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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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Editor's Note: I would like to Thank my Wife "Kari" for getting these Newsletters ready to be mail...

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

“Remember The Wind”

Written By Daniel *“Twist”* Forman **Vagos MC** in 2013

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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As Freeman, we fear no one or no-thing. If we should sacrifice for that lack of ‘conformity’, or pay a price for comporting ourselves in a ‘normal’ manner, then we are the better because of it. Love & respect, Crazy 1%ER SFFS

Self-Test Of Personal Liberty: Am I, Or Have I Not Engaged In Any Activity I Would Otherwise Consider Normal Because Of Fear Of Consequences Of Society Or Gov’t...? If So, I Am No Longer Free... SFFS Dago 1%ER USSA

Those who abandon their history, are prone to repeating it. Mostly the mistakes. – BPM PK

Here’s to the crazy ones. The misfits. The rebels. The troublemakers. The round pegs in the square holes. The ones who see things differently. They’re not fond of rules. And they have no respect for the status quo. You can quote them, disagree with them, glorify or vilify them. About the only thing you can’t do is ignore them. Because they change things. They push the human race forward. And while some may see them as the crazy ones, we see genius. Because the people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world, are the ones who do. - Apple Inc.

The Edge... There is no honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over...

Does anyone remember when it was all about the ride? When, “In The Wind” was the motto we lived, and our Colors were our badge of pride? When John Q. Public wasn’t in any affairs, and we stayed out of things? When saying, “My Club is my Family” rang loud in all our eyes?

Does anyone remember when a good Brother was always just a phone call away? When, “Brother, I need you to putt on over,” was all you had to say? When one of your Brothers’ fell on hard times, his debt you’d help carry too? And if, by chance, one of your Brother’s fell from this life, his family could rely on you?

Does anybody remember when they mounted up and first cracked that throttle wide? First kicked it in gear, let out that clutch, and began this life long ride? For me it seems like a lifetime ago, one Green memory amongst many - The scoot was a beautiful softtail, sporting apes, that belonged to a Vago named Vinnie. And I was hooked, right there, no turning back, but let me tell you why ... because this Brotherhood, in which I was born to live, shone through that Brother’s eyes.

Does anyone remember when this life of ours was only for the proven worthy? When our Clubs were still a mystery to all but us few who had persevered and made the journey?

And now they’ve dubbed us, “Gangs”, as if we’re some petty neighborhood crooks, and it sure don’t get any easier each time a worthless informant writes a book. So, what can we do, I gotta ask, and where do we go from here? How do we keep unspoiled and true – these Brotherhood’s we hold so dear?

Man, I don’t have the answers, but I wish I did, because I know we surly need them. The fact is that if we don’t take back our power to stand, then on our knees the Gov’t will take our freedom...

Suing The Bastards - July 30, 2013 – *New Jersey / Nevada* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - There were setbacks in 2 biker civil rights suits last week. Both cases are being contested in Fed court. One case is being heard in New Jersey & the other in Nevada. Both cases are still alive & may eventually discourage the common police practice of harassing bikers wearing colors on public roads. The New Jersey case is titled James Coles et al. v. Nicholas Carlini et al. The Nevada case is titled Southern Nevada Confederation of Clubs, Inc. et al. v. Las Vegas Metropolitan P.D. et al.

New Jersey Suit: The Coles case was filed by 3 men named James Coles, Joseph Ballinger & Louis C. Degailler in Nov 2010. All 3 are now members of the Pagan’s. The 3 were part of a small pack including members of the Tribe MC which was stopped by New Jersey State Police while going to a charity event. The Trooper in charge was Nicholas Carlini & the stop was obviously made in order to harass & intimidate the 6 men as a form of extra-judicial punishment for belonging to motorcycle clubs & wearing insignia of membership on their backs. Carlini lectured his detainees that the only gang allowed on New Jersey’s roads was the State Police.

Dueling Countermotions: Last Feb both sides in the slow-moving case asked Judge Jerome B. Simandle to issue summary judgments. Coles, Joseph Ballinger & Degailler sought summary judgment only on the question of whether “the first amendment was violated by the defendant State Troopers in the course of their ‘anti-colors’ speech delivered during plaintiffs’ custodial

detention at roadside.” They didn’t seek a judgment on “whether the stop itself was pretextual & initiated in retaliation for Plaintiffs’ alleged expressive conduct.” The State Police sought a summary judgment of the entire case in their favor on 3 grounds: “(1) Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity, (2) no violation of the First Amendment occurred, & (3) Plaintiffs Coles & Ballinger are judicially estopped from asserting claims for damages because they failed to disclose their potential claims when each was going through bankruptcy.” The court listened to the lawyers argue about all this on July 7 & ruled against everybody on July 22.

Core Issues Unchanged: First the judge ruled that since none of the men actually removed his club insignia Trooper Carlini’s bullying speech was simply an “attempt” to deprive the bikers of their free speech rights. He did not rule on the issue of whether the stop itself was intended to deprive the men of their Constitutional rights. The State Police had asked that Coles & Ballinger be denied any monetary judgment in the case because they had neglected to list a judgment in the case as a potential asset when both declared bankruptcy. The bankruptcies were filed well before this civil suit but were in their final stages after the suit was filed. Most case law indicates that whether the men could be compensated or not was almost entirely at the judge’s discretion. He ruled against Coles & Ballinger because he thought they acted in “bad faith.” Simandle put it like this: “On the judicial estoppel issue, the key question for the Court is whether bad faith may be inferred from Coles’s & Ballinger’s nondisclosure of this litigation as a contingent asset in their bankruptcy proceedings, while simultaneously pursuing the present claims for damages. Because the Court finds that bad faith may be inferred in this case, the Court will grant Defendants’ motion for partial summary judgment, prohibiting Coles & Ballinger from seeking compensatory or punitive damages.” However the third plaintiff, Degailler, can still be awarded monetary damages if the suit is successful. All 3 plaintiffs can still obtain what is called “injunctive relief” if they win the suit – which means that Simandle will order the New Jersey State Police not to do it again.

Nevada Case: The key issue in the Nevada case was whether the Confederation of Clubs had legal standing to sue Vegas Metro & the other defendants including former Boulder City Police Chief Thomas Finn. Last Friday Judge Andrew P. Gordon ruled the COC does not. He instructed the Plaintiff’s lawyer in the case, Stephen Stubbs, to modify & refile the suit by the end of next month & he basically told Stubbs how to do it. The judge wants to see the plaintiff’s sorted by club. At the end of his ruling he wrote: “At the July 24, 2013 hearing on the motion to sever, Plaintiffs requested that the court allow the cases to be refiled & grouped by each motorcycle club, such that each club & its related members may file a single complaint (e.g., allowing all Mongols incidents to be contained in one lawsuit, all Stray Cats incidents in another). Based on the allegations presently before the court, the cases may be grouped together as follows: all Mongols incidents may be joined in the present lawsuit (involving Espinoza’s First, Second, & Third Claims for Relief), along with the Jerald Murillo incident; all Stray Cats incidents may be joined in one complaint; all Bandidos incidents may be joined in one complaint along with the Down & Dirty MC incident; the Joseph Pitka incident must be filed in a separate complaint unless Plaintiffs can establish that it should be properly joined with another lawsuit. Each such complaint must be sufficiently pled to satisfy both the joinder requirements of Rule 20 discussed above, & the standing requirements for each plaintiff (including individuals & motorcycle clubs) to maintain the claims. The court does not opine at this time whether the motorcycle clubs can

satisfy the standing requirements of Fed Rule of Civil Procedure 17(b)(3) & any other applicable law. “Plaintiffs are granted leave to amend the present Amended Complaint (as described above) by August 30, 2013. Similarly, the new & separate lawsuits must be filed by August 30, 2013, & will be assigned new case numbers. The court further orders that each of the cases will be consolidated before this court for purposes of discovery. Thus, Plaintiffs shall note in the caption of each complaint that any new case filed as a result of this order is related to this base case, & should be assigned to the same judges. The parties to each of the severed actions are required to pay a filing fee.”

Stubbs Comments: When reached for comment, Stubbs said “What has happened is that Fed Court Judge Andrew Gordon granted me a ‘do over’ with some guidance.” “Judge Gordon specifically states that all claims for relief are to be grouped by club, dismisses all claims but the Mongols claims, grants me leave to amend the Mongols claims to repair any defects, & then instructs me to file new & separate claims for the other clubs.” Both suits are ongoing & should remain so for at least another year.

Three motorcycle gang members indicted for insurance fraud

– July 31, 2013 – *Nevada* – By www.MyNews3.com - The Nevada Attorney General’s office announced the indictment of 3 members of the Vagos MC who are charged with insurance fraud. According to the indictment, the 3 defendants committed to promote activities of a criminal gang, theft committed to promote activities of a criminal gang & conspiracy. Defendants include:

- Michael Joseph Hughes, 40, of Las Vegas, aka “Tomahawk”
- Steven Martin Shaw, 39, of Las Vegas, aka “Tank”
- Chad Gary Kruger, 46, of Henderson, aka “Half-Breed”

Defendants Hughes, Shaw & Kruger are alleged in the indictment to have conspired to have a 2006 Suzuki motorcycle belonging to Hughes disappear so he could report it stolen. On Oct 24, 2012 Shaw & Kruger approached an undercover police officer & asked if he would be willing to help them conceal the motorcycle. When the officer agreed to help Shaw & Kruger drove the motorcycle to the undercover officer’s house on the night of Oct 25, 2012. Hughes reported the motorcycle stolen to Progressive Insurance Company that same night. When the vehicle was not recovered Hughes collected a settlement in the amount of \$6,687.12 for the motorcycle. The 3 defendants conspired to commit the crime so that Hughes could purchase a H-D Motorcycle from Kruger. Hughes was looking to obtain an American made motorcycle so he could join the Motorcycle Gang Green Machine, which is a supporting organization for the Motorcycle Gang Vagos.

How to Calm a Man: A woman goes to the Doctor, worried about her husband’s temper. The Doctor asks: “What’s the problem? The woman says: “Doctor, I don’t know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason, & it scares me.” The Doctor says: “I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water & start swishing it in your mouth. Just swish & swish but don’t swallow it until he either leaves the room or goes to bed & falls asleep.” Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor, looking fresh & reborn. The woman says: “Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished & swished, & he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?” The Doctor says: “The water itself does nothing. It’s keeping your mouth shut that does the trick....”

