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

**Editor's Note:** For **August** there were 2 issues, For **September** there were 2 issues, For **October** this is the 1<sup>st</sup> issue ...

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

**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 (**74 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, Moloch, 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...

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

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**Editor's Note:** Congratulations of Certificate of Completion of Apprenticeship for your occupation of \_\_\_ *Fill in* \_\_\_ show that you do positive things with your time... *Cool...!*

**Death in our family: Righteous, founding member of the Outlaw Nation.** – Oct 1, 2013 – *Wisconsin* – Written By Outlaw Flapper - I first met Righteous when I was 18 years old. I had just got my first Harley. There was a club just starting up in the Milwaukee area. They were all young like myself & we had one thing in common. Riding our Harley's. We were not old enough to get into bars so we hung around the Milwaukee lakefront. Down by the lake front there was always someone who could go & buy beer. At the top of the hill there was a bar named Hooligan's. They sold Bull Frog beer. It was 31 cents a quart, including the nickel for the deposit on the bottle.

After a few years the Gypsy Outlaws from Milwaukee & the Chicago Outlaws decided to hook up & form one big club. Righteous was at that time the head of the Milwaukee Playboys. Together along with the Black Jackets, Milwaukee, & a newly formed Gypsy Outlaw group from Louisville Kentucky the Outlaw Nation was formed. As the Club progressed over the years Righteous progress through the ranks & was our Milwaukee President for some years. He was a family man & had a full time job yet he managed to be a stand up 100% Brother. He rode everywhere with us. His decisions were wise & always in the best interest of the club. As years rolled on, Righteous wore down like the rest of us. He decided that he could no longer function 100% as a Brothers. I was in near tears when he came to the meeting with his patch & told us the sad news. How can a Brother you

have ridden with all your life come & hand in his patch? It was a part of growing up in a club. That kind of news burns a hole in your heart. After Righteous left the club we would see just as much of him as I did when he had his patch. On more than one occasions, myself, & other officers would ask Righteous his advice on serious matters. He was a smart leader & was always ready to lend a hand to any Brother.

As years moved on Righteous became ill with cancer. He fought it & won, so they told him. We all know you don't beat the "big C." When the cancer returned he was not going to go through all the BS kemo & radiation again. He accepted that his ticket had been drawn for that ride to the "Forever Chapter." We will honor & forever respect what this Brother has done for the Outlaw Nation. I'm sure other clubs have had such a member in their ranks & can see our sorrow for our loss.

O.F.F.O. El Flap 1%er 1965 Milwaukee Wrecking Crew.

**"Right to Associate with MC members" Case** – Summer of 2013 – *Washington* – Legal Decision - No. 39598-3-II Consolidated with 40105-3-II, 39688-2-II, 39705-6-II - State Of Washington, Respondent, v. Mike Robert McCreven, Appellant

**Excerpts – Page 2 thru 3:** In the 574 pages of briefing, the parties present a number of legal issues for our review, including challenges to (1) the trial court's ruling admitting Bandidos motorcycle gang evidence, (2) the prosecution's closing argument, (3) the jury instructions defining self-defense, & (4) the sufficiency of the evidence supporting the jury's verdicts. In this opinion, we focus primarily on the issues dispositive of the appeal. Our review of the record of this protracted trial reveals that the Bandidos evidence was inadmissible & unduly prejudicial, that the challenged portions of the prosecution's closing argument were improper, & that the jury instructions defining self-defense were also improper. These errors require that we reverse the codefendants' convictions, vacate their sentences, & remand for a new trial.

**Excerpts – Page 4 thru 11: Motorcycle Club Evidence:** The codefendants assert that the trial court erred by admitting irrelevant, prejudicial motorcycle club evidence. Specifically, the codefendants argue they were denied their rights to a fair trial by the State's introduction of prejudicial Hideos motorcycle riding club membership evidence & irrelevant Bandidos motorcycle gang evidence. The codefendants further argue that the trial court did not conduct the required ER 404(b) analysis on the record & that the trial court's limiting instructions were inadequate to cure the prejudice from the erroneous admission of the evidence. For its part, the State asserts it offered the evidence to prove identity as permitted by the trial court's order in limine. In its brief, the State argues that the evidence was also admissible as res gestae or under the ER 404(b) motive exception. As to proving accomplice liability, the State argues that the associational evidence showing an existing friendship amongst the codefendants was necessary & relevant. We hold that the trial court erred by admitting the Bandidos-related evidence because it failed to conduct the required ER 404(b) analysis on the record. In addition, on this record, the State failed to meet the prima facie case for admission of the Bandidos evidence for any proper purpose. Last, although the State asserts it offered the evidence to prove identity, our review of the record reveals that it used the evidence improperly as character evidence.

**A. *Motions in Limine:*** The codefendants moved in limine to exclude evidence of motorcycle club membership, paraphernalia, jackets, & t-shirts on First Amendment rights to association &

relevancy grounds. The trial court denied the motion in part, allowing the State to offer evidence of the codefendants' clothing alleged to have been worn on the night of the incident to prove identity. The trial court granted the portion of the codefendants' motion to prohibit the State from offering membership evidence to prove association & from offering other motorcycle club paraphernalia found in the codefendants' homes unrelated to the events on the night in question.

**B. Bandidos Motorcycle Gang Evidence:** In addition to the Hídalgos clothing which the State alleged the assailants wore on the night of Beaudine's death, the State also offered photographs depicting Ford wearing a motorcycle riding vest with a button that read, "I support the Bandidos," Smith wearing a Bandidos t-shirt, McCreven's motorcycle with a Bandidos decal, & McCreven's disorderly bedroom & closet showing several motorcycle riding vests & chaps. 7 Report of Proceedings (RP) at 947. The codefendants objected repeatedly to the photographs on the grounds that their admission violated the trial court's ruling in *limine*, & that they were prejudicial, irrelevant, & duplicative. The codefendants asked that the photographs be cropped such that the Bandidos insignia would not be shown. The trial court denied the request. After hearing extensive argument, the trial court admitted the photographs, stating, "The issue in this case is the identity of the persons who were involved in this fight." 7 RP at 899. The trial court reasoned that because the codefendants pleaded not guilty, identity was "a big issue" & found that the photographs "simply go to the issues of identity." 7 RP at 899. The trial court stated that it would be willing to give "some sort of a limiting instruction on the constitutional protected rights of association, if it's crafted correctly." 7 RP at 899.

**C. Limiting Instructions:** The codefendants proposed a limiting instruction that the photographs of clothing were "offered for the limited purposes the defendants may own clothing similar to that depicted & they may not be considered for any other purpose." 7 RP at 890. The State objected, arguing that the photographs showed the codefendants knew each other, which was relevant because the State had charged them as accomplices. The codefendants countered that the trial court had already ruled that evidence showing mere association or membership would not be admitted. Ultimately, defense counsel argued that a limiting instruction could not cure the prosecutor's improper use of the photographs to establish guilt by association with the Bandidos. The trial court declined to give the codefendants' proposed limiting jury instructions. Instead, the trial court instructed the jury that "[e]vidence has been introduced in this case on the subject of defendant's association with The Hídalgos motorcycle club. The mere association with a motorcycle club is a protected constitutional right. Any discussion of the evidence during your deliberations must be consistent with this limitation." Clerk's Papers (CP) at 1189. The trial court also instructed the jury that "[c]ertain evidence has been admitted in this case for only a limited purpose. This evidence consists of photographs depicting motorcycle garb and/or club affiliation & maybe considered by you for the purpose of identification. Any discussion of the evidence during your deliberations must be consistent with this limitation." CP at 1190.

**D. Standard of Review:** We review a trial court's decision to admit or exclude evidence under ER 404(b) for abuse of discretion. *State v. Powell*, 126 Wn.2d 244, 258, 893 P.2d 615 (1995); *State v. Campbell*, 78 Wn. App. 813, 821, 901 P.2d 1050 (citing *State v. Dennison*, 115 Wn.2d 609, 628, 801 P.2d 193 (1990)), review denied, 128 Wn.2d 1004 (1995). A trial court

abuses its discretion when its decision is manifestly unreasonable or based on untenable grounds or reasons. *Powell*, 126 Wn.2d at 258. We will not disturb a trial court's ruling on the admissibility of evidence if it is sustainable on alternative grounds. *State v. St. Pierre*, 111 Wn.2d 105, 119, 759 P.2d 383 (1988).

**E. ER 404(b) Analysis:** Evidence is relevant if it has any tendency to make the existence of any material fact more or less probable. ER 401. Even relevant evidence may be inadmissible if the danger of unfair prejudice substantially outweighs its probative value. ER 403. The danger of unfair prejudice exists when evidence is likely to stimulate an emotional rather than a rational response. *Powell*, 126 Wn.2d at 264. In determining whether the probative value of evidence outweighs its unfair prejudice, a trial court should consider the availability of other means of proof & other factors. *Powell*, 126 Wn.2d at 264. Evidence of prior bad acts is presumptively inadmissible. *State v. DeVincentis*, 150 Wn.2d 11, 17, 74 P.3d 119 (2003). ER 404(b) provides, Evidence of other crimes, wrongs, or acts is not admissible to prove the character of a person in order to show action in conformity therewith. It may, however, be admissible for other purposes, such as proof of motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, or absence of mistake or accident. Thus, ER 404(b) prohibits the admission of evidence to show the character of a person to prove the person acted in conformity with it on a particular occasion. *State v. Everybodytalksabout*, 145 Wn.2d 456, 466, 39 P.3d 294 (2002).

**Before admitting evidence** under ER 404(b), "the trial court must (1) find by a preponderance of the evidence that the misconduct occurred, (2) identify the purpose for which the evidence is sought to be introduced, (3) determine whether the evidence is relevant to prove an element of the crime charged, & (4) weigh the probative value of the evidence against its prejudicial effect."

