on the 405 in Los Angeles. According to the California H.P., Pena unable to stop in the HOV lane ended up rear-ending a truck that stopped to fix a flat tire. “I always remember him as my dad,” he said. His children remain overwhelmed with grief, but still eager to share just how they want to remember their dad. “I'll remember as a loving dude. He was fearless. He cared for everybody & that's how I will always remember him as Delano Mike,” Friends are

organizing a car wash fundraiser to help pay for funeral costs. Members of several bike clubs around the area are gathering for this special event & they're not only raising funds, but education. “The point that Mike wanted to express while he was alive was unity. He wanted us to get along with one another & work together for the greater good for kern county so, we want his vision to live on after him,” said Rev, a member of Dirty Saints Riding Club of Taft, California. The car wash is bringing old friends together as new friendships are forming all because of a man who loved to make people laugh & a person the family describe as caring & generous. “I'll always remember Mike smiling, always ready to crack a joke. He was a very serious man, a very honest man, but he was very approachable, a very genuine man that I'm going to deeply miss,” he said. A viewing for Delano Mike was held today & more than 3,000 people from all over the country are expected to attend his funeral on Aug 10th.

**Defendant's 'best friend,' roommate testifies in Nugget shooting trial** – July 29, 2013 – *Nevada* – By [www.RGJ.com](http://www.RGJ.com) - The best friend of the man charged with murder in the 2011 John Ascuaga's Nugget shooting between rival biker gangs testified Monday in Washoe District Court, saying the defendant never mentioned the shooting to him following the fatal melee. Richard Nickerson, a member of the Vagos MC, checked into the Nugget on Sept. 23, 2011 in the same room with Ernesto Gonzalez, who is charged on 7 counts, including murder of Hells Angels San Jose Chapter Pres Jeffrey Pettigrew. Nickerson downplayed rivalries between the 2 biker groups, while admitting tensions were high. “We coexisted,” said Nickerson, a short man appearing in his 50s with a pony tail hanging down his back, who walked to the stand with an obvious limp. “They respected us & we respected them.” Nickerson said the defendant was his best friend & that the 2 had traveled together to Nicaragua, Gonzalez's homeland & where he desired to begin a Vagos chapter. According to Nickerson's testimony Monday, he did not know Gonzalez had a gun. He denied the testimony of Vagos Los Angeles Chapter V.P. Gary “Jabbers” Rudnick that there was a meeting just after 8 p.m. in which a hit was put on Pettigrew, & Gonzalez agreed to carry it through. “You never attended a meeting when Mr. Gonzalez said, ‘I'm going to shoot Pettigrew, did you?’” Gonzalez's attorney David Houston said. “No,” Nickerson said. “There was no meeting.” Individuals started the brawl, not rival groups, Nickerson said. “(It started because) some drunken fool (Rudnick) shot off his mouth & started a hornet's nest,” Nickerson said. Nickerson said he & Gonzalez were on the casino floor doing what they were known to do — looking for women. Gonzalez had his “eye on some blonde,” Nickerson said. After they went to the In-N-Out Burger in Sparks, they returned to the casino. Nickerson went to the bar to get Gonzalez water, & before he returned he heard someone yelling, “You Mother F— want to get shot?” Within seconds, Pettigrew punched Rudnick & shots were fired. The following day, Gonzalez & a handful of Vagos, including Nickerson, felt driving back to San Jose on motorcycles presented the possibility of being shot given rising tensions, he said. They drove in a car. He said they then drove to Anaheim, Calif. to avoid conflict & wait for things to cool down, he said. While Nickerson & Gonzalez traveled along the California coast, Gonzalez never said anything to him about shooting Pettigrew, Nickerson said. “He never mentioned having to save his friend (Vagos member Robert Wiggins)?” Deputy District Attorney Amos Stege asked. “No,” Nickerson said. Gonzalez was arrested the following week in San Francisco. He reserved a flight out of the country, but did not pay for it. The defense argues Gonzalez shot Pettigrew to save Wiggins, who was playing dead on the floor when armed Hells Angels

approached him & made a kicking motion at him. Witness testimony is continuing today with another member of the Vagos, Greg Fern, who was pistol whipped by Pettigrew during the brawl.

**Hells Angels members allegedly involved in brawl will stand trial a second time** – July 30, 2013 – *Nevada* - By Cy Ryan; [www.LasVegasSun.com](http://www.LasVegasSun.com) - The Nevada Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that a trial can go forward for 2 members of a motorcycle gang involved in a brawl that injured 6 at a downtown Las Vegas wedding chapel in Dec 2008. The court rejected arguments that the trial would be double jeopardy for James Sexey & John Merchant, whose first trial ended in a mistrial because of errors by the prosecution. Defense attorneys said errors in discovery by the prosecution caused District Judge Michael Villani to declare a mistrial at the first trial. First, they said, the District Attorney's Office waited until 2 weeks into the first trial to introduce evidence of interview cards, photographs & lists of Hells Angels members in chapters around the United States. The second error came when the state failed to disclose information that the lead detective in the case had conferred a benefit upon the state's lead witness, James Nalder, by testifying on his behalf at a family court hearing. The court upheld the decision of District Judge Kenneth Corey, who ruled that the motion by the defendants for a mistrial removed any double jeopardy protection. Sexey & Merchant were among 8 Hells Angels who launched the Supreme Court appeal on the double jeopardy claim. Since the appeal, others have pleaded to lesser charges or are expected to plead guilty to charges associated with a fight between Hells Angels & the rival Mongols motorcycle gang. Sexey & Merchant are charged with stabbing 2 Mongols members at A Special Memory Wedding Chapel. Eleven individuals were arrested & 6 persons were injured in the melee.