Bikies go public with violence – July 31, 2013 – *Australia* – By Matthew Killoran; www.GoldCoast.com.au - Outlaw motorcycle gangs are ramping up the violence & no longer care about innocent bystanders becoming caught in the crossfire, a new report into organised crime has revealed. Crimes previously kept out of the public view are now exploding on to the streets, from massive brawls to drive-by shootings. Gang violence seen on the Gold Coast streets recently includes Finks bikie gang members in a melee at the Cooly Rocks On festival earlier this year, in which an 61-year-old bystander was taken to hospital when he was punched in the head, & the 2012 Robina Town Centre shooting. The Australian Crime Commission's report, Organised Crime in Australia 2013, said bikie gangs were increasingly willing to bring their violent disputes into the public eye, which increased the risk of "unintended victims". "If violence between crime groups is increasingly played out in the public space, the risk increases that members of the public will become unintended 'collateral' victims of this violence," the report stated. "In the past this violence has typically been conducted out of the public view. There are, however, some indications that this may be changing." It identified examples of the rising tide of violence, such as drive-by shootings & a major brawl at Sydney Airport in 2009 between Hells Angels & Comancheros bikie gangs which ended in the bludgeoning & stabbing death of Anthony Zervas, the brother of Hells Angel member, Peter Zervas. Former Gold Coast detective & Bond University criminologist Dr. Terry Goldsworthy said violent bikie crimes tended to be opportunistic with little forethought. "My experience in 30 years in policing was they didn't care who saw them doing it - they just went & did what they wanted to do," he said. "They have a real disregard for the public when they do engage in crimes of violence. "They are a serious threat when it comes to violent crime." Dr. Goldsworthy said police needed to investigate aggressively any time bikies committed violent crimes in the public eye, which they were not always doing. "You need to send a message to the public that you're taking it seriously," he said. "It's best for the police to immediately react to it. "For the Cooly Rocks On (brawl) it took 2 to 3 days for them to do something." But he said the public should not be overly concerned about being caught up in the crossfire of a bikie feud. Dr. Goldsworthy said figures showed only 0.9% of the crimes committed in the south-east region were attributed to bikie gangs. "They're small figures, but violent public offences which get the public's attention," he said.

Between The Lines – August 2013 Issue – *Pennsylvania* – By Steve Zurl - Loud Bikers Save Rights! - Why can't bikers be as loud as the loudest of motorcycles? I read numerous motorcycle publications. I subscribe to many e-mail lists for motorcycle-related updates. In them, I frequently see legislative updates & alerts for Pennsylvania & for the states across the country. The updates typically mention a bill number & the purpose of the legislation, but they rarely mention how the bill was introduced, or who requested that it be introduced! These bills result from the hard work of the state or national Motorcyclists Rights Organizations (MRO) such as the ABATE's! How many motorcyclists know why the Pennsylvania laws changed for Metered Parking, Helmets, or Handlebar Height? How many know how the Motorcycle Safety Program got its increase in funding, or even why it was needed? How many know about Passenger Age Restrictions & the threat to keep us from taking our kids on our bikes? Where did the motorcycle license plates for bikers with disabilities come from? And, how many bikers know what ABATE of PA is? Motorcycling Legislation doesn't get introduced because the PA Legislature is bored! It doesn't get introduced because a legislator just

happened to see 2 motorcyclists parked 3 blocks apart because they could only legally park one bike per metered space! It happens when people passionate about motorcycling, motorcycle safety, & motorcyclists' rights, take the time to be involved! ABATE of PA, like other MRO's, is the best kept secret in motorcycling! That's OUR fault. Why not take credit where credit is due? We do a decent job advertising our events, but don't give as much of an effort to get the word out to Pennsylvania's motorcyclists about ABATE of PA's mission or accomplishments! We're sure not getting much help from those people that publish the updates or send e-mails! ABATE of PA maintains a full-time presence in Harrisburg. The ABATE of PA office fields motorcycling-related calls from the Media, the PA Legislators, PennDOT, ABATE members, & even non-members. ABATE of PA works with the legislators, the PA State Police, & the Motorcycle Safety Program to improve & enhance motorcycling in the Commonwealth. Why should a Pennsylvania motorcyclist join ABATE of PA? How would one know ABATE of PA even exists? Even if they know of ABATE of PA, do they know because of that fun event a Chapter held, or because of the legislation we support or oppose? ABATE of PA currently has several bills in the legislature. Many motorcyclists outside of our organization will benefit from these bills. However, they need to know that the bills exist, & they need to know how to help guide these bills through the legislative process. They need to contact ABATE of PA, but who's going to tell them? The point I'm trying to make is not about "credit", or giving you a pat on the back. It's about increasing Name Recognition. It's about selling the Value of ABATE of PA to the motorcyclists of Pennsylvania. It's about introducing motorcyclists to ABATE of PA, & getting them involved! As I mentioned, ABATE's members do a great job of promoting events. I encourage each of you to give that same effort to educating PA's motorcyclists to our legislation & safety initiatives. Make people aware of the current legislative efforts highlighted in Between The Lines & on the web site! The ABATE of PA membership tri-fold tells everything a person needs to know about the organization. It lists the major & significant accomplishments. **Be Loud!** Take ownership of the good things you do for motorcycling! Let the motorcyclists of PA know that ABATE of PA is here, & working full-time for them!

Grand jury indicts onetime Pagan's MC 'enforcer' on gun charge - Aug 1, 2013 – *Florida* – By Patty Ryan; <http://tbtpics.TampaBay.com> - June was not a good month for Kenneth DiFranco, 56, once known to law enforcement as the Florida "enforcer" for the Pagan's MC. He wrecked his truck on U.S. Hwy 19 in Hudson June 17. He told troopers people wanted to kill him. He was also believed to be drunk. And, he was on Fed probation after a decade in prison for crimes that included being a felon with a gun. So it wasn't helpful when troopers at the crash scene found a .380-caliber semiautomatic pistol & 6 rounds of ammunition poked into the Dodge Dakota's cup holder console. He bought it in a bar that night, he said. He needed it for protection, he said. Someone had been shooting at him, he said. He reasserted his Pagan's membership to jail officials June 21. They also noted his Pagan's MC belt buckle. DiFranco, whose aliases include "Animal" (as a given name) & "Perez" (as a family name), was on the leading edge of America's tattoo craze, with more than 200 as of Dec 2000, even before the ink dried on a Fed prison sentence that ended in Jan 2012. This time, he predicted at a hospital that he would be going way for life because of the gun, a Pasco County deputy reported. On Wed, in Tampa, a Fed grand jury got the ball rolling by indicting him again on a gun charge — meaning July isn't looking so good, either.

Cop Biker Clubs Draw Unwanted Attention – Aug 1, 2013 – *Arizona* – By www.ScooterNews.net - Prosecutors are considering criminal charges against 4 members of the Iron Brotherhood MC 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 H-D 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, especially those brought against traditional criminal motorcycle organizations. "In the last 15 years I would say that we've probably seen a tenfold increase in these clubs," said Terry Katz, vice president 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 attorneys 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 vice president. "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 Dept 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. Security-camera footage shows the altercation during a Christmas party. The men have denied the allegations. Fessler called them "absolutely absurd." "I still don't know to this day who hit who," Fessler said. "This whole thing is a witch hunt for police officers belonging to motorcycle clubs that wear a three-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, vice president 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."

Julie on Justice: Moving from Nonsense to Offense – Aug 1, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By FAMM; www.famm.org - It's a fact: every day in this country another person is sent to prison for way too long because of mandatory minimum sentences. That's why we need to pass the Justice Safety Valve Act of 2013, a bill that would let judges ignore the mandatory sentence when it is clearly absurd. Just ask Edward Young. Edward will spend the next 15 years in Fed prison for possessing 7 shotgun shells. That's right, not a gun, but shotgun shells. The police found the shells when they searched Edward's house for some stolen property. They found the property & the shotgun shells. Instead of the state prosecuting Edward for stolen property, the Fed Gov't decided to charge Edward with violating the Armed Career Criminal Act, which prohibits felons from possessing firearms or ammunition. The law, which is clearly intended to target dangerous, firearm-carrying violent offenders, requires a 15-year mandatory minimum prison sentence if the defendant has committed at least 3 prior felonies. Edward's 3 20-year-old unarmed burglary convictions put him in that category. In a recent article, FAMM's Mary Price asks the right question about Edward's case, "Why was this a Fed case at all?" The Bureau of Prisons complains about overcrowding, yet the Dept of Justice keeps sending them cases like Edward Young's, & judges can't shorten the sentences. It makes no sense. And that's why Congress needs to pass the Justice Safety Valve Act. The bipartisan bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) & Patrick Leahy (D-VT) & the House by Representatives Bobby Scott (D-VA) & Thomas Massie (R-KY). If the Justice Safety Valve Act had been law when Edward Young was sentenced, the judge could have imposed a reasonable sentence instead of the mandatory 15 years in prison. But the good news is that support for passage of the Justice Safety Valve Act is growing daily - & from some unexpected quarters. On July 17, a group of more than 50 former Fed prosecutors & judges endorsed the bill in a letter to Congress.

One of those former prosecutors wrote a must-read op-ed that was published in the Charleston Daily Mail. Another former prosecutor joined with a sitting Fed judge to endorse the bill in Minnesota. Considering that the Justice Safety Valve Act shifts power away from prosecutors & back to judges where it belongs, it is amazing to see so many former prosecutors champion our reform. Prominent national conservatives have also moved past the failed, one-size-fits-all policies of the past & embraced the Justice Safety Valve Act: syndicated columnist George Will, former NRA president David Keene, Americans for Tax Reform president Grover Norquist, Justice Fellowship president Craig DeRoche, & the V.P. of the National Association of Evangelicals, Galen Carey have all taken a stand. And it's exciting to see the editors of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Lehigh Valley Times, & Toledo Blade join the editorial board of The New York Times in endorsing the bill. Our hard work is paying off. Earlier this week, Senator Leahy, who serves as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, ordered a hearing on the Justice Safety Valve Act in Sept. All of this movement is fantastic - & it was no coincidence. With your help, we have been moving this debate inch by inch, forcing our opponents to defend a cruel, broken & budget-busting status quo. And we're not done. We will keep pushing until we achieve our ultimate victory - and, this month, you can help us keep the momentum going by taking action in your community! My best, Julie Stewart; Pres, FAMM

Warrantless Cell Data Requests Constitutional - Aug 1, 2013 - U.S.A. - By Brett Snider, Esq.; <http://blogs.FindLaw.com> - The Fifth Circuit ruled that warrantless data requests by law enforcement from cell phone service providers are in general constitutional, or in other words, not categorically unconstitutional. In the most recent Fed word on this practice of requesting cell site data in order to zero in on the location of criminal suspects, the Fifth Circuit has determined that -- despite the statutory standard being lower than probable cause -- orders under the Stored Communications Act (SCA) for cell location data do not implicate the Fourth Amendment.

SCA Data Request Denied: This case isn't the first time that law enforcement has applied for an order under 18 U.S.C. Section 2703 for historical cell site data from a service provider; cell phone providers respond to approximately a million of these requests per year. However, it is the 1st time that a district court has affirmed that these orders, which do not require warrant nor probable cause, are categorically in violation of the 4th Amendment & hence unconstitutional. Since the district court so nicely teed up this question of a law's unapplied constitutionality, this is the sort of pure, ripe question of law that the 5th can take a crack at.

"Specific & Articulable": 18 U.S.C. Section 2703 subsection (d) states that the Gov't needs to present evidence of "specific & articulable facts" supporting "reasonable grounds" to believe that the data requested is relevant, material evidence in a criminal investigation. This is of course less than the typical probable cause standard, & actually sounds pretty similar to the reasonable suspicion standard from Terry. The argument made by amici in this case -- the Gov't wasn't adverse to any party, just appealing a magistrate's denial -- is that the statute is basically a portal to request data that should require a warrant & probable cause but even Congress can't legislate around the Fourth Amendment. The data itself allows the Gov't to do something very similar to location tracking inside a residence, which the Supreme Court denied without a warrant in *Karo*, but relies exclusively on data collected not at the Gov't's insistence or request but by third parties.