**State v. Asaeli**, 150 Wn. App. 543, 576, 208 P.3d 1136 (quoting *State v. Pirtle*, 127 Wn.2d 628, 648-49, 904 P.2d 245 (1995), cert. denied, 518 U.S. 1026 (1996)), review denied, 167 Wn.2d 1001 (2009). Generally, the trial court must conduct the ER 404(b) analysis on the record. *Asaeli*, 150 Wn. App. at 576 n.34. A trial court should resolve doubts as to admissibility of prior bad acts character evidence under ER 404(b) in favor of exclusion. *State v. Thang*, 145 Wn.2d 630, 642, 41 P.3d 1159 (2002) (citing *State v. Smith*, 106 Wn.2d 772, 776, 725 P.2d 951 (1986)). If the trial court admits ER 404(b) evidence, "it must provide the jury with a limiting instruction specifying the purpose of the evidence." *Asaeli*, 150 Wn. App. at 577 n.35 (citing *State v. Foxhoven*, 161 Wn.2d 168, 175, 163 P.3d 786 (2007)).

**Here, the trial court** did not conduct an ER 404(b) analysis on the record before admitting the Bandidos-related evidence. Rather, the trial court ruled that motorcycle riding clothing, generally, was admissible to prove identity. During trial, over numerous defense objections as to the relevance & prejudicial impact of the Bandidos-related evidence, the trial court simply ruled, "All right. All of the exhibits that are objected to are admitted." 7 RP at 885. And when the State later argued that the photographs were relevant to the accomplice charges because they showed that the codefendants knew each other, the trial court merely reiterated its ruling that the evidence was admissible as to identity.

**The record shows** that despite defense counsels' exhaustive arguments as to the prejudicial nature of the Bandidos evidence, the trial court did not differentiate between the evidence that the assailants wore Hídalgos "colors" & the codefendants owned

Hidalgos emblazoned motorcycle clothing described by the witnesses to the fight & the Bandidos evidence which had no established connection to the fight that left Beaudine dead. Neither limiting instruction addressed or limited the jury's consideration of the Bandidos-related evidence. Asaeli, 150 Wn. App. at 576-77 n.35 (citing Foxhoven, 161 Wn.2d at 175). No witness testified to seeing the codefendants wearing Bandidos paraphernalia on the night of the incident. Moreover, there was no nexus between the Bandidos motorcycle gang & the codefendants' Hidalgo motorcycle club membership established on the record presented for our review. Cf. United States v. Cortinas, 142 F.3d 242, 249 (5th Cir. 1998) (Bandidos evidence was not prejudicial because the jury heard the codefendants were members of another motorcycle club, "a boot camp organization for the Bandidos."), cert. denied, 525 U.S. 897 (1998).

**The Bandidos** is a notorious motorcycle gang whose members pride themselves on not being law-abiding citizens. United States v. Jackson, 845 F.2d 1262, 1264 (5th Cir. 1988). Prospective members must commit a felony witnessed by other members before they are granted membership. Jackson, 845 F.2d at 1264. The Bandidos also have a code of retribution against anyone who testifies against them. Jackson, 845 F.2d at 1264; see United States v. Fabel, 312 Fed. Appx. 932, 935 (9th Cir.) (defining "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs" as organizations such as the Bandidos, Black Pistons, Hells Angels, Mongols, Outlaws, Pagan's, & Vagos "'whose members use their motorcycle clubs as conduits for criminal enterprises.'" (quoting Dept of Justice, <http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/gangunit/about/omgangs.html>)), cert. denied, 129 S. Ct. 2451 (2009).

**Although the jury** did not hear specific evidence of the Bandidos motorcycle gang & their reputation for violence, our review of the record reveals that several jurors acknowledged during voir dire that they were familiar with either the Bandidos' reputation or MC's or gangs, generally. Thus, from this record, it appears that the photographs depicting Bandidos (rather than Hidalgo) insignia were irrelevant & unduly prejudicial. ER 401; ER 403; Powell, 126 Wn.2d at 264; see State v. Ray, 116 Wn.2d 531, 546-47, 806 P.2d 1220 (1991) (a trial court's erroneous admission of evidence is harmless if the evidence did not materially affect the outcome of trial); cf. Cortinas, 142 F.3d at 248 (vacating convictions because limiting instructions were inadequate "to mitigate the prejudicial effect of the overwhelming testimony regarding the violent, criminal activities of the Bandidos").

**On appeal, the State** does not contend that the codefendants wore Bandidos insignia on the night of the incident or that the Bandidos-related buttons, shirts, & decals are "similar" to the Hidalgo patches the State alleged the codefendants wore on the night of the incident. Neither does the State argue it did not have available other photographs depicting the codefendants in motorcycle riding gear without Bandidos insignia. See, e.g., Powell, 126 Wn.2d at 264. And because the State argued at trial that the codefendants assaulted Beaudine because he insulted their Hidalgo membership, the Bandidos evidence does not appear to fall under either res gestae or the ER 404(b) motive exception for admissibility. Accordingly, because the record before us is devoid of any consideration by the trial court as to the relevance or admissibility of the inflammatory Bandidos evidence as required before admitting evidence under ER 404(b), we must reverse the codefendants' convictions, including Nolan's second degree assault conviction, & remand for a new trial. Asaeli, 150 Wn. App. At 576-77 n.34. As to the Hidalgo evidence, however, the trial court did not err. It conducted the required ER 404(b)

analysis & properly admitted that evidence to prove the identity of those persons witnesses testified were involved in the fight.

**Excerpt: 36 page Brief...** In accord with our foregoing analysis, we reverse the codefendants' convictions, vacate their sentences, & remand for new trial. Because legally sufficient evidence supports the jury verdicts, double jeopardy does not bar retrial. See State v. Hescocock, 98 Wn. App. 600, 611, 989 P.2d 1251 (1999) (citing Burks v. United States, 437 U.S. 1, 18, 98 S. Ct. 2141, 57 L. Ed. 2d 1 (1978)).

**In Forma Pauperis Filings & Denial of In Forma Pauperis Status: A Pro Se Guide** to the Submission of an Acceptable Petition for Writ of Certiorari - May 17, 2012 - By Mathew Planalp; [www.CockleLegalBriefs.com](http://www.CockleLegalBriefs.com) - In forma pauperis (IFP) proceedings are those cases in which the U.S. Supreme Court allows an indigent party to file a petition for writ of certiorari without paying the \$300 filing fee or preparing a printed booklet. If leave is denied, the petitioner is given a due date (typically 21 days after the denial) to file the petition in booklet format in accordance with Rule 33.1 & pay the filing fee. As petitioners often realize, however, the vast majority of IFP applications filed fall short of demonstrating the degree of indigency necessary for IFP status. While the preponderance of cases in which an IFP application is denied are civil cases, IFP status has been denied in criminal cases as well, even when the party was incarcerated. See Gressman, E., et al., Supreme Court Practice, at 564 (9th ed.). Petitioners who have been denied IFP status have 2 options: they can file a motion to reconsider the denial, or, they can call the knowledgeable staff at Cockle Printing to arrange for the preparation of a Rule 33.1 booklet (a sample of our work can be found here). The leading Supreme Court practitioner's guide & a long line of cases suggest that "it seems futile to request that the Court rehear or reconsider an order denying leave to proceed IFP. The Court will almost certainly deny such a motion." See Gressman, at 570; Corey v. Mendel, 534 U.S. 809 (2001); In re Gaydos, 519 U.S. 1089 (1997); Martin v. Mrvos, 502 U.S. 1028 (1992). Additionally, the 21 day period in which to submit a booklet petition has started to run & will not be extended upon the Court's receipt of a motion to reconsider. Thus, many petitioners who have been denied IFP status often place their trust in Cockle Printing's expert Document Analysts to transform their IFP submissions into rule-compliant booklets. Cockle Printing ensures that the petition & appendix are typeset in the proper Century family font, printed on paper of the appropriate size & weight & bound with the correct color of cover. After the booklet petition has been printed & filed with the Clerk, the Court will set the respondent's due date & distribute the document for an upcoming conference (in which the Court will consider whether or not to grant the writ). Should the Court advance the case to the merits stage, it will set schedules for oral argument & the submission of additional briefs. IFP petitioners who require assistance in their Rule 33.1 filing should send their petition & appendix documents to Cockle Printing in order to begin generating a rule-compliant booklet in time to meet the Court's updated due date.

**A woman was asked by a coworker**, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, & washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts the top off & scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, & greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face & puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

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

**SportBikers Attack SUV In NYC:** Headlines across America shrieked in condemnation over a road rage incident involving a swarm of sportbike riders in New York who were caught on tape viciously attacking a family in an SUV, but according to high-profile civil rights attorney Gloria Allred we haven't heard the whole story. Everything started when a driver bumped a biker on the Henry Hudson Parkway in NYC & took off, sparking the chase & vicious assault that followed. After the initial contact, the now-famous helmet cam footage that captivated the country shows a rider cutting in front of a Range Rover, slowing down & gesturing at the driver just before the SUV driver clipped his back tire. Following a brief exchange on the side of the road, the SUV driver is seen hitting the gas & speeding off recklessly through the crowd of bikers, running over one of them. A group of riders pursued the vehicle & miles later when it was forced to a halt in heavy traffic, several of the bikers bashed in the windows & dragged the driver out & beat him in front of his wife & infant child. Allred is representing rider Edwin "Jay" Mieses, the 33-year old father of 2 from Massachusetts who was ran over & left permanently paralyzed by the SUV driver during his "escape", & she told FOX News during an Oct 8th interview on "Hannity" that; "First of all, what's not being talked about is what happened several miles before Edwin was run over, & we have evidence of this & police are aware, that the SUV was in the right lane several miles before & decided to move over into the center lane, HIT a bike & kept going & then several miles later hit a second rider & then ran over Edwin, crushing him under the SUV without any warning as he was standing there trying to get everyone to move on." "Ticked off" by the media's unfair portrayal of the events, Allred said there's no evidence of intimidation on the part of the bikers prior to the accident & the subsequent attack, & riders insist that the SUV driver was the aggressor. "He drove erratically & bumped the bike on the side," one rider told WABC TV, corroborating that the driver had already hit one motorcycle prior to the confrontation. "When he bumped that bike on the side, that biker became aggressive because his life was in danger." Three bikers have thus far been arrested for gang assault & other crimes, but the SUV driver has not been charged as the case continues under investigation, so stay tuned.