**Eyewitness Identifies Gonzalez As Nugget Gunman** – July 30, 2013 – *Nevada* – By Terri Russel; [www.KOLOTV.com](http://www.KOLOTV.com) - The trial pitting 2 motorcycle clubs against each other continues in Washoe District Court. Ernesto Gonzalez, a Vagos member, is accused of killing San Jose Hells Angels Pres Jeffrey Pettigrew during Street Vibrations 2 years ago. Tue, more bikers who were at John Ascuaga's Nugget during the deadly casino floor fight took the stand. For the first time, a witness says he saw Gonzalez pull the trigger. "If you can get your guys to go down the street, where they belong, where they are staying, then these guys will be all right," said John Siemer, a Vagos Nomad on the stand Tue. Siemer testified that's what he told the small contingent of Hells Angels when he was asked to quash the potential conflict on the casino floor at John Ascuaga's Nugget the night of Sept 23, 2011. He says he suggested to a fellow Vagos, Gary Rudnick, to go to his room, but he says Rudnick didn't listen to him, & soon Rudnick & Pettigrew got into it, & shots were fired. And one witness claimed Pettigrew & his fellow Hells Angel, came after him before Pettigrew was fatally shot. Vagos member Robert Wiggins says during the melee he was pushed by a crowd outside a casino restaurant & fell to the ground. Prosecutors disputed his claim & said he was in pursuit of the Hells Angels members when he fell. Wiggins says within seconds of hitting the ground, the President of the San Jose Hells Angels & a fellow member Caesar Villagrana started kicking him. He testified Pettigrew's colleague shot his gun in the air several times. When asked if the gunfire could have come from defendant Ernesto Gonzalez's gun. "No," replied Wiggins. It's interesting to note: the question came from defense attorney David Houston, who says his client shot Pettigrew to save Wiggins' life. "I saw him come around the corner, raise the gun up & shoot Jethro in the back," testified a

colleague of Pettigrew. The Hells Angel told the jury he accompanied Jeffrey Pettigrew to Street Vibrations that year. The man, who we were asked not to show on camera, pointed to Ernesto Gonzalez as the man who killed Pettigrew. He says Gonzalez came from the dance hall with gun on his side, & killed Pettigrew within ten seconds. Earlier Tuesday in court, Washoe County Medical Examiner Dr. Ellen Clark testified Pettigrew had been shot at least 5 times, & was stabbed in the face.

**Bandido who dealt meth out of old folks home asks for leniency** – July 31, 2013 – *Washington* – By Levi Pulkkinen; [www.SeattlePI.com](http://www.SeattlePI.com) - An admitted member of the Bandidos biker gang caught dealing meth out of an Everett home for the elderly & disabled is trying to stay out of another Gov't housing project – Fed prison. Having admitted to dealing methamphetamine out of an Everett Housing Authority building while toting a gun with no serial number, David W. Heath faces up to 5 years in prison when he is sentenced Thursday. Heath, a chronically ill 65-year-old, hopes U.S. District Judge Thomas Zilly will instead sentence him to house arrest & probation. Known to police as "Bandido Dave," Heath was investigated & arrested in Nov 2012 after residents at the Bakerview Apartments reported a stream of young people coming in & out of Heath's unit between 10 p.m. & 3 a.m. A police informant bought meth from Heath prior to a Nov. 16 raid, which saw 2 ounces of meth, 7 guns & nearly \$4,000 in cash recovered from the home. According to prosecutor's statements, Heath initially claimed he was using the meth to treat his girlfriend for seizures, & that the tiny bags of meth were actually controlled "doses." Prosecutors have asked that Heath, who has no substantive criminal record, be sentenced to 5 years in prison. Writing the court, Assistant U.S. Attorney Ye-Ting Woo asserted Heath dealt drugs in a housing project meant to be "a sanctuary" for elderly & disabled people. He did so, Woo continued, while serving as a ranking member of a violent motorcycle gang. "As (Heath) aged & relied on public assistance, rather than engage in lawful employment or otherwise contribute to his community & the greater good of society, the defendant leads a life devoting his energies to dealing narcotics & supporting an outlaw motorcycle gang," the Fed prosecutor told the court. Described by his attorney as being in poor health, Heath claims to have used meth occasionally since he worked as a long-haul trucker in the 1970s. He started using again in 2011. Through his attorney, Heath claims to have joined the Bandidos in the past 5 years. He did so, his attorney explained, for "friendship & company" but has since been kicked out of the club due to his drug use. Like the rival Hells Angels, the Bandidos MC is an international organization long associated with criminal activities, from drug running to murder. In Washington, Bandidos members & members of affiliated clubs have been charged with extortion & Fed gun crimes in recent years. While Heath pleaded guilty, prosecutors noted he has refused to cooperate with police. A Bandidos patch reading "Snitches Get Stitches" was recovered from Heath's home; the patch also said "Support your local Bandidos." Heath is currently free on bond pending the sentencing hearing, which is scheduled to occur Thu at the U.S. District Courthouse in Seattle.

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