Third Party Data Collection: This third party issue is where the Fifth Circuit hangs its hat (and belt, shoes, coat, dog, etc.), noting

that the Supreme Court has found time & time again (see *Smith v. Maryland*) that:

- Private third party service providers (e.g. Verizon)
- Can record & store data for a legitimate business purpose
- And volunteer this data to law enforcement (even when confidential)
- Without implicating their subscribers' 4th Amendment rights.

Of decent instruction is a Sixth Circuit case that found that there is no reasonable expectation of privacy in cell phone data that is collected & recorded every time a mobile phone user makes a call; it is simply a fact that a cell phone subscriber is revealing their location to their provider every time they make a call.

Re-evaluating Reasonable Expectations: The Fifth Circuit doesn't agree that all things shared with mobile providers is up for grabs; the contents of phone calls & even emails still can't be gotten without a warrant, but the location data which is regularly recorded & stored by cell phone providers, which we all "know" about, is outside our Katz-pedigreed reasonable expectation of privacy. This case is different from *Katz*, the Fifth Circuit opines, because the data requested is a record based on a communication being made through the provider, as opposed to collecting the content of a conversation made from one person to another. To drive this point home, the Court reminds us that we have no reasonable expectations of privacy in our trash or aerial views of our homes, so this cell site data shouldn't sting too much more.

Outlaws MC back in business - Aug 02, 2013 - *Indiana* - By Jeremy Brilliant; www.wthr.com - Last year, Indianapolis firefighters acting on orders from the FBI took down the Outlaws MC sign--symbolically lowering the gang's profile in central Indiana. From inside the club's east New York Street compound, agents confiscated members prized motorcycles, guns, drugs & cash. Dozens were arrested & the U.S. Attorney for Southern Indiana said the Outlaws business would not continue. "Not now, not ever," said U.S. Atty Joe Hogsett in July 2012. But the gang is back in business - at least some form of it. In Fort Wayne, a clubhouse also shut down last summer by the FBI re-opened in March. In recent weeks, neighbors on East New York Street in Indianapolis noticed a brand new sign up above the main doorway. Friday, we watched as fresh sod was watered. It's surrounded by a new retaining wall & decorative lighting. "I just think their presence in the neighborhood helps, it could help deter crime," said Dennis Pitcher, who lives less than a block away from the clubhouse. He's happy about the re-opening. Pitcher is hoping it will bring more security for his family, including his wife & ten-month-old grandson. "It just seemed like there's some protection because people don't mess with the Outlaws much," he said. While the clubhouse itself may be getting a facelift, who's running it is unclear. Tim Horty, a spokesman for the U.S. Attorney for Southern Indiana, said he is "firmly convinced they have been crippled severely." Indianapolis Metro Police, which assisted in the raid last summer to shut the Outlaws down, say they haven't gotten any recent complaints. "The bigger part of the patch-wearing members were taken out in the state, a lot of those cases are still pending," explained IMPD Officer Michael Hewitt. "Our hope is if they've moved back in that they're going to be good neighbors & we won't have any issues." A total of 51 people were arrested in the raid last summer. Seventeen have already pleaded guilty & hearings continue. One person was sentenced just yesterday. While the clubhouse is open, Fed officials say they continue the process to formally seize it. Also, they say the FBI is keeping a close eye on everything that happens there.

The Forsaken Few MC Article - Aug 4, 2013 – *Oklahoma* – By <http://theWynnewoodGazette.com> - **Mike below is a news paper article** written by a reporter name Shannon Kile of the Wynnewood Gazette News Paper. L&R Mack FFM

Whether welcomed as a benign fraternity of enthusiasts or dreaded as criminal associates with a storied past, Wynnewood citizens will now get to the opportunity to experience the newest addition to town, The Forsaken Few MC. The Forsaken Few represent themselves as simply a motorcycle club currently setting up a local chapter here. The original club, now known as Mother Chapter, was founded in Mannsville, outside of Ardmore in Carter County on Jan 1, 1981, by a man named Geary Mack Bailey.

Later chapters of the same club have since formed around the State in Choctaw, Jackson, Pottawatomie & Logan Counties. Bailey himself has certainly lived a controversial life since, which has left the club with a disputed legacy.. More on that later. The newly formed Garvin County Chapter of the club is currently renovating a building which will serve as their local clubhouse, at the corner of W. Robert S. Kerr Blvd & the railroad tracks. The clubhouse is directly north from City Hall, in a building rented from Lee Espitia, who owns an adjacent business there. The Gazette sat down this week with the local chapter officers in order to share information about the new group for citizens who may or may not know anything about motorcycling or motorcycle clubs in general. Chapter Pres, Tracy Giles, (known among his brother members by his road name of Bocephus) was quick to dispel potential rumors about his organization. He made it clear from moment one that the Forsaken Few is a club & certainly not a biker gang. “We are a not for profit group of guys which call each other brother,” Giles said. “We are a family oriented group that is here to help the community & not hurt it. Anything this town needs from us, all they have to do is ask.” Giles & the other officers then discussed at length the many efforts the combined Forsaken Few Chapters have previously undertaken to serve the other communities they resided in, including annual toy runs during the holiday & fund raisers for cancer victims, autism research & disaster aid. “You can t judge a book by its cover,” added Chapter V.P., William Gallagher, known among the club as Wild Bill. It s a fitting handle for a tall bearded man with shoulder length hair who looks as if he s spent many years in the wind. Giles & his officers claim that members from all chapters along with other clubs made it a point to escort much needed material for the recent tornado victims brought in from other states & thereafter guarded it against looters.

They were also prepared to stand shoulder to shoulder with other groups, such as the Patriot Guard Riders, to block out the presence of the radical protest group, The Westboro Baptist Church, had that group made good on their vow to picket the funerals of tornado victims. Some of the material was donated personally by members of the GC Chapter & bound for Little Axe, an area that they feel largely fell off the radar due to other higher profile places being damaged as well. The club operates solely on donations or other fund raisers as well as dues paid by members. They do not sell anything, provide any service nor do they reap ill gotten gains from illegal drug trafficking or gun running, as biker gangs are often stereotyped as doing, Giles points out.

The club s priorities are not what Hollywood has led some to believe, either, he says. Movies like Stone Cold (starring OU great Brian Bosworth) & the series Sons of Anarchy are certainly based in some semblance of fact, but are so off the mark that it makes life even more difficult for those who live to ride, Giles feels.

“We believe in family, job, then the club,” he said. Giles, Gallagher & the other officers are united in their belief that the right people are necessary for a club to thrive. In fact, they claim this is the third incarnation of a potential GC Chapter of the Forsaken Few. Two other attempts failed because the members were not suitable or they violated modern club by-laws which strictly prohibit criminal activity & narcotics use. Club Sergeant-at-arms, Darrell Thomas (aka Big D) addressed concerns that the clubhouse would become a haven for wayward teens or young females exploited in questionable ways. “No one is allowed on this property without being a member or an invited guest,” he said. All guests, such as those invited for a poker run will be screened & made to show a card issued by a member.

The Gazette was so issued a card from Bocephus to facilitate the interviews. In between talks & photo ops, the members were hard at work on carpentry inside the clubhouse. Yes, there will be alcohol served, but not to the public, only to members & invited guests, they flatly state. Additionally, the clubhouse will be outfitted with cots for visitors who have imbibed too much making them unsafe to ride. A contract with Kent s motel for standing rooms was being explored as well, Thomas added. “This is a common sense decision,” The Sergeant-at-arms stated. “We re about family. We bring our family here. We wouldn t expose them to a place where there were drugs & guns.”

The club s Treasurer, John Rossi (aka Dallas) along with Thomas, Gallagher & Giles gave the Gazette a rundown of the symbolism dear to the club, including the meaning of the 3 flags which hang prominently outside. The American Stars & Stripes flag is first, to symbolize patriotism in our nation, the club maintains, while the Confederate Battle Banner (Southern Cross) hangs next to it to represent Southern Pride & nothing more. A third flag, the yellow Don t Tread on Me Gadsden Flag represents the core revolutionary values that make this country strong & lend a nod to independence in general, the officers feel.

Furthermore, the very logo of the Forsaken Few itself used on the clubs uniform (a patched vest known as a cut), their correspondence & most decoration has a historical Christian basis, the club states. The Grim Reaper carrying the cross is known by the handle Simon. The design is a nod to the man described in the New Testament Bible as Simon of Cyrene , the traveler who was pressed into service by Roman soldiers to help carry Christ s cross after he had faltered due to exhaustion on the way to his own crucifixion. Cyrene is in modern day Libya, a country in North Africa. Simon then is historically accepted to have been a black man or at the very least much more dusky skinned than the average person present at the event, thus making the first venerated Christian a minority & forsaken from those executing Jesus Christ, hence the name of the club. “We re here after many long miles of living to help our neighbors bear whatever cross they may have in their lives,” Bocephus said.

The small group of officers, along with their probationary member, Tim Moyer (aka Dirty Harry) seemed to be completely sincere in their hope that they & their new home would be a good fit. However, despite whatever well meaning discussion concerning their hopeful intentions, the new Garvin County Chapter as well as the rest of the Forsaken Few have a very hard time living down their prior reputation since 1981. The club s sometimes sinister distinction has been concreted among the ranks of numerous law enforcement agencies by literally hundreds of arrests, convictions, prison terms & high profile designations by Fed law enforcement probes.

Geary Mack Bailey, the founder himself, is currently incarcerated in Fed Prison in El Reno, Oklahoma for a variety of narcotics offenses. He is slated to be released next year following a 15 year sentence for crimes committed in & around the Ardmore area & adjacent counties. In fact, according to Detective Sergeant Ryan Hunnicut of the Ardmore P.D., Bailey was considered a suspect in at least 2 unsolved murders which he was never charged with. Current opinion among law enforcement privy to Bailey & his prior operations, consider him to be the de facto leader of the Forsaken Few from behind prison walls anyway. In fact, the accepted theory among law enforcement tasked with keeping tabs on motorcycle club related crime throughout Oklahoma indicates that he will likely return to the helm of the overall gang formally upon his release.

While a spirited campaign of donations for his legal cause is ongoing & communications between the gang & Bailey occur frequently through social media outlets, this is something that Bocephus & his peers dispute, claiming that RoadRat (Bailey) is nothing more than another patch holder in the club on a leave of absence. LE officials in Carter, Murray, Bryan, Marshall & Love Counties were quick to note repeated documentation of Forsaken Few members being investigated for an entire spectrum of crimes & court records from those jurisdictions abound with charges & convictions among the club's ranks. While confirmation from Jackson, Choctaw, Pottawotomie & Logan counties was incomplete at press time, court documents locally do show that some of the members of the newly formed chapter in Wynnewood are felons with substantial criminal records themselves, though at least one is the process of having his permanent record expunged of narcotics related felony crimes, he claims.