**Positioning Plates to Permit License Plate Recognition:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration wants to change the angle of motorcycle license plates & has requested comments on a proposed amendment to a safety standard on "lamps, reflective devices & associated equipment to allow the license plate mounting surface on motorcycles to be at an angle of up to 30 degrees beyond vertical" (on horizontal installed plates). According to the agency, the change would bring the U.S. rule more in line with European regulations, increase design flexibility without compromising safety or increasing costs, & allow license plate recognition technology used by law enforcement organizations to continue reading license plate characters.

**CDC Asked to Back Off Motorcycle Issues:** Congressman Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a letter to the Centers for Disease Control requesting that the CDC stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws. "Given the demands on your budget

& the unique ability of the CDC to address such pressing issues as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer's & a host of other conditions, & issues which afflict millions of Americans & others around the globe, we encourage you to direct your attention & resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the Gov't," wrote Petri in the letter he is requesting fellow members of Congress to co-sign. With the Gov't shut-down ending, now is the time to contact your Congressional Reps & ask them to sign onto Rep. Petri's letter to the CDC.

**New Nevada Law Allows Motorcyclists To Go On Red:** Under a new law, motorcyclists will be allowed to go through red lights. Starting October 1, if a motorcyclist comes to a red light at a signal that doesn't seem to be working or has failed to detect the motorcycle, the rider will be allowed to go through. Assembly Bill 117 enables motorcyclists, moped, trimobile & bike riders to go through red lights after waiting for 2 rounds of the signal without getting a green light. The Nevada H.P. said signals use sensors to detect metal, which may make it more difficult to detect motorcycles than vehicles. The new law still requires motorcycles to stop at a light, & only proceed through a red if it's safe. The state has launched a website to educate people on the new law. Nevada joins a dozen other states that allow riders to proceed through malfunctioning red lights. Similar "dead red" laws have previously been enacted in Minnesota (2002), Tennessee (2003), Arkansas (2005), Idaho (2006), Wisconsin (2006), N.C. (2007), S.C. (2008), Missouri (2008), Oklahoma (2010), Kansas (2011), Virginia (2011) & Illinois (except Chicago - 2012). In Texas & California, state law requires stoplights to be fitted with sensors that detect motorcycles.

**Texas Bikers & Trikers Celebrate A Successful Legislative Session:** Previously in Texas, three-wheeled motorcycle training courses were costly & not widely available, due to mandated motorcycle training curricula from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that limited the flexibility of the Dept of Public Safety in approving otherwise appropriate curricula. This was limiting for motorcyclists who do not wish to or cannot drive a two-wheeled motorcycle (perhaps due to a physical disability) but want to drive a three-wheeled cycle. S.B. 763, "AN ACT relating to motorcycle training, the enforcement of certification standards for motorcycles, & the license requirements for a three-wheeled motorcycle," changes from mandatory to optional whether curricula includes the curricula developed by a particular foundation, giving DPS the flexibility to authorize other curricula that meet the statutory & regulatory requirements of Texas. The new law also adds a three-wheeled restriction to the Class M license of those Texans who take only a three-wheeled training course. Currently, a motorcyclist who has only taken a three-wheeled training course can obtain a Class M license which permits them to legally operate a two-wheeled motorcycle. "Another successful Legislative session for Texas Bikers, & Texas Trikes too!," announced Paul Landers, TMRAII Legislative Liaison & National Lt. Commander of the US Defenders / C.O.I.R. "For the first time, a new classification for this group of 3 wheeled Bikers. Personally, I feel this builds unity & gives more support to our political initiatives, trike owners can now be a part of what we do & feel good about it!"

**Motorcyclists Hope to Change New Illinois Poker Run Law:** A new law meant to protect poker runs is creating frustration. House Bill 2520, the "Poker Run Act", was drawn up earlier this year because of concerns that poker runs were a type of illegal gambling. The bill to legalize poker runs for charities & Not For Profit organizations was passed with overwhelming support &

was signed into law in August, moving the fundraisers under the Illinois Charitable Games Act. However, the regulations means charities & poker run stops all need to pay for a license. All locations involved are now required to pay a fee of \$50 a year. The non-profit behind the event must have a permit that costs \$200. Any funds raised will be taxed at 3%. Motorcycle groups are now looking for a new solution. Poker runs bring out bikers & bring in big dollars for charity causes, but much fear the new law will put an end to many of the events. The push for change came when the motorcycle advocacy group, ABATE of Illinois, wanted to protect poker runs, which some states are cracking down on as illegal gaming. According to WSIL TV (ABC), the Illinois Dept of Revenue says lawmakers didn't ask for their help in drafting the legislation so now the agency is enforcing those taxes & fees, but they're also talking with bill sponsors about finding a new category for poker runs. Representative Rich Brauer has already drawn up a bill that would put poker runs under the jurisdiction of the county where they're being held.

***Biker Discrimination at Oklahoma State Fair:*** On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept 2013, 2 members of The Horsemen MC out of Moore, OK went the State Fair of OK, walking past 4 OK City police officers at the gates who watched the 2 of them buy tickets & enter the fair. They entered with club colors on & the Police made eye contact but let them in. About an hour into being there, a Sgt of the OKC P.D. pulled them aside & told them to remove their cuts or colors, whereupon the 2 Horsemen refused. The Police then told the 2 riders they had one chance to leave & if they didn't, they would be arrested. The riders then agreed & started heading toward the gate. They told them they would like their ticket money back since there are no signs posted informing motorcyclists they were not allowed to wear Colors in the fair. They did get their ticket money back but had to give their personal information to the police so they could run their identity through to see if they had any warrants. They took pictures of their vests & insignia, wanted to list their tattoos & informed them that they were a "gang". "The Horsemen walked away without being arrested but hopefully our Riding Community can understand there is a serious problem with this," said Tiger Mike Revere in his report in the ABATE of OK newsletter. "In the meantime, club members who have been mistreated at this point will be interacting with attorneys for possible litigation." Tiger Mike, who is the ABATE Liaison for the OK CoCs & also serves on the NCOM board of directors, encourages any biker who experiences discriminatory treatment to go to the Oklahoma Confederation of Clubs website at: [www.okcoc.net](http://www.okcoc.net) to download, print & submit a Discrimination Complaint to NCOM, & advises that this issue will be discussed further during the NCOM Region 2 Conference scheduled for Nov 22-23 at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City.

***GITMO For Bikies:*** Bikers going to jail in Queensland will now be sent to a "bikie-only prison" at the ultra-secure Woodford Correctional Centre as part of the Australian Govt's push against "bikies". The biker gang-only facility, which critics have compared with Guantánamo Bay, will form a core part of the Newman Govt's attempt to drive outlaw bikie gangs from Queensland. Convicted outlaw motorcycle gang members will be kept in their cells for 23 hours a day at the centre, denied access to gym equipment, televisions & be subject to a more stringent regime of drug testing & searches. All calls unrelated to their legal representation will be monitored & their mail opened & censored while visitor contact will be restricted to one hour a week. Bikie members already in Queensland prisons will also be transferred to the new facility, which is aimed at denying them the ability to use prison time to recruit new members & widen their

drug distribution networks says Gov't sources. Premier Campbell Newman told The Courier-Mail that the facility will be an integral part of sweeping legislation to be introduced & passed through State Parliament, adding that the new laws will also automatically ban bikies from accessing bail & hand greater investigative powers to the Crime & Misconduct Commission. In addition to mandatory enhanced prison sentences of up to 25 additional years for gang members, the Gov't is also considering tougher penalties for crimes committed in prison, including weapon offenses, assaults & drug use, as well as stiffer penalties for prison staff caught colluding with gang members. Civil libertarians & members of the legal fraternity have condemned the proposed bikie crackdown as unnecessary, ill-conceived & arrogant. Thanks to Mike Davis of the NCOM **Brothers Behind Bars** outreach for sharing this information.

***Quotable Quote:*** "Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-68) American clergyman & civil rights leader

#### **Eye for an Eye – By Warrior Blue**

If he not justified its homicide,  
Sex offender, Rape, Child Molestation  
You know a Chomo, a Rapeo, Is this to graphic for you  
What if it was one of yours  
Your wife, your sister, your mother, your dad,  
Would you seek revenge  
To take away ones innocents, What about an Eye for an Eye  
You know you can do more time, For far less crime  
Try and take the Feds money, It was only a note  
While the clowns and rapeos walk the streets  
What if someone kills your Brother  
For an unjust reason, Is it then just for you to reply  
People get killed for a lot less, That I cannot say why  
Mess with one of my kids, We will see Eye for an Eye

***My Morning Prayer...*** God give me the strength to put up with this place one more day. Help me keep my temper in check so I won't kill one of these fuckin fools. Help overlook the wrong others do, so I won't hurt one of these fuckin rats. Help me to overlook the liars, punks, no good pieces of shit, & all the stupid things they do. Help me to keep my mouth shut so I won't hurt some child molesters fuckin feelings & most of all God, give the assholes on this prison yard the good sense to stay the fuck away from me! Amen!

***Jury selection to start today in Hells Angels case in Salem –*** Oct 1, 2013 – ***Massachusetts*** - By Julie Manganis; [www.SalemNews.com](http://www.SalemNews.com) - Jury selection is expected to get underway this morning in Salem Superior Court in the trial of 4 men, 3 reputed members of the notorious Hells Angels motorcycle gang & another said to be part of an affiliated gang, on charges that include extortion, kidnapping & mayhem. The men are charged with forcing a former member, a Revere man, to turn over the title to his motorcycle, which they took last October after kicking him out of the Red Devils motorcycle gang, an affiliated group, & smashing the man's hand with a hammer. But some 11th hour legal issues — including whether the jury will be shown the state's key piece of evidence, a video of one defendant taking the title to the motorcycle from the alleged victim — led to a lengthy hearing yesterday. During that hearing, an FBI agent testified that the agency has reports & Fed grand jury testimony by the alleged victim, as well as by a co-defendant who has made a deal with prosecutors. That prompted defense lawyers to demand that prosecutors turn over all of those materials.

Prosecutor A.J. Camelio said he was willing to do so — if he had them. He told Judge David Lowy that the U.S. Attorney's office has so far refused to give him those grand jury transcripts & the FBI reports. So, the judge issued an order for those reports. The response of Fed prosecutors could determine whether the case actually goes to trial as scheduled. On trial are Marc Eliason, 35, of Danvers; Sean Barr, 48, of Lynn; & Robert Defronzo, 45, of Saugus, all said to be members of the Hells Angels Salem chapter (based in Lynn); & Brian Weymouth, 41, of Danvers, who is alleged to be a member of the Red Devils, based in Newbury. Besides kidnapping & extortion, they are charged with mayhem, assault & battery, & larceny. A fifth defendant, George Brown, 49, of Salem, reputed to be a Hells Angel, has reached an agreement with prosecutors under which he will testify against his alleged former associates. Brown has also been testifying before a Fed grand jury, prosecutors disclosed last week. The men, along with a sixth, were charged earlier this year, months after the October 2012 incident at the clubhouse. The alleged victim's fiancée contacted the FBI after learning of threats against her, the alleged victim & their son. During yesterday's hearing, FBI Special Agent Jeff Wood testified that he initially believed he had a Fed case against the men, but after Fed prosecutors reviewed the evidence he'd gathered, including the secret video, they decided not to pursue the case. Wood then handed some of the evidence over to the state police. At issue in yesterday's hearing is whether prosecutors can use the video during the trial. Massachusetts has a requirement that both parties consent to being recorded unless a judge issues a warrant, but the Fed law is different. If the judge determines the investigation was conducted by Fed agents, the video may be used in a state prosecution if it concerns organized crime. A sixth defendant, Nikolas Avelis, 54, of Gloucester pleaded guilty yesterday to a single count of assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, as part of a plea agreement with prosecutors, & was sentenced to 2 years of probation. The prosecutor said Avelis is not cooperating in the case, nor will he testify. The offer, he said, was based on Avelis' minimal role in the incidents. During the hearing, Avelis stressed to the judge that he never laid a hand on the victim. He was charged under a legal theory known as "joint venture." Security was heavy during yesterday's proceedings, something that is expected to continue throughout the two-week trial. Additional court officers have been assigned to the courtroom where the trial will take place, & Salem police maintained a presence both inside & outside the courthouse throughout the day.

**Hells Angels in the dock** – Oct 3, 2013 – *Greece* – By [www.EuroWeeklyNews.com](http://www.EuroWeeklyNews.com) - Sixteen alleged members of bikers group Hells Angels are due in court this week charged with murder & attempted murder as well as conspiracy, robbery, forgery & escape from prison. The facts date back to Oct 2009 when 2 men broke into a notary office in Torrevieja. Demanding money, the owner got in a struggle with the robbers & was fatally shot in the abdomen. Just days earlier 2 of the defendants attacked a pub in San Javier, injuring the owner & stealing €900 from the premises. Police investigations in to the Hells Angels members led to arrests being made in Santiago de la Ribera, Pilar de la Horadada & the Valencian town of Torrent. The trial in the Court of Alicante is scheduled for 6 days throughout Oct.

**Smart Ass Answer:** A flight attendant was stationed at the departure gate to check tickets. As a man approached, she extended her hand for the ticket & he opened his trench coat & flashed her. Without missing a beat, she said, 'Sir, I need to see your ticket, not your stub.'

**Motorcycle gang leader sentenced** – Oct 3, 2013 – *Nevada* – By [www.MyNews4.com](http://www.MyNews4.com) - Ernesto Gonzalez, the former Pres of the Vagos chapter in Nicaragua, was sentenced to life in prison with an additional 20 years due to gang enhancement for a 2011 murder. He has the possibility of parole after 20 years. Gonzalez was convicted in August in the shooting death of Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew at John Ascuaga's Nugget hotel-casino in Sparks.

**Hells Angels 'offering cash incentives'** – Oct 5, 2013 – *Australia* – By Robyn Wuth; [www.GoldCoast.com.au](http://www.GoldCoast.com.au) - Outgunned Hells Angels have opened their war chest, offering millions of dollars in a desperate bid to recruit members as the club tries to muscle up before the arrival of bitter international rival, the Mongols. The Angels are offering huge financial incentives to seduce members of rival bike clubs to patch over the to "red & white army". Sources say the club has millions of dollars in cash to lure new members. In 2011, the Hells Angels paid a rumoured \$6 million to patch over 60 members of the Bandidos in Sydney, including the entire Bandidos Parramatta chapter, when it needed to boost numbers. That translated to \$100,000 for every Bandido who adopted the flying skull logo of the Hells Angels. The Hells Angels recognize they are "hopelessly outnumbered" on the Gold Coast after the Mongols' underworld coup of patching across hundreds of members of the Finks, with more than 300 reported to have committed to join the US powerhouse. Insiders say the "vast majority" of the club is now officially Mongol, with only the stalwart old timers refusing to hand in their beloved Finks colours. The official Mongol vests have been shipped from the US & will be on the streets within days. The patch-over has sent shockwaves through Australia's outlaw gangs. Sources said members of other clubs are "falling over themselves" to join the super club which authorities fear will now dominate the landscape of Australia outlaw gangs. "They have a frightening history in the United States," police said. "We have no way of knowing if this patch-over will increase levels of violence, or if it will be status quo. "Will it be the same guys in new vests, or will joining the so-called Mongol Nation bring with it increasing levels of violence?" The US has struggled to deal with the Mongols who have been labelled the "most violent & dangerous in the US". With the bitter history between the 2 clubs, the Hells Angels are desperately trying to buy new members. The Hells Angels have yet to make an impact on the Coast, with their Lemana Lane clubhouse at Burleigh Heads - the third bid by the club to gain a toehold in the city. The club has recruited former Paramatta-based Bandido national Sergeant-at-Arms John Fahey to draw new recruits. Sources say recruitment has gone into overdrive. "They would take anyone at the moment," sources said. "They are throwing the cash around & promising the world, as usual. "That's where the Angels get it wrong. "They think they can buy loyalty."

**What's the difference** between a bankrupt attorney & a pigeon?  
The pigeon can still make a deposit on a Mercedes...

**What's the difference** between a lawyer & a terrorist?  
You can negotiate with a terrorist.

**What do honest lawyers** & UFOs have in common?  
You always hear about them, but you never see them.

**What's the difference** between a lawyer & a vulture?  
Lawyers accumulate frequent flyer points.

**What's the difference** between an atty & a pit bull? Jeweler

**The Last Ride of a Cleveland Hells Angel Informant** – Oct 9, 2013 – *Ohio / Texas* - By Vince Grzegorek, [www.clevescene.com](http://www.clevescene.com) - A path from destruction to redemption & back, & a family's trouble with witness protection... When the trash collector talked to the old man sitting in a bluish Jaguar outside of a burning house in Avinger, Texas, in the early morning hours of July 8, the old man said he knew the house was on fire but he "was more worried about the bullets that may start flying." After driving away from the growing conflagration & nonchalant response from the fire's casual viewer parked in the driveway, the trash collector dialed 911. Shortly after 2 a.m., the Mims volunteer fire Dept, which services the small town that borders Lake O' the Pines in Marion County, arrived. Now, however, the old man sitting in the bluish Jaguar was dead, covered in blood, one gunshot wound fresh to the head. After firemen extinguished the flames engulfing the small brick house at the entrance to an RV community on Farm Road 729, the Marion County Sheriff's Dept discovered a body inside sometime around 5 a.m. They found a second body in the torched structure 4 hours later. The old man was Paul Dome, 73. The first body recovered was that of Vivian Dome, 85, his wife of 20 years. The 2nd body recovered was that of Willard Landry, 61, Vivian's son. "What we are thinking right now is the male subject in the vehicle, who apparently committed suicide, was the husband of one of the victims inside the house & the stepfather of the other victim," Sheriff David McKnight told local news outlets early the next day. It wouldn't be long before investigators determined Vivian Dome & Landry had been deceased before the fire was set. It was shocking local news not only because murder-suicides don't exactly happen in the rural, tight-knit town, but because the Domes were universally beloved. Acquaintances & friends chatted up local media with the usual refrains. "I was shocked," neighbor Vernon Browder told local TV station KSLA. "I thought the world of them." "Nothing like this has ever happened out here," Diane Knabenshut, a cashier at One Eye Jack's liquor store, which adjoins the property, told the News-Journal. "It has always been a peaceful place & they were very loving people." That local shock, that jolt to the usual day-in & day-out routine of lake life brought on by interrupting news cameras & violence, blossomed when federal agents were seen combing the property & boxing up evidence. And as they tend to do in small, isolated towns, rumors spread quickly. This, they said, had to be about something more than Paul & Vivian Dome, the helpful couple who owned & operated the RV community. They were right. The man's real name was not Paul Dome. And this was not the first time he killed anyone, though these would be unlike any murders he had committed before. Full article would be 10 pgs.