Additionally, intelligence data gathered by the Ardmore P.D. & the Carter County Sheriff's Office, as well as published findings by the OSBI & the FBI point to a hypothesis that the Forsaken Few are little more than a puppet, or duck club for larger, truly criminal gangs such as the Outlaws MC.. The Outlaws are considered to be the largest outright criminal biker gang in the United States, according to published estimates by numerous Fed law enforcement agencies & the Dept of Justice itself. Along with the Hells Angels, Bandidos & Pagan's, these so called Big Four gangs are considered by current law enforcement data to have divided the United States into 4 separate sections, which each group rules over with an iron hand. Nearly all the MCs in question utilize local community action to their favor for the purpose of concealing their true nature, Fed authorities warn, with the Hells Angels themselves being responsible for one of the largest toy runs in the world each year. As well as toys, the Big Four are documented to have been heavily involved in narcotics trafficking (and to have been greatly responsible for the proliferation of methamphetamine) as well as illegal arms trading, murder for hire, prostitution, & other crimes. Below the Big Four are the hundreds of smaller clubs similar to the Forsaken Few which are basically allowed to operate, according to Big D, in whichever territory they occupy. In this case, Oklahoma belongs firmly to the Outlaws MC & that club has recently erected a fortified clubhouse as close as the Lone Grove area west of Ardmore. Dozens of individual Outlaws & their exploits are also well known among members of both the Oklahoma City & Tulsa P.D. Gang Units. Big D & Bocephus make it clear that they are friends with the Outlaws & nothing more, certainly not puppets for the larger group. Having a friendly atmosphere between the groups is paramount they feel, & they state plainly that citizens of Wynnewood can expect to see Outlaws MC members in town from time to time. Both members made mention of the Fed RICO

statute that is often invoked in large scale organized crime matters & has roped in a variety of entities in previous Fed Sting Operations, many of them involving motorcycle clubs. "We want no part of that," Big D stated to the Gazette. "It's hard to ride, wear your cut or be with family from behind bars," he said.

Still, despite their claim that they have nothing more than an amicable relationship with the Outlaws, photos posted on the club's main website (www.forsakenfewmc.org/Photo-Album.php) do show certain patched members from other chapters wearing sewn on regalia advertising what appears to be outright alliance with the Outlaws MC.

That issue alone is of great concern to Wynnewood City Marshal, Ken Moore, who would be tasked with handling any large scale problem involving a motorcycle club with his small, 5 officer force (staffed one or 2 at a time) along with heavy reliance on mutual aid from Garvin County, OHP & other outlying towns. Both he & Sheriff Larry Rhodes suggested remaining calm about the matter & voiced no concern either way since the existence of a fraternal group of any kind is certainly not illegal in & of itself. Sheriff Rhodes pointed out that the Forsaken Few is not the only motorcycle club in Garvin County at present, & as long as they do not engage in criminal behavior, he is not particularly interested in their activity. The local chapter is known to have met with City Marshal Moore already concerning his expectations & meetings with Rhodes were said by the members to be forthcoming. Members of City Hall were just as restrained & also met with Club Officers during the past week. So far, all necessary permits were in order & the club was in good standing with their landlord, Mr. Espitia. Big D is clear that neighbors to the clubhouse will no doubt hear the roar of massed H-D motorcycles from time to time & he hopes they will give a little understanding. He was clear that there will be no more commotion around the clubhouse than at the Full House Tavern across the street during any given event. Their first one, a grand opening of the club house & a poker run, is scheduled for Aug 24, beginning at 11:00. With all that said & kept to their word, what's the harm in having another group in town who wants to help our community, if that is what they truly want to do?

America itself, our great State of Oklahoma & Wynnewood are generally at their best when left to the combined strengths of the men & women who make them up, without casting stones. If things go south, there will be plenty of time to do that later. Time will tell if our community is made better or worsened by the emergence of hard men on iron horses parked at the edge of town.

Mike, here is a post I sent out to kinda as a rebuttal the news paper article I sent u yesterday. I didn't know if this would interest u or not. L&R Mack FFMC

Hi everyone... well we just opened a new clubhouse in Wynnewood & the Wynnewood Gazette did a story on it. The story wasn't really against us or for us but it took some funny twist & turns thru the article. I want to personally thank my Brother's Bocephus / Wild Bill / Dallas / Big D / & Dirty Harry for doing such a good job of telling the paper who we are & what we are about. They told about how we helped the Tornado victims in Moore & Little Axe... How we have held benefits for cancer research... And most of you already know about the Toy Drive we do at Christmas... And the help we give the Children's shelter for the past 30 years. Some will remember the benefits we have had, like for the little pregnant girl that got hit by the car. We did the benefit for my son, Zippos, wife so she could stay in the City with him before he passed away.

My Brother's did their best to show who we are as the Forsaken Few MC. What bugs me is how the reporter brought myself & other Brother's into his story that have made mistakes in the past & ended up in jail or in prison like myself. The mistakes of a few men over the past 33 years does not dictate who we are as the FFMC. I'm not sure why I was even mentioned in the article. Unless it was to sell the story better like when I was arrested those years ago & the paper head lined with "Motorcycle Riding Legend Held On Million Dollar Bond". In the article it talked about crimes that I was never charged with. Or in some case's never even questioned. So why even bring them up? I see it like a Pretty Boy Floyd book I read one time where every crime in the country was charged to his name. Why? It sold newspapers! It really leaves a bad taste in my mouth when those of us that have made mistakes are used to try & make the whole FFMC look bad.

Take for instance the Pro football player they just arrested for murder... Does his arrest make bad guys out of his teammates? What about the drug use like steroids among players... Do they blame the whole team for a few's mistakes? No they don't, so why try to cast a shadow over the FFMC for just a few's mistakes? This reporter don't know me as most of you do. He don't know who I really am. All he has to go by is my reputation & the police's opinion. That's what it is when you are never charged for something... Just an opinion or a suspicion & nothing more. I have learned the hard way that when opinions or suspicions are printed they become facts when read. Then the paper tried to tie us to other clubs & that is just not true!

We the Forsaken Few MC fly our own Patch & are affiliated to no one. Never have since I started this club 33 years ago but the police want to label clubs as gangs & say we are affiliated with each other. That way when one makes a mistake they can drag more into the mix. That is just more of the wording & labeling of the police [opinions] trying to turn fiction into facts. It was suggested in the article that we try to cover up the bad we do with the good like toy runs & benefits. We in the FFMC have always had a saying [when we do good no one remembers... but when we do bad no one forgets]. We don't try to cover up or hide the bad we do with the good! We know that bad news travels faster than good & is remembered longer. What we do try to do is give back to the community to make up for sometimes just being who we are. Not so much for the bad we do... But for waking you up when we start our bikes at 2am & things like that. We realize that good will never hide bad. We do things for the community because we want to. Some of you out there know me & the FFMC personally. Maybe you know some child we helped at Christmas... Or some family of a accident victim that we helped with a benefit... Or maybe you might be the next one we help if its ever needed. L&R Mack FFMC

Thousands Spent on Police Overtime for Hells Angels Convention – Aug 5, 2013 – *Illinois* - www.wifr.com - After 9 days in the Stateline, one of the biggest motorcycle groups in the country rumbles out of the area. We are told the Hells Angels did not cause any trouble in the area, partly because the Sheriff's Dept spent a couple thousand dollars in overtime patrolling areas the Hells Angels spent most of their time. Meyer's says this was the first large scale, multi-day joint operation between local, state, & Fed authorities. It was also the first big chance to really put the emergency operations center at the justice center to use. Sheriff Meyers says he is still crunching the numbers to see how much those extra patrols over the 9 days cost, but says it is money well spent. "The cost of assurance can sometimes be very high, but the cost of not having insurance if your house breaks down is

even higher, so we look at this as the cost of insurance & think that policy paid off well in that we got through it without major issues," said Sheriff Meyers. Sheriff Meyers said they did re-arrange schedules to saves some hours on overtime. Sheriff Meyers tells us everything went very smoothly, although the next time there is a big event like this in town, he says they could work a little more on communications. He said the different agencies really communicated well, but the Sheriff's Dept & Police Dept use different radio systems, which caused a little more trouble.

1 dead, 1 arrested in benefit shooting – Aug 5, 2013 – *New Mexico* – By Kim Vallez; www.KROE.com - An arrest in a deadly shootout yesterday at a fundraiser for a 15 year old girl with cancer. The Black Berets motorcycle group was at Fourth & Menaul in Albuquerque for the benefit when witnesses say an outlaw motorcycle gang drove in & started trouble. They say Malachi Seaman, 37, pulled out a baton & started hitting a man in the face. Two other men then pulled out guns & started pointing them at people attending the fundraiser that was full of kids. When the men started firing at the crowd, several people fired back. Japheth Seaman, 36, who was with the outlaw gang was shot & killed. A person at the fundraiser was shot in the leg & is OK. Malachi Seaman was arrested for aggravated assault for the baton incident, but police are still trying to figure out who fired the shot that killed Japheth Seaman. Police said they recovered more than 70 bullet casings from the scene.

Vagos Linked To Shootout - Aug 5, 2013 – *New Mexico* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - This story was published on Aug 5, 2013 & corrected on Aug 12, 2013. The original story relied on the accuracy of a press release issued by the Nevada Atty General. That release identified Michael "Tomahawk" Hughes, Steven "Tank" Shaw & Chad "Halfbreed" Kruger as members of the Vagos MC. The 3 men are not, in fact, members of the Vagos & the story has been edited to correct the Nevada Atty General's lie. The Vagos MC has been linked to a shootout yesterday in Albuquerque, N.M. According to multiple news reports about 50 shots were fired at a motorcycle shop fundraiser for a sick, 15-year-old girl in an industrial neighborhood near the intersection of Fourth & Menaul in Albuquerque. The motorcycle shop is about a half mile from the intersection of Interstate 40 & Interstate 25. The fundraiser was sponsored by the Black Berets MC. The club name is an apparent homage the Vietnam era Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies & Observations Group. The Black Berets MC has 3 chapters in Albuquerque. Police said 2 people were injured in the incident. One victim was listed as being in "critical but stable condition" Monday morning. Shots were still being exchanged when Albuquerque city police arrived at the scene about 4 p.m. There were no announced arrests as of one p.m. Pacific Time Mon.

Chatty Black Beret: A Black Berets patch holder named "Chale" talked at length with television station KRQE soon after the shooting. "They came in here & started shooting up the place, started shooting at my brothers, no questions asked. Just started shooting for no reason at all," Chale told the television station without specifically naming the Vagos. "That's uncalled for," the man said. "This was a benefit for a little girl." "They came over here & retaliated against us because were strong here in Albuquerque," Chale said. The Black Berets identify themselves as a philanthropic organization. "That's what we do. What the Black Berets stand for," Chale told the television station. "We help out the needy. We help out vets."

Negative Publicity: The shooting was the most serious of multiple, widely publicized incidents related to the Vagos MC in the last 2 weeks. A Vago named Ernesto Gonzalez testified Monday morning at his murder trial in Reno, Nevada. Gonzalez is accused of murdering a Hells Angel named Jeffrey “Jethro” Pettigrew during a brawl between those 2 clubs at John Ascuaga’s Nugget Casino in Sparks, Nevada on Sept 23, 2011. Three men identified by the Nevada Attorney General as Vagos & named Michael Joseph “Tomahawk” Hughes, Steven Martin “Tank” Shaw & Chad Gary “Halfbreed” Kruger were charged with insurance fraud last week in Las Vegas. Those arrests are connected to an ATF investigation of motorcycle clubs in Southern Nevada called “Operation Pure Luck.” The investigation was loudly announced on June 26. Although the Nevada Atty General identified the 3 men as Vagos, they are not in fact members of the Vagos MC. Those arrests follow raids on 14 homes in San Bernardino County in California on July 22. Three men named Tyler Graziano, Enrique Felix & Mark Johnson, were arrested during those raids & charged with robbery.