**Bronx biker club chief convicted of attempted murder in bar shooting** – Oct 11, 2013 – New York – By Larry McShane; [www.NYdailyNews.com](http://www.NYdailyNews.com) - Longtime Satans Soldiers MC Pres Elvio Feola, 63, faces up to 25 years for shooting a man in the chest in Aug 2011 because he urinated near a fellow rider's bike. He flushed his life away. The longtime head of a Bronx biker club was convicted of attempted murder Friday for shooting a man who confused a motorcycle with a men's room. Elvio Feola, 63, faces up to 25 years in prison for blasting a single bullet into the 25-year-old victim's chest outside the Fiddler's Elbow bar in the Throgs Neck section. Feola — known among his pals in the Satans Soldiers MC as "Spike" — became enraged when David Butler urinated near a fellow biker's ride, the Bronx district attorney said. As the argument escalated, the biker club Pres pulled a .32-caliber revolver & fired it once at close range into the right side of Butler's chest. The defendant was convicted of attempted murder, assault & criminal possession of a weapon in

the Aug. 6, 2011, shooting. He returns for sentencing in Bronx Supreme Court on Nov. 15. Prosecutors said the gun was recovered & that Feola's DNA was found on the revolver. The bullet remains lodged between 2 vertebrae in Butler's spine after doctors said any surgery to remove it carried a high risk of paralysis. The gunshot also led to 2 broken ribs, a lacerated liver & a collapsed lung.

**Army, police raid Melbourne property in ongoing operation targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs** – Oct 12, 2013 – *Australia* – By ABC; <http://AU.News.Yahoo.com> - The Army has joined forces with Victoria Police to raid a property in Melbourne's north, as part of an ongoing operation targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs. Army vehicles were brought in to assist in towing a prime mover from the property on Technical Drive at Craigieburn at about 9:00am. Officers from Taskforce Echo seized the truck on the suspicion that its components were stolen. The property is connected to a business owned by Hells Angels sergeant at arms Peter 'Skitzo' Hewat, who was arrested earlier this week when . During the raids police arrested 13 people & seized a huge cache including a trailer-load of ammunition, weapons, drugs & \$50,000 in cash. Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner Tess Walsh said the operation targeted the Hells Angels because they have been the "aggressor" in recent clashes between rival gangs. "[These are] people who've shown blatant disregard for the law," she said. "The community should be outraged by this criminal activity & there should be no support for these groups or these individuals." The crackdown on outlaw motorcycle gangs has come after. The laws enable police to remove barriers, cameras & booby traps & club facilities.

**Finks ink up as Mongols** – Oct 12, 2013 – *Australia* – By Leah Fineran & Robyn Wuth; [www.GoldCoast.com.au](http://www.GoldCoast.com.au) - Forget the cap, check out the tatt. Proof of the Finks bikie patchover to the notorious international club the Mongols is written all over their faces. For the first time former Finks members proudly displayed their new allegiance & even newer tattoos at the Southport Courthouse yesterday. The Mongols logo & the popular 1% MFFM diamond symbol, meaning Mongols Forever, Forever Mongols, was spotted freshly inked on the skull of a former Finks member. Former Finks nominee & ex-NRL player Anthony Watts also was seen with a freshly inked 1% MFFM symbol peeking out from the right hand cuff of his long-sleeved business shirt. The symbol is proof that Watts is now a fully patched member of the Mongol horde. A former Fink said members were keen to prove their allegiance to the more powerful club & were doing so in droves. "We're making a statement this is who we are & we want people to know," he said. "There's no shying away from it now." The Gold Coast Finks have patched over en masse, with high-profile former Fink Greg Keating poised to be named national sergeant-at-arms for the Mongols. It is understood many of the Finks-turned-Mongols have begun the painful process of eradicating old Finks tats, having them inked over, lasered off or blacked out. One member didn't try to hide his ink-blackened forearms where "66" & "FF" (Finks Forever) symbols were once etched. It is understood there may be an agreement in place to allow some former Finks to keep their "FINK" word tats which are in difficult places such as skull & neck but only if they sport larger & more elaborate Mongols logos. The Bulletin revealed the national patch-over of the Finks across Australia to the Mongols. Authorities believe it was a bid to sidestep an ongoing state Gov't anti-association lawsuit & ensure their place as one of the most powerful outlaw gangs in the country.

**Police raid dozens of tattoo parlours with alleged bikie links following new NSW laws** – Oct 12, 2013 – *Australia* – By [www.News.com.au](http://www.News.com.au) - Dozens of tattoo parlours linked to outlaw motorcycle gangs have been raided as part of a crackdown on bikies. Anti-bikie squad members & Fair Trading officers swooped on 31 tattoo parlours suspected of being run by gangs in a move to drive them out of the industry. The crackdown, which saw 3 parlours closed, comes after some parlours allegedly ignored new licensing laws brought in by the NSW Gov't on Oct 1. Gangs will be forced out of tattoo parlours after introduction of new laws. The laws, which state that any tattoo operator or tattoo artist must have an approved licence to operate in NSW, are being replicated north of the border after bikie violence broke out on the Gold Coast. The police crackdown was focused on Sydney's northern & south-western suburbs, & Parramatta, which is Hells Angels territory. A team of police arrived at 4 premises on Friday, including a Bankstown tattoo shop whose previous owner was gang-affiliated. The current owner, who asked not to be named, said officers spent about 20 minutes inside the parlour & warned him about a number of issues that were "easy to fix". "It's just to stamp out the club ownership of parlours but we're not club affiliated - I've never had any association with any club," the owner said, adding that the licensing scheme was expensive & unfair. "It's \$2100 every 3 years just to keep your doors open & it's \$700 for each worker - it's a joke." Gang Squad commander, Detective Acting Superintendent Wayne Hayes, said the inspections were part of an ongoing operation to enforce the state Govt's new licensing laws. "We went there to enforce the provisions of the tattoo parlours act in relation to licensed operators & owners, particularly those with an OMCG affiliation," he said.

**Mother of Two Shot & Killed by Estranged Husband** – Oct 13, 2013 – *Oregon* - By Bonnie King; [www.Salem-News.com](http://www.Salem-News.com) - Jessie Cavett grew up in Salem. She was a 27-year old mother of two, & worked at the Bella Institute School of Cosmetology in Portland as an instructor. She loved spending time with her mother, her daughters, & making the most of every day. Yesterday, her estranged husband came into her home & shot her, point blank, in front of her 2 little girls. She died at the hospital late last night. 36-year old Joshua Cavett's wife had a restraining order against him, & she had filed for divorce. Jessie had legal custody of their daughter, Paige. A volatile life was not new to Cavett, he has an extensive criminal history, & 2 other women had also filed restraining orders against him in the past. The shooting happened around 11:30 a.m. at the Holly Ridge apartments in the 2700 block of West Powell Boulevard in Gresham. Jessie's sister, Jennie Cochran, spoke to KATU about what happened immediately after the shooting. She said that Cavett left his 5-year old step daughter, Payton, at the scene but took 2-year old Paige, the child the couple had together, with him when he fled. A very brave Payton was able to call one of her mother's friends for help, who then called 9-1-1. A manhunt for Joshua Cavett went on for about ten hours, an Amber Alert released for little Payton, & then he was spotted in Gresham when a man went outside to have a cigarette. Cavett called out to the stranger, who recognized him from the publicized photos, saying he wanted to turn himself in. He did not put up a fight when the police arrived, he followed commands. The people that were there said that he seemed concerned for his daughter's safety, "He didn't fight at all....They told him to put his daughter down & he put his daughter down." Little Paige was taken by police & into state custody, & Cavett was put under arrest & is being held on \$500,000 bail. According to Portland's ABC affiliate, KATU, police have said that Joshua Cavett is a member of a "notorious

motorcycle gang, the Gypsy Jokers", & that he holds the office of Sergeant at Arms. Incorrect on both counts: first of all, there is a motorcycle club called the Gypsy Joker MC; that operates within the law & according to their bi-laws. They are not a gang. Regardless of reputation or rampant rumor, club membership does not mean a person is involved in criminal activity. "Josh Cavett is not an officer of the Gypsy Joker Motorcycle Club, that's totally erroneous. He is currently a member, yes, but the club does not back him in any way. No 1% club condones murderers," said Mike Kondash, "Tattoo Mike", the victim's brother. "I am a Gypsy Joker, & her brother. For the record, he gets no support from any club member. In fact, I have a feeling he's not going to be a club member by the time he gets to prison." Some media outlets are hammering away at the opportunity to sensationalize this at every turn, because of the biker club connection. "We keep being asked about retaliation between club members, even my sister was asked if she is scared. That's all ridiculous. This is a family tragedy & it needs to be respected as such," Kondash said. Many motorcycle club members are offended by the bias tone of the news reports. "NO ONE condones this behavior! It is not an acceptable part of motorcycle club culture!" wrote one club member's wife to the Oregonian. "Believe it or not, we have actual real family lives, wives & children whom we care about. Members of the 1% community are shocked & saddened by this story & our hearts go out to this little girl. You could seriously use an update on motorcycle club culture, & the real meaning of the 1% percent patch ... You will find a very accurate story on the subject in the archives of the Salem-News publication (American Motorcycle Culture: The One Percenters), which by the way, is told by the brother of the shooting victim in your story." The victim's family is anxious to learn everything they can about the event that has changed their lives forever. "I understand that there is a possible witness to the shooting. We hope they will come forward with confidence that there is nothing to fear from the club, we are not standing behind this guy," Kondash added. "It's important that every one knows this terrible act, this violence isn't a reflection of the club. He is a bad guy & it's my sister that paid the ultimate price." Josh Cavett has 2 older children from a previous relationship. According to family, those children were taken by the state some time ago & have been being raised by his parents. Little Paige was saved by the police Saturday night, & she is now being held by the state. The toddler who has endured so much has not been returned to her family as of yet, the "word" is that she is being kept away for her safety. Her maternal grandmother, Jessie's mother, has been instrumental in her care since birth. Through her grief, she will be attending a hearing on Monday to see that Paige is released to the love, comfort & safety of her family. In the end, though there was technically one victim, the suffering multiplies & perpetuates like ripples in a pond. Jessie's family is looking for answers, but they believe they already know where the blame lies. "It has nothing to do with motorcycles or motorcycle clubs," Kondash said. "The man who pulled the trigger is in custody."