Warrant issued for man in connection with homicide at Omaha Hells Angels club – Aug 6, 2012 – *Nebraska* - By Kevin Cole; www.Omaha.com - An arrest warrant has been issued for a 47-year-old man in connection with a slaying last month in the Hells Angels MC. Investigators are searching for Jay Witt, who is charged with second-degree murder in the death of William Furlong, said Officer James Shade, a spokesman for the Omaha P.D. Furlong, 48, was found dead July 14 in the Hells Angels clubhouse at 501 S. 27th Circle. Furlong was, at least at 1 point, a member of a rival group. In 2001, he was one of 14 members of the Sons of Silence indicted in Fed court for dealing drugs out of central Iowa. He was released from prison in Nov 2010.

Stensaker hired by Sons of Silence to murder rancher Jack Sjol - Aug 6, 2013 - *North Dakota* - By Larry Griffin - Williston Herald; www.willistonherald.com - The murder of Jack Sjol was allegedly an ordered hit by the outlaw motorcycle gang the Sons of Silence. In a preliminary hearing Monday, previously unreleased evidence was revealed, shedding light on the rancher’s death. Williston resident Ryan Lee Stensaker, 33, went before the court in a preliminary hearing on the Class AA murder charge he received when he was arrested for Sjol’s murder May 16. Stensaker is charged with the murder, plus additional felonies including prohibited possession of a firearm & possession of drug paraphernalia. The crime has sparked interest in multiple counties in northwest North Dakota. Sjol, a rancher & one-time Williston Public Works employee, had a large base of family & friends from all over the state – many of whom came from outside of town to attend the hearing Monday morning. Stensaker was represented by attorney Steven Mottinger, & the state by attorney Nathan Kirke Madden. Judge David Nelson presided over the hearing. The hearing ended with a proposed 12-person jury trial for all charges against Stensaker, except for the possession of drug paraphernalia charge, which was dropped due to still-pending lab results. Under the guidance of Det. Sgt. Amanda McNamee of the Williams County Sheriff’s Office, the courtroom finally heard some of the story that has been shrouded in mystery the last 3 months. The story began on April 25, when Sjol’s longtime girlfriend, Kelly Blomberg, reported she believed him to be missing. On scene at his Williston residence, investigators found 2 pools of blood, 3 ammo casings, body tissue, teeth & a pair of eyeglasses. Upon investigation, the tissue & blood was reported to be Sjol’s. McNamee consulted with Sjol’s dentist & confirmed the teeth to be his through X-Rays & dental records. The ammo came from a .300 Savage bolt action rifle, which McNamee said

could definitely cause “fatal injuries.” Mottinger argued that there was still no proof that the lone bullet found in Sjol’s body came from Stensaker’s gun. McNamee reported that the only bullet recovered from Sjol’s body had not been confirmed to be from the .300 Savage bolt action rifle. When asked if the tests on the bullet were still pending, McNamee replied that she was not aware if they were or not. The rifle was found in Stensaker’s mother’s house, also in Williston, under a mattress in a room that Stensaker often slept in – even though he had his own separate residence elsewhere. Numerous witnesses as well as Stensaker’s mother reported that Stensaker often slept in that room & nobody else ever did, although people often stayed over at the house. In addition, there were tire tracks on the ground outside Sjol’s residence, which backed right up to the pools of blood. McNamee said this “appeared to be where the body was loaded into the back.” Stensaker at the time owned a gold Cadillac Escalade, the tires of which matched the tracks at Sjol’s residence. On April 30, Stensaker reported that his gold Cadillac Escalade was on fire. Investigators determined the fire started in the second seat area on the driver’s side. The tires, however, were not damaged. The investigation led law enforcement to a dump site on the property of Isaac & Teresa Steen via a tip by a confidential informant. The body of Sjol was recovered in the dump, with bullet wounds to his head, face & left upper arm, on May 14. Both of his lungs & his trachea had also been damaged. Tire tracks found at the dump site, directly above where Sjol’s body was uncovered, matched the ones at Sjol’s residence, which in turn matched Stensaker’s Cadillac Escalade. When interrogated, Isaac Steen said Stensaker had come to him almost 3 weeks prior & asked to use the dump site to “discard a coyote he’d hit,” McNamee reported. Stensaker returned the next day & asked the same thing yet again, to which Steen again gave his approval. Later that evening, Stensaker returned & discarded what the Steens thought was “the trash.” According to Isaac Steen when interviewed by law enforcement, Stensaker had confided in him that he & “a couple of his buddies” were hired by the Sons of Silence outlaw motorcycle gang to perform a hit on Sjol. According to McNamee, it is “known that Stensaker & Steen are friends.” McNamee said there was a possible familial relation between Teresa Steen & Stensaker, though she could not confirm that at the time of Monday’s hearing. When asked why Teresa & Isaac Steen never looked to confirm that there was a dead body in their dump site, McNamee replied: “They were scared [of Stensaker].”

Vago Dead In Albuquerque - Aug 6, 2013 – *New Mexico* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Details have begun to emerge about a shooting in Albuquerque Sunday that left one member of the Vagos MC dead & another wounded. Police have identified the dead man as Japheth Seaman (photo above). The wounded man has not been named. A third Vago named Malachi Seaman was arrested at the scene & charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Initial news reports described the incident as a “drive-by shooting” of a peaceful gathering by the 3 Vagos but that story has already fallen apart. The 3 Vagos were invited to a fund raiser for a sick girl by members of the Black Berets MC. The 3 Vagos arrived at the gathering on motorcycles at about 3:30 p.m. They dismounted & mingled with the crowd until about 4 when more than 70 shots were fired. Other than Malachi Seaman’s collapsible baton, the Vagos appeared to have been unarmed. A source unaffiliated with either the Vagos or the Black Berets described the shooting as a “premeditated ambush of the 3 Vagos.” The Black Berets have 3 chapters in Albuquerque. The Vagos established that club’s first chapter in New Mexico within the last year. The preeminent MC in N.M. is the Bandidos. The motive for the attack on the Vagos remains unclear.

Guy Named Chale: Public statements by voluble members of the Black Berets to Albuquerque television stations in the first forty hours after the shooting have described an unprovoked attack by the 3 Vagos on the dozens of Black Berets who attended the fundraiser. News accounts have stated that the Vagos MC “targeted” the Black Berets & “an innocent family.” “They rolled up into here. Started shooting up at the place. Started shooting at my brothers. No questions asked. Just started shooting for no reason at all,” a Black Beret named “Chale” told television station KOAT. Chale described the shooting as “uncalled for. This was a benefit for a little girl.” Chale was indirectly quoted by KRQE as saying “the club had no issues with anyone & believes they were attacked because of the role they play in the city.” Chale continued, “They came over here & retaliated against us because we were strong here in Albuquerque.” Chale’s position in the Black Berets & his qualifications as a spokesman for the club remain unclear. An unnamed member of the Black Berets told KRQE, “Those sons of bitches (the Vagos MC), it ain’t over with them.”

Whodunit: Albuquerque police said yesterday that “more than 70 spent shell casings” were found at the scene. Tasia Martinez, the Lead Public Information Officer for the Albuquerque Police Dept, would only say that the case is being investigated by “gang detectives” who hope to “curtail retaliation” for the murder of Japheth Seaman. Efforts Tuesday afternoon to solicit further comment from Officer Martinez were unsuccessful.

Bandidos descend on Port Stephens – Aug 6, 2013 – Australia

– By Dan Proudman; www.TheHerald.com.au - The state’s bkie gang squad will help local officers co-ordinate a police presence following news that hundreds of Bandidos will converge on Port Stephens next month for their annual ride. The Newcastle Herald understands the Bandidos have booked out a Salamander Bay resort as their destination for their yearly get-together on the weekend of Sept 7 & 8 - the same weekend as the Fed election. They are expecting 400 people to fill the resort, although many of those could be partners & associates & fully patched members. The Bandidos have been attempting to start up a chapter in the area for some time & several members call the Tomaree peninsula home. Port Stephens local area commander Superintendent Craig Rae confirmed that police were preparing for the weekend, which historically passes without major incident. They will be assisted with officers from the operational support group & Strike Force Raptor, the bkie gang unit. Last year, the Bandidos spent an uneventful 3 days on Queensland’s Sunshine Coast for their annual pilgrimage. More than 600 Rebels members spent an uneventful weekend in Newcastle in 2007 for their annual run.

Outlaw bkie gang’s neighbours refused insurance - Aug 6, 2013 – Australia

– By Nick Toscano; www.TheAge.com.au - The owners of factories surrounding an outlaw motorcycle gang’s Dandenong clubhouse are being refused insurance cover after the property was firebombed & shot up in separate incidents. Insurer CHU Underwriting Agencies has told the business owners in the industrial estate that it will not renew the insurance policy - which covers common property & public liability - when it expires on Aug 25 because of the Bandidos. Factory owners at the 22 Dunn Crescent estate were advised of the decision after a bomb exploded outside the clubhouse’s steel-armoured front door on July 25. Earlier in the month, the clubhouse was shot at by someone armed with an AK-47. The Bandidos & the Hells Angels have been engaged in a simmering feud since the shooting of Bandidos enforcer Toby Mitchell at a Melton industrial estate in March. Arson & explosives squad Detective Sergeant Lionel Joseph said the explosion had been large enough to smash

windows of neighbouring properties. Owners’ corporation manager James Parnell, of Binks & Associates, said the cancellation of the insurance policy meant 80 other businesses located on the premises, including manufacturers & mechanics, could be unable to sell their properties & face multimillion-dollar exposure. Buildings in the complex are insured for a total of almost \$20 million, & several are listed for sale. “Banks might call in their loans, & there are all those terrible things that go with having no insurance on a mortgaged property,” Mr Parnell said. Compounded by tough economic times, Mr Parnell said, some businesses may have to close. It is understood 2 are on the verge of closure. Last week, the owners’ corporation wrote to the clubhouse owner, believed to be a Bandidos member, requesting that the club vacate the premises, but Mr Parnell has received no reply. The letter indicates the owners’ corporation did not know the Bandidos occupied the site before the bombing & shooting, & Parnell said club members “generally kept to themselves”. The attacks on the Bandidos’ Dandenong clubhouse are part of a spate of shootings & firebombings at bkie headquarters across Melbourne. The AK-47 attack is believed to have been revenge for an assault on the Hells Angels’ new “Darkside” Seaford chapter, which was shot up in June. Other business owners in the estate were reluctant to speak about their neighbours. “We are playing with dangerous people so you have to be careful,” one said. Another said he would expect the owners’ corporation to take responsibility to find another insurer, & expected the Bandidos would not welcome the news. “It will be interesting to hear what the Bandidos say. I would guess they’ll tell the body corporate to get f----,” the owner said. “I didn’t even know they were there, to be honest, until the bombing.”

Outlaw motorcycle clubs stake their claims inside the Galloping Goose’s 100-mile KC territory - Aug 7, 2013 - Missouri

– By Justin Kendall ; www.Pitch.com - The Galloping Goose MC has had a stranglehold on the Kansas City area since the 1950s. The oldest motorcycle club in the United States enforced a “100-mile rule” here. No other outlaw gang - 1-percenters, as they like to call themselves - could operate within 100 miles of the metro. But the Goose’s grip on KC has begun to slacken as its closed membership ranks have either aged or fallen to Fed drug convictions. Since the mid-2000s, the Goose’s 100-mile force field has been breached. Now, several outlaw clubs are moving in to stake their own turfs. “The Bandidos & the Sons [of Silence] have claimed this area,” a Kansas City P.D. source tells *The Pitch*. Independence police detective Steve Cook says the Bandidos & the Sons aren’t alone. Five of what are known to law enforcement around the country as the “big eight” MCs are located here. Cook estimates - “conservatively,” he says - that 100 patch-wearing members of various motorcycle clubs are in the KC area. “We have Mongols,” says Cook, the Pres of the Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association. “We have Vagos. We have Bandidos. We have Outlaws. We have the Sons of Silence. We have a majority of the major gangs, with the exception of the Hells Angels.” And that legendary outfit isn’t going to stay away much longer. “That’s forthcoming,” Cook says. “It’s gonna occur.” With the clubs, Cook says, comes criminal activity: bike thefts, drugs, prostitution, burglaries, assaults, homicides. The police officer, who wears his silver mustache & hair neatly trimmed, his badge on a chain around his neck & a tie around his button-down collar, could fit easily onto the set of *Law & Order*. “These guys aren’t Jax Teller,” he says, referencing the biker with a heart from the cable series *Sons of Anarchy*. “Some of them are pretty dangerous.” Cook would know. He’s not just an expert on motorcycle clubs but also someone who should have his own IMDb page, for his cable-

documentary credits. He has been featured on the History channel's Gangland ("Biker Wars," "Bandido Army," "Beware the Goose") & Book of Secrets (on the Hells Angels), on Biography's Gangsters: America's Most Evil & Gang World ("One Percenters"), & in a French documentary titled Hells Angels vs. Bandidos. While some of the incoming clubs have beefs with one another, they all share one thing in common: "They hate the Hells Angels," Cooks says. By extension, they also hate the Hells Angels' longtime Missouri allies, the Galloping Goose. The Pitch's KCPD source says the Bandidos established a KC chapter in June, & the Sons crossed the state line in Oct 2012. (In Feb, authorities served a search warrant at a Northland home & arrested 3 Sons after seizing guns, marijuana & meth.) Cook calls the metro "ground zero for motorcycle gang activity." But why here? "This is obviously a pipeline," Cook says of the Interstate 35 & Interstate 70 corridors. "It's good drug territory. It's not something that you want to give up." The Goose, formed in California by World War II veterans in 1943, lost hold of the area after going down in Fed court for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Members of the Goose & a brother club, El Forastero, pleaded guilty in 2009. (El Forastero's Kansas City chapter was founded in 1965, & it shared a clubhouse with the Goose on Guinotte Avenue.) "We ended up locking up the entirety of the El Forasteros in Kansas City, & to this day they're gone," Cook says. "There are no patch-wearing El Forastero members on the streets. They're done. We locked up the majority of the Galloping Goose. "The problem we're seeing now is, these guys are panicked because they are losing a foothold that they've had since the '50s," Cook adds. "And now we're seeing some of these guys getting out of prison & trying to get the club [up & running]. So they're recruiting hard. ... But they're trying to go back to their old stomping grounds, but they're not their stomping grounds anymore." The KCPD source confirms that the Goose is rebuilding its ranks. "They have almost a full chapter," the source says. "They're still here. They haven't left. They have prospects in their club, & they're continuing to add to their numbers." The arrival of the Mongols, the Vagos & the Outlaws could make a volatile situation even worse for the outnumbered Goose. "They [the Goose] exist at these other groups' leisure right now," Cook says. "If the Goose bow up to these other groups, it'd be nothing for, say, the Outlaws to come in & wipe them off the map." Cook adds: "All the Goose can really do is hold on & wait for reinforcements." Reinforcements as in the Hells Angels. "There was never a need for a permanent presence because it was locked down," Cook says. "Now it's not. It's not a matter of if but when. The Hells Angels are coming. They're going to set up here because everyone else is." "We don't have anything saying the Hells Angels are coming here," the KCPD source counters. "That's been a rumor that's gone on for 20 years. Until they establish, then they're not here." Tensions are already high. A few months ago, Independence police were called to a 20-person bar brawl on 23rd Street. When cops arrived, Cook says, they found a supporter of the Goose "dazed & confused." "You can tell something happened, but nobody's telling us anything," he recalls. Within a few minutes of police being on the scene, other Goose members rolled in. Cook says he has heard of Sons of Silence members hunting Goose members & affiliates in bars on the Kansas side. "Johnson County, Kansas, which has historically been a bedroom community over there, they've got all kinds of problems," Cook says. "I've heard of several area bars, not just in Jackson County but in Clay County & places like that, that their businesses are suffering miserably because these guys are frequenting their establishments, & they're running the legitimate patrons off." The KCPD source tells The Pitch that there haven't been any reported "problems or violence"

in the city between the incoming clubs & the Goose. "But we foresee that could be a problem because the Galloping Goose are aligned with the Hells Angels," the source says. Cook keeps a high profile. He'll roll into biker swap meets, park his car & walk around. "They know I'm there," he says. "I'll have a radio in my back pocket & a gun on my hip. I'm not hiding from them. I'd much rather they see me there & know this isn't the time or the place to do it. "The best way to find something out is to go & ask the source. ... Why play games?" In 2001, Cook & his partner went undercover & formed their own outlaw motorcycle gang called the Outsiders. They tried to infiltrate the Goose but couldn't break through. Cook knows that most of the outlaw bikers he tracks don't like him. "That's no secret," he says. "But I think there's a respect there at least. I try to deal with them professionally. I'm not a cop that's going to plant dope on you or try to jam you up illegally. They know if I've got them, I'll get 'em. If I don't, I'll try to get them another time. Typically, I'll try to talk to them to work things out. I did it with the Goose. I told them to clean up their act. They chose not to & they got what they got. "I don't hate bikers," Cook adds. "I ride a bike. I've got a Harley. I like motorcycles. I like bikers. It's business, plain & simple."

Tip of the Day – Aug 7, 2013 - *Upper Darby, Pennsylvania* – By Pagan Tack - Comments related to Biker Profiled by Police of Pagan's MC member... This tip comes from him... This is something I've never really thought about... Tip related to a 31 minute Video on YouTube;

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vft3SELotus&feature=share>
Delco biker being pulled over by Upper Darby police because he's wearing colors. They had 4 cops on scene to pull over one bike. **Tip of the Day is:** "If know going to get pulled over, try to pull in somewhere where there is surveillance". . It is Easier said than Done; But you have to be vigilant; & totally legal helps to...

With regards to getting the Video: He asked the store owner whose surveillance camera it was... The owner wasn't will to give it to him... He had to get a Lawyer to get it for him... The Lawyer sent a Private Investigator to the store owner to get the Video... Then he had to get a Computer Buff to get it ready to be posted on YouTube...

Some of the comments on the YouTube Site: As I was heading to work I notice a U.D.P.D following me a car behind me. I pulled in to the 7/11 to get my morning coffee & this is what happened. He said I had no turn sigs & that was why he was stopping me. But in PA there is no law for turn sigs on a kit bike. I went to court & the ticket was thrown out. I've been getting pulled over in this town ship for 18 years, I've been told that as long as I wear my colors in their town they are going to harass me. I will continue to fly my colors. Pagan Tack 1%

We are tired of being harassed by cops that know that nothing illegal is going on. But because they don't like bikers & especially ones that wear colors they give us a hard time. Eastern PA Defenders

This is disgusting! Notice the one cop who kept circling the Pagan? You could tell he was dying for a reason to draw down on him. This was an extremely volatile situation which rested souly on the shoulders of the police. His safety was only ensured by the continuous citizen traffic in & around the store. If this would have been on a back road with no witnesses, it could very well have ended tragically. I'm glad he was released without incident. Wildman

That's insane! Four cops for one guy on a motorcycle & all for bullshit turn signal violation. I bet if you had Blue Knights colors on they would've bought your coffee for you!

Inside the Finks bikie clubhouse – Aug 7, 2013 – *Australia* - By Robyn Wuth; www.GoldCoast.com.au - THE BBC documentary starring the Gold Coast chapter of the Finks outlaw motorcycle gang airs tonight on SBS. 'Australia with Simon Reeve' will be shown tonight on SBS One as the Finks open their Molendinar CH for the BBC's cameras. The award-winning journalist & television presenter said the gang was "very welcoming". "The police in Australia say they're involved in drug production, drug smuggling, murder, arson & anarchy in most forms," Reeve said. "They were willing to meet us, partly because they like BBC documentaries, I kid you not, & partly because they want to put over their side of the story, & explain that it's their members not them as a gang." He described the Finks as "hulky, tattooed blokes with biceps the size of my waist". "They were very welcoming, but very intimidating & quite exotically alien in a way that I have rarely experienced on my travels. "It was right up there with meeting Mr. Big Beard in a market in Mogadishu, & it was happening in an industrial estate outside Brisbane - just completely surreal." Local tourism & business leaders have criticized the production which depicted the Gold Coast as a 'gangster's paradise'. Gold Coast Tourism chairman Paul Donovan described the BBC documentary as 'a beat-up'. "Everyone wants to bash the Gold Coast because they're jealous of the great lifestyle we've got here. Every place in the world has (crime) issues, we can't deny that. But the Gold Coast is the most fantastic place to live & holiday," Mr. Donovan said. The UK tourism market is worth \$2.5 billion nationally & each year about 55,000 visitors from the country visit the Gold Coast.

Police investigating shooting near biker club – Aug 8, 2013 – *Ohio* – By <http://News.Cincinnati.com> - Cincinnati police are investigating an overnight shooting connected to a members-only motorcycle clubhouse in Lower Price Hill. A man was grazed in the ear by a bullet sometime overnight near the Detroit Highwayman's Cincinnati clubhouse at Eighth Street & State Avenue, police said. Police said the man is from Alaska & was shot while sitting in the passenger seat of a sport utility vehicle. Police are investigating whether the victim was shot simply because he came in or near the private club. It is not clear if arrests have been made.

Man shot in ear at motorcycle club – Aug 8, 2013 – *Ohio* – By www.FOX19.com - Police are investigating an overnight shooting at near a motorcycle club in Lower Price Hill. Cincinnati police say that Evan Koller of Alaska, a passenger of an SUV, was shot in the ear after 7-10 shots were fired on West 8th Street near the Highwaymen MC. The driver of the vehicle drove to 5th & Sycamore Ave where they saw authorities. Koller was transported to the hospital & treated for his injuries. Investigators are currently questioning patrons who were inside the club at the time of the shooting. No arrests have been made.