**Smart Ass Answer:** A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store but she couldn't find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, 'Do these turkeys get any bigger?' The stock boy replied, 'No ma'am, they're all dead...'

**Walt Disney's new film** called "Jet Black," the non-racist version of "Snow White," has been put on hold. All of the 7 dwarfs: Dealer, Stealer, Mugger, Forger, Drive By, Pimp, & Thug have refused to sing "Hi Ho" because they say it offends black prostitutes. They also say they have no intention of singing "It's off to work we go."

**Hells Angels rivals set to turn NYC into 'powder keg'** – Oct 14, 2013 – *New York* - By Kirstan Conley; <http://nypost.com> - New York City's biker woes will get worse unless cops increase enforcement — because arch rivals of the HAs are moving in & violence is likely to follow, the nation's top expert on motorcycle gangs told The Post. "It's a powder keg," warned Steve Cook, a Kansas City-area cop who has trained peers on how to deal with biker gangs & has worked with the NYPD. Calif & Las Vegas have suffered amid the foothold gained by 2 Hells Angels foes, the Mongols & Vagos, with daylight shootings & murders at popular resorts, Cook said. And now, the groups have begun establishing themselves in New York City, said Cook & NYPD sources. "So far, the Hells Angels have been the only major outlaw club we've had problems with, & they were bad enough," one NYPD source said. The NYPD has seized 1,440 motorcycles, quads & dirt bikes this year. Cops have made 437 arrests.

**Former Hells Angels chapter president pleads guilty in assault** - Oct 15, 2013 – *Las Vegas, Nevada* - By Francis McCabe; [www.ReviewJournal.com](http://www.ReviewJournal.com) - The former Pres of the Hells Angels motorcycle club's local chapter pleaded guilty Monday to assaulting rival gang members at a downtown wedding chapel in 2008. Surveillance footage showed Charles "Peewee" Goldsmith leading the way, fists first, as he & 12 others swarmed Mongols who were attending a wedding at A Special Memory Wedding Chapel on Fourth Street & Gass Avenue on Dec. 20, 2008. Goldsmith pleaded guilty to battery with substantial bodily harm with the intent to promote, further or assist the activities of a criminal gang & coercion. As part of the deal with prosecutors, Goldsmith agreed to a 2- to 5-year prison term. Goldsmith's son, Brad Goldsmith, pleaded guilty on Friday to similar charges & agreed to serve 16 months to 4 years in prison. Charles Goldsmith, who was kicked out of the Hells Angels after making a statement to Las Vegas police, will be sentenced in March. In all, 13 men were charged with bludgeoning 3 Mongols & 3 others during the melee. As the Hells Angels were leaving a wedding ceremony of their own, they saw 3 Mongols at the chapel for another wedding. The 13 men attacked the Mongols, bludgeoning them with their fists, feet, bottles & trash cans. Prosecutors called it an unprovoked attack. Defense lawyers had said their clients were acting in self-defense because Mongols had months earlier attacked & killed a Hells Angel in San Francisco. All but 3 of the defendants have taken plea deals. Joseph Gennuso is set to stand trial in Jan. James Sexey & John Merchant, with Jeffrey Murray, were accused of stabbing victims during the brawl. Murray, who pleaded guilty in July, is set to be sentenced Friday. All of the men remained free on bond.

**Outlaw motorcycle gang members to be sent to bikie-only prison at Woodford Correctional Centre as part of Newman Govt's push against bikies** – Oct 15, 2013 – *Australia* – By Steven Wardill; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - Members of outlaw motorcycle gangs jailed in Queensland will be sent to a bikie-only prison facility where they will be denied access to gym equipment & kept in their cells for 23 hours a day. The centre, to be established at the ultra-secure Woodford Correctional Centre, will form a core part of the Newman Govt's attempt to drive outlaw bikie gangs from Queensland... Convicted gang members imprisoned at the facility will also be denied televisions & be subject to a more stringent regime of drug testing & searches. All calls unrelated to their legal representation will be monitored & their mail opened & censored while visitor contact will be restricted to one hour a week. Bikie members already in Queensland prisons will also be transferred to the new facility. The bikie gang-only facility, likely to draw comparisons from

critics with Guantánamo Bay, is aimed at denying them the ability to use prison time to recruit new members & widen their drug distribution networks. Premier Campbell Newman said the facility would form a core part of his Govt's commitment to get criminal motorcycle gang members off Queensland streets. "We will use a maximum security facility at Woodford Correctional Centre to incarcerate these thugs," Newman said. "Consideration will also be given to recommissioning currently unused maximum security units at other prisons across Queensland." Atty-General Jarrod Bleijie said establishing a bikies-only facility would thwart their ability to use prison time as a recruitment drive & business-development opportunity. "These criminals use their time in prison to recruit new members & continue criminal activities including the distribution of drugs & intimidation of prison staff," Bleijie said. Establishing the facility will be an integral part of sweeping legislation to be introduced & passed through State Parliament this week. The new laws will also automatically ban bikies from accessing bail & hand greater investigative powers to the Crime & Misconduct Commission. Civil libertarians & members of the legal fraternity have condemned the proposed bikie crackdown as unnecessary, ill-conceived & arrogant, claiming it was a return to Bjelke-Petersen era law & order policy. However, Newman said the Gov't was determined to ensure violent criminals faced stiff penalties. "They will do hard time & I make no apologies for that," he said. Bleijie said the Gov't was also considering tougher penalties for crimes committed in prison, including weapon offences, assaults & drug use. Penalties will also be tough for prison staff caught colluding with gang members. "Make no mistake, if you do the crime, you will most definitely do the hard time," he said.

**Snitching bikies can avoid long jail terms** – Oct 15, 2013 – *Australia* - By Petrina Berry, AAP; [www.HeraldSun.com.au](http://www.HeraldSun.com.au) - Bikie gang members can avoid the extraordinary jail terms threatened by new laws in Queensland if they turn informer. The laws being rushed through state parliament will hand bikies engaging in serious criminal activity such as murder or dangerous drug possession an extra 15 years of mandatory jail time. The penalties for bikie gang office bearers are even harsher: an extra 25 years on top of their initial sentence. And those sentences could be served in a special maximum security jail which the Gov't has proposed to specifically house the state's worst bikie criminals. But in what Premier Campbell Newman says will be an effective way to gather intelligence, jail time will be waived if an offender gives authorities information about bikie gangs & their criminal activities. "The only way they can get off those additional mandatory penalties is essentially to provide information that's of use to the police to help bring down the gang," Newman said. The Gov't was also seeking royal assent to list all bikie gangs as criminal organisations, including the Finks, the Rebels, the Bandidos & the Hells Angels. If a new gang is created, the Gov't can add them to the list based on police evidence. Mandatory prison sentences, laws banning bikies from owning, operating & working in tattoo parlours & hefty jail terms for assaulting police are the first anti-bikie laws the Newman Gov't are expected to pass in parliament on Tue night. Atty-General Jarrod Bleijie said it would be up to jurors to determine whether an offender was a member of a criminal gang, or a "vicious lawless associate." "Where you may currently under law face a 5-year sentence (for grievous bodily harm), it can potentially be a 25 to 30-year sentence (for gang members)," he told reporters. "This is where the deterrent kicks in." Newman said severe penalties would also apply to 3 or more gang members caught gathering together. "We are going to make every effort to completely destroy these gangs. We are not joking," Newman

said. The premier admitted gangs were well-resourced & he expected legal challenges in the High Court, but said the Gov't had been very careful & the Solicitor General heavily involved in drafting the laws. Criminologists & critics fear the Gov't's taking it too far. Former Gold Coast detective Terry Goldsworthy says the proposed laws are unfair, & set a dangerous new precedent for double standards in Queensland. He says there's now one set of rules to deal with bikies who commit crimes, & another set for others who commit exactly the same offences. Australian Council for Civil Liberties Pres Terry O'Gorman says the bikie jail wouldn't work as there's no evidence to back the Gov't's claim bikies are using their jail time to recruit members, peddle drugs & intimidate prison staff. "If there is a problem, concentrating them in one area is bound to magnify the problem if there is indeed a problem," O'Gorman told AAP. The state opposition said the laws should have been reviewed by a parliamentary committee before being put to parliament.

**Motorcycle gang defendant convicted** -Oct 16, 2013 - *Georgia* - By Emma Witman; [www.GainesvilleTimes.com](http://www.GainesvilleTimes.com) - A Dawsonville man & Wingman MC member was found guilty in Gainesville's federal court on weapons charges in Sept. James "Bobby" McGlothlin, 48, of Dawsonville, was indicted on Aug. 14, 2012, on charges of selling a firearm to a person knowing that the individual was a felon. By federal statute, it is illegal to sell guns to addicts, felons or fugitives. McGlothlin was found guilty by a jury in one hour on Sept. 25, Fed authorities said. Sentencing by U.S. District Court Judge Richard Story has not been scheduled. The case was the first to see a jury in Northeast Georgia after an uncover Fed investigation netted 23 arrests, most with ties to the Outlaw MC & affiliate clubs in Georgia, authorities said. Eight defendants are set to see a trial in Gainesville on conspiracy & firearm charges. Davey Honeycutt, Brandon Musser, Reynol Castrejon, Phillip Honeycutt, Thomas Coley, Josue Guerrero, David Rizo-Troncoso & Jessi Castillo are all charged with drug & weapon conspiracy charges in USA v. Honeycutt et al. A pretrial conference is scheduled for Oct. 28 in Magistrate Court.