Gonzalez Found Guilty - Aug 8, 2013 – *Nevada* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - A 5 man, 7 woman jury in Reno found Vago Ernesto Manuel "Romeo" Gonzalez guilty of 7 charges including first & second degree murder late yesterday afternoon after deliberating for about 5 hours. The second degree murder charge will be incorporated into the premeditated murder charge. Those charges refer to the shooting of Hells Angels San Jose charter president Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew during the Street Vibrations motorcycle rally in Sept 2011. Gonzalez admitted to shooting Pettigrew 5 times but he said he did so to save the life of fellow Vago Robert Wiggins who was being kicked in the head by Pettigrew. Gonzalez was also found guilty of conspiracy to commit murder, conspiracy to engage, challenge to fight resulting

in death, carrying a concealed weapon & discharging a firearm in a structure. The jury reconvened this morning to consider whether to apply a Nevada "gang enhancement" to Gonzalez' convictions. He faces up to life in prison without parole. He will be sentenced by Washoe County District Court Judge Connie Steinheimer Oct 3. Two other men were also charged in the case. San Jose Hells Angel Cesar Villagrana pled guilty to battery with a deadly weapon & challenge to fight with a deadly weapon. He faces 2 to ten years in prison & will be sentenced by Steinheimer on Sept 4. Former Vago Stuart Gary "Jabbers" Rudnick pled guilty to conspiracy to murder last year, agreed to cooperate with prosecutors & investigators & will be sentenced by Steinheimer on August 22. Rudnick started the fight that led to Pettigrew's death. Because of his cooperation with authorities, Rudnick will probably avoid prison.

Lawyer Versus Lawyer: The prosecutions' key witness in the conviction was Rudnick. Rudnick testified that ill-will between the Angels & the Vagos led to a Vagos all member meeting the night of the murder. According to Rudnick, Vagos Internat'l Pres Pastor "Tata" Palafox authorized an assassination of Pettigrew to stop Hells Angels from treating Vagos "like bitches." Palafox has not been charged in the case. According to Rudnick, Gonzalez volunteered to murder Pettigrew. In closing arguments yesterday, Gonzalez attorney David Houston told the jury, "Either Gonzalez is telling the truth or Rudnick is telling the truth. That's what this case boils down to." Prosecutor Karl Hall trial strategy was to portray the shooting as part of a wider, ongoing conflict between the 2 clubs. Yesterday he stood in front of a display with a Hells Angels cut & a Vagos cut hanging side by side & told jurors, "This case is not about Gary Rudnick. This case is about gang warfare." The jury believed Hall & afterward Houston was surprised.

Reaction: Houston told Emerson Marcus of the Reno Gazette-Journal, "I'm still somewhat flummoxed that we could have resulted in a guilty verdict without so much as reviewing what I would consider to be a great deal of evidence." "(It) leads me to believe there is some concern with the idea that a very broad brush was utilized by the prosecutor to say Vagos did this, Vagos did that, & I think it may have been lost in translation that this was a case of state versus Ernesto Gonzalez," Houston told Marcus. "It had nothing to do with state versus the Vagos." Houston also said Gonzalez "was very disappointed by the verdict. "He was very uplifted after closing arguments. He felt a very good case had been presented as to why he, Ernesto Gonzalez, didn't do anything. Unfortunately, the jury disagreed & felt that Ernesto Gonzalez was a Vago, & if Vagos had done things, Ernesto Gonzalez was the only Vago in the room." Hall had no public comment on the verdict. Houston, in the video below, intends to appeal the verdict.

A Colorado biker walks into a bar & takes a seat next to a very attractive young woman. He gives her a quick glance, then casually looks at his watch for a moment. The woman notices this & asked, "Is your date running late?" "No," he replies, "I just got this state-of-the-art watch, & I was just testing it." The intrigued woman says, "A state-of-the-art watch? What's special about it?" The biker explains, "It uses alpha waves to talk to me telepathically." The woman says, "What's it telling you now?" "Well," he replies, "It says you're not wearing panties." The woman giggles & replies, "Well it must be broken because I am wearing panties." The biker smiles, taps his watch & says, "Damn thing's an hour fast."

Biker gang showdown possible in Duke City - Aug 9, 2013 – *New Mexico* - By Jeff Proctor; www.ALBJournal.com - Albuquerque could be ground zero for a violent clash between outlaw motorcycle gangs, according to an FBI intelligence report obtained by the Journal. Such a conflict, the report says, would be spillover from a couple of incidents, including the Sunday shootout at a North Valley motorcycle club in Albuquerque that left a sergeant-at-arms of the Vagos motorcycle gang dead. The other incident involved a violent exchange between a Bandidos gang member & 2 Vagos members in April that included gunfire but no injuries. “Current intelligence reporting from multiple sources indicates that the (Bandidos MC) national leadership has directed out of state (Bandidos) to proceed to Albuquerque ... within the next 24 hours ... in response to the August 4, 2013 confrontation,” says an FBI “situational information report” dated Tuesday. “Additionally, (Vagos MC) members from neighboring states may already be in Albuquerque awaiting orders from their national leadership.” According to the FBI report, recently gathered law enforcement intelligence points to “an escalation in violence & pending confrontation” between the Bandidos & the Vagos. However, the report also includes a caution that the intelligence is raw & hasn’t been fully analyzed or evaluated against other information. The U.S. Dept of Justice designates both clubs as outlaw motorcycle gangs & warns they “constitute a growing criminal threat to U.S. law enforcement.” The Bandidos club has between 2,000 & 2,500 members, according to the DOJ, & the Vagos have around 300 members in the U.S. & Mexico. The clubs are involved in moving drugs & other crimes, including extortion, insurance fraud, money laundering & murder, according to the Justice Dept. The FBI report urges police who encounter “outlaw motorcycle club” members to use extreme caution. “Members of the biker gangs wear bullet proof vests, carry guns in tactical holsters & “have demonstrated ... proficiency in a live fire situation,” the report said. A man who answered the telephone at a 24-hour FBI switchboard whose number was listed in the report transferred a reporter to the bureau’s local spokesman, who had no comment. The report lists a handful of recipients of the report including: the Albuquerque P.D., the Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Office, New Mexico State Police, the Santa Fe County Sheriff’s Office & the Homeland Security Information Network. BCSO Sgt. Aaron Williamson confirmed his agency received the report. “Obviously we know there are some issues going on with the outlaw motorcycle gangs because of Sunday’s shootout,” Williamson said. “Our gang guys & our field guys will talk about it in briefings & exercise some heightened awareness, but it won’t change the way we do business. A lot of times when you have multiple sources saying: ‘It’s going to happen,’ well, sometimes it does & sometimes it doesn’t.” He said the threat described in the report is specific to the Bandidos & Vagos gangs & that Albuquerque residents don’t necessarily need to be afraid of violence in the streets. “As far as citizens doing anything different,” Williamson said, “I don’t think there’s any extra danger for them.”

Sunday shootout: There is no indication the Sunday shootout involved the Bandidos. Seventy-two shots were fired outside Eppie’s Motorcycle Services, 2701 Fourth Street NW, during a fundraiser that was sponsored by the Black Berets MC, according to the FBI report & APD. Japheth Seaman, the sergeant-at-arms for the Vagos gang, was shot in the head & later died of his injuries, according to the bureau & APD. On Monday, APD said it wasn’t clear who fired the shot that killed Seaman because there were several people shooting. No arrests have been made. An APD spokeswoman said Japheth Seaman’s brother, Malachi Seaman, 37, pulled out a collapsible baton & hit one of the

fundraiser attendees in the face. Japheth Seaman & the third man, who hasn’t been identified, pulled out handguns & began firing at the crowd. Several people in the crowd began firing back. Malachi Seaman was arrested & booked into the Metropolitan Detention Center on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He posted property against \$25,000 bail & was released Monday, according to jail records. According to the FBI report, the chaos outside Eppie’s resulted from Vagos members attacking members of the Black Berets. The FBI report also mentions an incident on April 20 as a possible beginning for the most recent spate of biker gang tensions in Albuquerque. On that day, a Bandidos member, who was driving a pickup truck, encountered 2 Vagos members on motorcycles, the FBI report says. The Bandido rammed one of the rival gang members & drove over his motorcycle. In response, the other Vagos member opened fire on the Bandido, according to the report. “Although no injuries or fatalities occurred in this instance, the incident was purportedly elevated to the national leadership” of both gangs, the report says. “Subsequent intelligence reporting indicated that the national leadership of the (Vagos) had declared war against the (Bandidos) in response to the April ... incident. According to this body of reporting, (Vagos) chapters were assembling a wrecking crew to strike in several western states to include New Mexico.”

Loophole lets NSA search US emails, phone calls without warrant, says Guardian – Aug 9, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By Suzanne Choney; www.NBCnews.com - The National Security Agency can search Americans’ email & phone calls without a warrant because of a rule change approved in 2011, according to a top-secret document given by NSA leaker Edward Snowden to the Guardian. The newspaper’s report comes on the heels of another recent disclosure about the NSA’s reach into the digital lives of Americans, including a story by the New York Times that the agency’s dragnet is much wider than was believed, & has been sifting through international email & text messages of Americans who mention information about foreign targets. The loophole allowing the NSA to do the warrantless searches for individual U.S. citizens, using their name or other identifying information, is allowed because of amendments made to Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, the Guardian says. FISA lets the NSA undertake digital hunts of foreign targets — who aren’t U.S. citizens & who are outside the U.S. — without a warrant. The document shared by Snowden shows “this is the first evidence that the NSA has permission to search those databases for specific U.S. individuals’ communications,” the Guardian said. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee who has indicated for months that the NSA has access to more information than officials have admitted, told the newspaper that the change to Section 702 allows essentially a “backdoor search” of Americans’ data. “Section 702 was intended to give the Gov’t new authorities to collect the communications of individuals believed to be foreigners outside the U.S., but the intelligence community has been unable to tell Congress how many Americans have had their communications swept up in that collection,” Wyden told the Guardian. “Once Americans’ communications are collected, a gap in the law that I call the ‘back-door searches loophole’ allows the Gov’t to potentially go through these communications & conduct warrantless searches for the phone calls or emails of law-abiding Americans.” Greg Nojeim, senior counsel & director of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Democracy & Technology Project on Freedom, Security & Technology, told NBC News that recent Gov’t “assurances that Americans needn’t worry about NSA surveillance that targets people abroad ring hollow when the ‘take’ from that surveillance can be searched for the Americans’

communications within.” “As it turns out, Americans are targets, too, just one step down the road,” he said. Meanwhile, NSA Director Keith Alexander, speaking Thursday at a cybersecurity conference, said the agency plans to eliminate about 90% of its system administrators to reduce the number of employees with access to secret information. Snowden, who was one of those administrators, faces criminal charges by the U.S., but has been granted temporary asylum by Russia. “No one has willfully or knowingly disobeyed the law or tried to invade your civil liberties or privacies,” Alexander said at the conference in New York. “There were no mistakes like that at all.”