**How police handle gangs in Carolina Beach** – Oct 16, 2013 – *North Carolina* – By Craig Reck; [www.WECT.com](http://www.WECT.com) - The city of Wilmington might come to mind at the mention of gang activity, but there are organized groups riding through other parts of New Hanover County. Carolina Beach has a history of motorcycle clubs, also known as biker gangs, & investigators tell us groups like the Hells Angels & Red Devils are still active in the beach town. A detective who follows their membership & movement around the county said these gangs are not nearly as violent as the crimes that are happening in Wilmington. He said there are occasional fights or drug arrest, but most of the gang members keep a low profile. "It doesn't mean they're doing nothing wrong," he said. "But they're down here just as other patrons." In fact, the detective said these gang members will approach town hall to apply for proper permits when they hold major events. The town used to be known as Angel Beach by some because of the presence of the Hells Angels, & this officer said the reputation holds true today. "Carolina Beach is their territory," he said. "Any club that comes in here, they have to ask for permission from the Hells Angels." Investigators keep a close eye on these clubs when they're in town, but they have little interaction with the gangs from Wilmington. Still, they're watching Snow's Cut bridge for any who pass into town limits. "Even though we're on the end of the road, our guys are on high alert right now," he said. The Hells Angels actually helped to quell gang violence from groups like the Bloods & Crips in the 90s, according to this detective. He said the motorcycle gangs think of Carolina Beach

as their home. "They don't like to mess up in their own backyard," he said. Investigators in Carolina Beach work closely with the Safe Streets task force, which includes both the Wilmington P.D. & New Hanover County Sheriff's Office.

**On day of trial, feds scuttle Hells Angels case** – Oct 16, 2013 – *Massachusetts* – By Julie Manganis; [www.newburyportnews.com](http://www.newburyportnews.com) - Frustrated Essex County prosecutors were forced yesterday to drop all charges against a group of reputed Hells Angels members set to stand trial on charges of kidnapping & extortion. That's because prosecutors in the US's Atty's office refused to obey a judge's order to turn over evidence they were holding in the case. Instead of complying with the Salem Superior Court judge's order to provide reports of interviews of witnesses in the case, the U.S. Attorney's office on Friday filed its own charges — a decision that stunned both local prosecutors & the lawyers for the 4 defendants scheduled to stand trial yesterday. Fed prosecutors had decided in May that they did not have sufficient evidence to pursue federal charges, a decision revealed last week in court by the FBI special agent in charge of the investigation.

**US prosecutors take Hells Angels case** – Oct 16, 2013 – *Massachusetts*– By Milton J. Valencia; [www.BostonGlobe.com](http://www.BostonGlobe.com) - State was ready for trial Tue... In a turf dispute over the sharing of evidence, Fed officials took over the prosecution of a case involving allegedly violent Hells Angels gang members after refusing to turn over FBI reports to state prosecutors, in spite of a state judge's order to produce the records. The last-minute shift in jurisdiction occurred as the case was about to go to trial in Essex Superior Court. A jury had been selected, & opening statements were slated for Tuesday. The change angered the Essex district attorney's office, which said resources & taxpayers dollars were wasted in preparing the case. "The Commonwealth wants the court to know that the [district attorney's] office played no role in the decision to withhold the documents that were the subject of the court's order," attorneys for Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett said in a court filing Tuesday. "The Commonwealth greatly regrets that the decision of the [US attorney's office] to withhold these documents has resulted in the waste of countless man-hours & tens of thousands of dollars," the prosecutors added in the filing. Christina DiIorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for the US attorney's office, responded in a statement, "We were surprised by the comments in today's state court filing, & we will be discussing it with the Essex district attorney's office. "We filed the Fed complaint against the defendants following consultation with the Essex DA's office," the statement said. "Our office has a long history of cooperation & coordination with the Essex DA's Office, which has led to many successful prosecutions at both the state & Fed level." The FBI said in a statement it was also surprised by the filing & noted the case had originally been investigated by a North Shore Gang Task Force made up of local, state, & Fed law enforcement officials. The bureau added that "the decision to release documents for any state prosecution is made jointly by the United States attorney's office & FBI, based on Fed regulations." "As a task force investigation, this matter was investigated & coordinated closely with the district attorney's office for many months," the FBI said. "This one specific investigation will not hinder our effective working relationship with it in the future." It is not unusual for Fed prosecutors to take over a state prosecution & move a case to the US court system, where penalties for violent crimes could be much more severe. But the decision to shift prosecution of the case to the Fed Gov't now under apparently contentious circumstances surprised legal observers because of the time already spent at the state level & because of the dispute

over the sharing of evidence. "I can't believe the feds would make them go through all this effort & then just refuse to turn over . . . evidence," said attorney Robert Sheketoff, who represents one of the defendants in the case & had argued for the records. "It tells me their policy of not turning over notes is more important than the deference [to state prosecutors]." In the case, several reputed Hells Angels gang members & their associates are accused of savagely beating a member of an associate club, the Red Devil's Motorcycle Club, for failing to follow the gang's laws. They also allegedly forced him to sign over ownership of his motorcycle, & one member allegedly threatened to kill him & rape his girlfriend if he did not comply. During a pretrial hearing 2 weeks ago, an FBI agent who initially investigated the case testified that he interviewed the alleged victim several times this year before the victim agreed to wear a wire in a meeting with one of his alleged attackers. However, the agent did not produce reports of all his interviews. A state judge ordered prosecutors last week to turn over all the reports & postponed opening statements until Tuesday. Fed officials refused to turn over the notes from the agent's follow-up interviews with the alleged victim, saying they were still only drafts & the reports were not finalized. Essex prosecutors said in the court filing Tue, "We've been informed by the US atty's office that they will not provide us with the unfinished FBI [reports] relevant to this case, nor will they order the FBI to complete the [reports], despite the fact that many of these have been unfinished for nearly 10 months."

**Rebels speak out over new laws** – Oct 16, 2013 – *Australia* – By Kim Waters; [www.DailyMercury.com.au](http://www.DailyMercury.com.au) - A MaCkay bikie has slammed Premier Campbell Newman's "draconian" laws against outlaw motorcycle groups, saying the proposed legislation is against human rights & will just drive clubs "underground". Rebels MC Mackay chapter president Don Trevethan described his club as a group of guys who work, pay taxes & "enjoy motorcycles". "To me it's (about) mateship," Trevethan said. "We're just a motorcycle club... we enjoy motorcycles & having heaps of friends that come & drink with us & just the motorcycling side of it. "There's 3 bikie clubs (in Mackay)... we all just respect one another. "There are no problems here." Trevethan, a 60-year-old father of 4 & supervisor for a construction company, said under the proposed State Gov't laws all members of outlaw motorcycle clubs would be classed as criminals, whether they were involved in illegal activities or not. "Ninety per cent of the blokes causing this stuff probably don't even own bikes," he said. "The police have got to do the dirty work for Campbell Newman. "With the police, they're only doing what they're told." He said attempts to rid the state of bikie clubs would just drive members "underground". "What he (Campbell Newman) wants to do & what he's allowed to do... hopefully it's all going to the High Court. "Judges aren't going to let Campbell Newman tell them what to do. "We're not going anywhere. Obviously things will have to change but we aren't going anywhere." Trevethan said the Rebels Mackay chapter had already contacted a barrister about the proposed legislation. He said the club would fight the new laws through the judicial system & wouldn't consider confronting police. "If they start hounding us here or trying to lock us up for any reason... as I've said, they've got no reason to lock us up in Mackay here, we'll fight it. "If they lock one of our blokes up we're going to have a barrister there or a solicitor there straight away to get him out... & find out what he's locked up for. "What would we do, threaten the police or something? No way in the world, that would be ridiculous to do." He said police already had the power to arrest criminals for illegal activity & should be "doing their job" under the current

laws in places like the Gold Coast. "If you get locked up for a criminal offence then you deserve to be locked up," he said.

**A phony war: Bikies aren't the only problem on Queensland's Glitter Strip** – Oct 17, 2013 – *Australia* – By <http://TheConversation.com> - Bikies have become the poster boys of crime in Queensland. In the past week we've seen the announcement of a spartan, bikies-only jail likened to Guantanamo Bay, tough new laws rushed through a marathon session of state parliament overnight, & a constant stream of news about "the war on bikies". It was all sparked by last month's brawl between Finks & Bandidos outlaw motorcycle gang members at a Gold Coast restaurant. But what really sparked public outrage was that after the brawl, bikies laid siege to a major police station in Southport. From 1994 to 2010, I worked as a detective on the Gold Coast, in charge of the Criminal Investigation Branch at Burleigh Heads. So I was as shocked as anyone to see the TV images of the police station under siege – not just that the bikies would be so brazen, but also that the local police appeared unable to respond. However, the Queensland Gov't's rapid response with new far-reaching & unprecedented laws does not match the scale of the crime threat posed by bikies on the Gold Coast, & risks undermining some basic principles of the criminal justice system.