Motorcycle gangs have been in ND, but becoming more active

– Aug 10, 2013 – *Williston, North Dakota* - By: Amy Dalrymple; <http://OilPatchDispatch.areavoices.com> - Outlaw motorcycle gangs are gaining a foothold in western North Dakota, law enforcement officials say. U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon said the threat of organized crime, including motorcycle gangs, is one reason Fed agencies have sent more resources to the Oil Patch... Outlaw motorcycle gangs are gaining a foothold in western North Dakota, law enforcement officials say. U.S. Attorney Tim Purdon said the threat of organized crime, including motorcycle gangs, is one reason Fed agencies have sent more resources to the Oil Patch. “There’s no question that we are seeing more & more intelligence that various organized outlaw motorcycle gangs are attempting to operate in the Bakken, engaged in drug trafficking for sure,” Purdon said. Law enforcement officials said the motorcycle gangs have been present in the eastern part of the state -- a man convicted in a recent Fargo stabbing is linked to a gang -- but the strong economy in the oil-producing areas is bringing increasing numbers to the western half of the state. “We’re seeing them increasingly active in drug trafficking & potentially in prostitution as well,” North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem said. “We know they’re there and, at this point, what we are doing is concentrating our efforts on targeting those groups before they get a firm foothold in western North Dakota.” The U.S. Dept of Justice says there are more than 300 outlaw motorcycle gangs in the country that use their clubs as conduits for criminal enterprises. The Dept defines the groups as “highly structured criminal organizations whose members engage in criminal activities such as violent crime, weapons trafficking, & drug trafficking.” The Sons of Silence outlaw motorcycle gang came up in testimony this week in Williston in the homicide case of Jack Sjol, a Williston rancher who was fatally shot this spring. Issac Steen, a co-defendant in the case, told investigators that Ryan Lee Stensaker confided in him that the Sons of Silence hired Stensaker & others to kill Sjol, according to the testimony from law enforcement. Williams County Sheriff Scott Busching said Friday that investigators have not confirmed a link to the Sons of Silence. Defense attorney Steven Mottinger, who represents Stensaker, said it’s too early in the ongoing case for him to comment. Although a connection to the Sjol death is unconfirmed, the Sons of Silence group is organized in the Williston area & has been since at least 2008, say officials with the Williston P.D. & the Williams County Sheriff’s Office. The Sons of Silence is one of the largest outlaw motorcycle gangs in the United States, according to the Dept of Justice, with 250 to 275 members in 12 states. “Members have been implicated in numerous criminal activities, including murder, assault, drug trafficking, intimidation, extortion, prostitution operations, money laundering, weapons trafficking, & motorcycle & motorcycle parts theft,” the Justice Dept says. Capt. Verlan Kvande with the Williams County Sheriff’s Office said that in recent years, officers have begun seeing outlaw motorcycle gang members openly display colors, vests & patches. “They were here before,

but were pretty mild offshoots at that time,” Kvande said. The primary danger to the public is the organized groups bring a new source of methamphetamine as well as drugs that have not been common in northwest North Dakota before, Purdon said. “The threat is that drugs are more available on the street in northwest North Dakota than they have been,” he said. Human trafficking is also a concern, Stenehjem said. Often prostitution cases are linked to motorcycle gangs or other organized crime, he said. In addition, potential turf battles between gangs create concerns for law enforcement, Stenehjem said. Stenehjem said a couple of well-known gangs are established in North Dakota, but he declined to name them. He said there are ongoing criminal cases involving the gangs but he couldn’t go into specifics. Members of the Bandidos & the Hells Angels MCs have been seen traveling through the area, but are not believed to be organized in Williston, Kvande said.

Gangs have been around: Outlaw motorcycle gangs in N.D. are not only a result of the oil boom. Fargo Police Detective Tom Morris has been investigating gangs since 2005, but said they were in North Dakota before that as well. “They’ve been around for quite a while,” said Morris, who also serves as vice president of the Midwest Gang Investigators Association. He said the Sons of Silence are present throughout the state, but he doesn’t know how many members or associates there are. The defendant in a stabbing at Speck’s Bar in Fargo last Dec was a probate member of the Sons of Silence, which is a step toward becoming a full member, Morris said. Jason Todd Pederson pleaded guilty to aggravated assault for stabbing 2 men & is serving 5 years in prison, court records show. Morris said Pederson wore a vest & patch indicating his Sons of Silence affiliation. Pederson also is listed on the Sons of Silence website as a “locked down” member, meaning he is incarcerated. Morris described 2 categories of crimes associated with motorcycle gangs: Gang-motivated crimes, in which a member performs a task in to further the interests of the gang; & member-based crimes in which an individual member of the group commits a crime, but not to further the interests of the gang. Investigators believe the Pederson case was a member-based crime rather than a gang-motivated crime, Morris said. Mottinger, who was Pederson’s attorney, said he doesn’t believe the incident was related to the motorcycle group. “I never saw any concrete evidence that what happened had anything to do with whether or not Mr. Pederson was associated with the Sons of Silence,” Mottinger said.

More resources: Purdon said more Fed resources are being directed to the Oil Patch to respond to organized crime. As of July, the FBI has 2 additional agents stationed in Williston & Sidney, Mont., in addition to increased numbers of agents in Minot & Bismarck. The ATF also recently stationed its first agent in Bismarck & will soon add another to work Oil Patch cases, Purdon said. Homeland Security has added another agent in western North Dakota & several other Fed agencies are working to expand how they assist local law enforcement, Purdon said. “It’s unprecedented, & among the reasons you’re seeing that is the increase in criminal activity including outlaw motorcycle gangs,” Purdon said. State officials also are ramping up efforts on organized crime, including 3 new Bureau of Criminal Investigation agents approved in the recent legislative session. “We are focusing on their activities because I think that it’s important that we get a handle on it now than have to deal with a much more entrenched operation in the future,” Stenehjem said.

Turf at center of biker gang conflict in N.M. - Aug 10, 2013 - *New Mexico* – By Jeff Proctor; www.AbqJournal.com - New Mexico has pretty much always been Bandidos country. But now there's a challenge to the outlaw motorcycle gang's decades-long stranglehold on supremacy here – something of a line in the sand – & law enforcement is watching closely to see whether it gets crossed. That's because a handful of members of the California-based Vagos MC seem to be after a foothold in this state. And if they get national backup from their gang for that effort, a violent turf war could ensue, according to current & former law enforcement officials with detailed knowledge of the inner workings of biker gangs in New Mexico. The static comes from patches called “bottom rockers” sewn onto the back of 5 or 6 local Vagos members' vests. The patches are affixed under 2 other vest patches that carry the name & logo of the gang. The “bottom rocker” signifies a location – in this case, New Mexico. “Once you put that bottom rocker on, that means you're claiming that territory,” said a former Albuquerque P.D. officer. “That's very serious business to them.” There has already been violence here, including 2 recent incidents that prompted the FBI to issue an intelligence report for New Mexico state & Fed law enforcement agencies earlier this week that warned of a potential surge in violence among biker gangs, specifically the Bandidos & the Vagos. The first incident involved a violent exchange between a Bandidos gang member & 2 Vagos members in April that included gunfire but no injuries. The second happened on Sunday: a shootout at a North Valley fundraiser that left a Vagos sergeant-at-arms dead. Among the groups participating in the event were the Black Berets, which law enforcement sources said is a Bandidos “support club” that does not embrace the outlaw image. Police collected 72 shell casings from the crime scene. The former APD officer described those 2 incidents as indicators of a “targets of opportunity war” in which rival gang members take potshots at one another when an opportunity arises. The conflict will escalate if the Vagos national leadership decides to send an enforcer crew to New Mexico to provide support for the upstart members here. “If it happens, it'll happen quietly,” the former officer said. “There probably won't be fighting in the streets. The guys will go after each other where they know the other gang hangs out. “They don't go out of their way to (expletive) with Joe Q. Public, so people don't need to be scared when they're going about their everyday lives. Unless you get caught up in one of those targets of opportunity, just don't go to the places where they're going to be, because there may be trouble at bike events or bars where bikers hang out.” The U.S. Dept of Justice designates the Vagos & the Bandidos as outlaw motorcycle gangs & warns that they “constitute a growing criminal threat to U.S. law enforcement.” The Bandidos club has between 2,000 & 2,500 members nationwide, according to the DOJ, & the Vagos have around 300 members in the U.S. & Mexico. Both gangs self-identify as outlaws. That's evidenced in the clubs' iconography, the patches they wear & links on their websites to inmate data for their incarcerated members. Other motorcycle clubs, such as the Black Berets, don't identify themselves as outlaws. As of late 2009, there were 50 or 60 New Mexico members of the Bandidos gang, which originated & still has its leadership in Texas. There were 25 or 30 Bandidos in Albuquerque during that time. Occupying turf alone gives outlaw motorcycle gangs exclusive rights to sell drugs & deal in stolen bikes – their primary source of illegal income, according to law enforcement sources. For decades, there have been members of other biker gangs in New Mexico, including the Vagos, the Mongols & Hells Angels. But they didn't wear “bottom rockers.” And in the rare instances that someone tried to claim a slice of territory here, the Bandidos stepped in quickly. “What they're

supposed to do – what they've traditionally done – is go to (the other gang's) clubhouse or wherever they're holding church & say: “We're here for your patches, so you can either hand 'em over, or we're going to (expletive) take 'em,” the former APD officer said. “At that point, the other gang either gives up the patches or fights for them. The Bandidos have done that here for a lot of years, & they've always gotten the patches. And after they've cut those other gangs' patches, they take them back to their own clubhouse & hang them on the wall upside down as trophies.” But that hasn't happened with the recently emboldened Vagos. “And when that doesn't happen, it leads to what you're seeing now,” the former officer said. The Bandidos have never faced a serious challenge to their dominance here. The apparent gambit from the Vagos sets up a “mud test,” which essentially is a game of chicken between the 2 gangs to see who blinks first. The question for New Mexico law enforcement now is whether national leaders for the Bandidos & Vagos will choose this state as a battleground. According to the FBI intelligence report, out-of-state Bandidos may already be on the way here. And additional Vagos troops may already be in New Mexico “awaiting orders from their national leadership,” the report says. Sunday's shootout was enough to get the full attention of state & Fed law enforcement who monitor gang activity here. Eppie's Motorcycle Services, 2701 Fourth Street NW, put on a biker swap meet & fundraiser for a teenage girl who is battling a rare disease. The Black Berets participated in the event. Several Vagos members, including Japheth Seaman, the gang's 36-year-old sergeant-at-arms locally, & his brother, Malichi Seaman, 37, went to the event apparently looking for trouble, current & former law enforcement officials said. Malichi Seaman struck one of the fundraiser attendees in the face with a collapsible baton, according to police. Japheth Seaman & a third man, who hasn't been identified, then pulled out handguns & began firing at the crowd. Several people in the crowd began firing back. Japheth Seaman was shot in the head & died, police said. It is unclear who fired that shot. Malachi Seaman was arrested & booked into the Metropolitan Detention Center on a charge of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He posted property against \$25,000 bail & was released Monday, according to jail records, but he was sent back to jail on Tuesday after Metropolitan Court Judge Sharon Walton remanded him to custody & set a new bond of \$100,000 cash only. He remained at the West Side jail Friday evening. “Sunday's incident was more of a personal thing – again, one of those targets of opportunity – but to totally discount it as completely personal & not club-related would probably be a mistake,” the former APD officer said.

Those who abandon their history, are prone to repeating it.
Mostly the mistakes. – BPM MC PK

- L** - Love of Club and Brothers
- L** - Loyalty to Club, Brothers, & mission statement
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- R** - Respect for Clubs & Brothers must be earned
By showing respect

U.S. Defenders:

- We don't accept applications. We accept commitments...
- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no “I”, there has to be “We”...
- One heart, One Voice...

National Coalition of Motorcyclists...
An Idea Whose Time Has Come...