**How many bikie gangs are there?** Data recently obtained from Queensland Police indicates that there are 14 outlaw motorcycle gangs officially recognised as operating in Queensland. Membership includes full members, probationary, prospect & nominee members. There are approximately 920 members of outlaw motorcycle gangs in Queensland, with the 14 clubs having 50 chapters & 835 full members. Membership of the gangs is spread throughout the major towns & cities of Queensland, with the larger proportion of members located in the south eastern corner of the state. The South Eastern Police Region, which includes the Gold Coast & Logan areas, has the greatest concentration of members, with 7 clubs based in the Gold Coast Policing District (which stretches from Coomera to the New South Wales border at Tweed Heads). The Gold Coast has 3 of the high-risk clubs: namely the Finks, the Bandidos & the Rebels. Of interest is that despite Queensland Police only nominating 14 clubs as existing in Queensland, the recently introduced Criminal Law (Criminal Gangs Disruption) Amendment Bill listed some 26 gangs that are to be prescribed as "criminal organisations". This prompts the question: if Queensland Police is not recognising 12 of the gangs as even being present in Queensland, why is the Gov't legislating them as criminal organisations?

**How much of a criminal threat are bikies?** Turning to crime, we can see that outlaw motorcycle gangs play a relatively minimal role. Statistics provided by experts such as Arthur Veno suggest that outlaw motorcycle gangs are responsible for about 0.6% of overall crime. Examination of police data for the Gold Coast & surrounding areas over a 12 month period showed that outlaw motorcycle gangs committed about 0.9% of overall crime. This reduced to 0.4% of overall crime if associates were removed & only members were included. These statistics clearly show that these gang members are not committing significant amounts of crime. They are, however, committing crime in public, & that is why the wider public's imagination is captured. In its annual intelligence assessment of organised crime released earlier this year, the Australian Crime Commission noted the movement of outlaw motorcycle gangs to more visible crime. Importantly, though, this violence is usually intra-club. Recent data obtained from Queensland Police also showed that the 3 most common

offences committed by the outlaw motorcycle gangs were breach of bail, unlicensed or disqualified driving, & low-level possession of dangerous drugs. This is all hardly the stuff of organised crime king-pins. In fact, much of the crime committed by outlaw motorcycle gangs fails to satisfy the definition of organised crime activity as put forward by the Australian Crime Commission Act.

**Hidden crime trends in Queensland:** It is not just the bikies doing more crime. It is probably salient to look at the wider picture of crime in Queensland. In the past 2 years, Queensland has seen an 8% increase in the rate of total offences reported statewide. The Gold Coast, for instance, has seen a 36% increase in robberies & a 24% increase in weapons offences over the last 12 months. The Queensland Police's Annual Statistical Review provides the public with a detailed snapshot of crime across the state. The review allows for an informed assessment to be made of the performance of the Queensland Police Service. In the 2012 review, the Gold Coast was first in the state for the amount of "other offences", which includes offences such as public order & drug offences, 2nd for offences against property & 4th for offences against the person. This year, however, the Queensland Police Service has refused to publish the Annual Statistical Review. This has made analysis of current crime trends difficult – if not impossible – to the average citizen. So, while the war on bikies is commanding all the headlines right now, there are other, more concerning trends developing. The Queensland Gov't's new anti-bikie legislation has not gone through due process or been given the consideration it needs as to its fairness & impact on the wider community. It is also concerning that the free & robust flow of information to the Queensland community from the state Gov't on issues such as crime is being stifled. There's no question we should be getting tougher on bikies, as I've argued in the past. And no one – whether you're a politician, a police officer or someone holidaying on the Gold Coast – wants to see bikies brawling on our streets. However, we need to make sure that in responding to a visible but relatively small criminal threat, we don't undermine the criminal justice system in the process.

**Bandidos bikie had screwdriver at restaurant brawl, court told** - Oct 17, 2013 – *Australia* – By AAP; [www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au](http://www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au) - An alleged member of the Bandidos motorcycle gang entered a Broadbeach restaurant carrying a concealed screwdriver, a court has heard. Peter Mauric, 44, faced riot charges in the Southport Magistrates Court on Thu. It's alleged he took part in last month's brawl outside the Aura restaurant which involved up to 60 members of the Bandidos & alleged associates of the Finks motorcycle gang. During his bail application, the police prosecutor told the court that restaurant staff saw Mauric concealing a plastic-handled screwdriver in his hand as he walked through the business. It's alleged Mauric was holding the handle of the screwdriver with its metal end hidden up his jacket sleeve & was later seen intimidating police outside the restaurant. Magistrate Paul Johnstone granted Mauric bail subject to several conditions. He was forbidden from making direct or indirect contact with known Bandidos members or known associates of the gang. Mauric will reappear in court on Dec 11.

**US bikie gang, Mongols, will cause havoc for Australian police, says US crime expert** – Oct 17, 2013 – *Australia* – By Alex Mann; [www.ABC.new.au](http://www.ABC.new.au) - The Mongols outlaw motorcycle gang will cause havoc for Australian police, a former organised crime investigator in the United States has warned. Richard Valdemar, who retired from the Los Angeles County Sheriff Dept, says Australians should be worried about the arrival of the

Mongols on Australian soil. "Whatever they can do in a criminal enterprise that produces income that can be fed back to the mother chapter, that's what's going to happen," he said. The Mongols have shot to fame in Australia since their dramatic takeover of the home-grown Finks outlaw motorcycle gang in a so-called "patch-over". For 2 years the Mongols have been slowly establishing a presence in Australia & until last week's shock patch-over they had largely escaped attention. The head of the NSW Gangs Squad, Detective Superintendent Arthur Katsogiannis, says the mass conversion caught police by surprise. "Law enforcement agencies at the time were not aware of the patch over... it certainly came as a surprise." "Now they're one of the biggest outlaw motorcycle clubs in Australia." The Mongols' polished US website now boasts new Australian chapters in Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth & 3 in New South Wales. Former LA detective Mr Valdemar says those former Finks chapters are now part of a global criminal network. "The bigger they are, the more international they are, the more powerful they are," he said. Valdemar says the gang's formal structure dictates regular communication between the local Australian chapters & the "mother chapter" in California. "I would imagine that the American Mongols would soon be in Australia to watch over their neophyte chapter." Katsogiannis says the mass conversion is a win for both the Finks & the Mongols. "What it means now is that they get that international expansion... it also allows them to grow at a faster rate & gain more power. "On the other hand, it also allows the Mongols to get a strong foothold here in Australia," he said. Some believe the move is designed to get around a Supreme Court move in Queensland to declare the Finks a criminal organisation. "From the intelligence we have at hand at the moment, that about 90 per cent of the Finks have patched over... we do believe that the entire Finks in South Australia, Western Australia, & Queensland have all patched over to the Mongols," Mr Katsogiannis said. "In New South Wales, there's still a number of chapters that have not patched over,"

**Long history of bikie gang warfare:** The Mongols were founded in California after the Vietnam War, originally because the Hells Angels would not accept Hispanics. Valdemar says the 2 gangs have been involved in a bloody war of attrition ever since. "Many, many murders occurred," he said. "Bombings, huge fights, & they're not afraid to take on law enforcement as well." Valdemar is a 30-year veteran of the war against Californian organised crime. He says while most gangs think they are the most dangerous of all the clubs, the Mongols actually have a legitimate claim to the title. In 2008, a grand jury indictment named more than 60 Mongols as part of an undercover Fed investigation into the gang's criminal activities. Agents from the ATF agency infiltrated the Mongols & gathered detailed accounts of their dealings. It described how the Mongols tortured a man for 3 hours by breaking his knuckles with a pair of pliers, breaking his knee with a metal pipe & kicking him with steel capped boots as he tried to escape. The gang engaged in hate crimes against African-Americans & a bizarre sexual reward game where members would perform specific sexual acts at events called wings parties. The wings would indicate various sexual practices that members had performed in the presence of other members who could verify them. Members were given a red, purple or green coloured wings patch that corresponded to each act. The acts included having sex with a female who was menstruating, sex with a corpse or sex with a woman who had venereal disease.

**Anti-bikie measures ramped up:** In states across Australia, law enforcement is ramping up anti-bikie measures to meet the new

threat. South Australian Attorney-General John Rau wants any foreign Mongols stopped at the border. He says he will seek assistance from the Australian Fed Police & Immigration Dept to ensure people with Mongol links are not able to gain easy access into Australia through immigration. "The greater the association is between the groups in Australia, & other groups I've read about in the United States, the greater ground for concern," he said. Early Wed morning, 3 new laws were rushed through Queensland's Parliament which mean a bikie convicted of any offence will be handed an extra 15 years on top their sentence. Queensland is even considering a dedicated jail for bikies. "We are not joking: it's time to resign, hand in your colours, & get an honest job because it's over," said Queensland Premier Campbell Newman. The laws have been condemned by civil libertarians & will no doubt be challenged in the courts. The bikie gangs have already succeeded in having several similar laws overturned. Council of Civil Liberties Pres Terry O'Gorman says the laws go too far. "These laws really are beyond belief... they really reduce Supreme Court judges to nothing more than cardboard cut outs sitting on a bench wearing wigs," he said.

#### ***Qld anti-bikie laws include:***

- Extra powers for CMC
- Bikie-only prison at Woodford, north of Brisbane
- Mandatory sentences of 15 years for serious crimes committed as part of gang activity, on top of the normal penalty
- Club office bearers will be sentenced to another 10 years in jail, & parole will only be granted if the offender cooperates with police
- Convicted bikies subjected to strict drug tests & searches in prison
- No gym facilities or TV access in jail
- Phone calls in jail to be monitored, except those relating to legal reps
- Inmates' mail opened & censored
- Visitor contact restricted to one hour a week
- Bikie criminals in other state prisons to be transferred to Woodford
- Introducing a licensing regime for tattoo parlours & artists, banning bikie gang members
- Motorcycles to be crushed as punishment for certain crimes

#### ***Bills passed by Qld Parliament:***

- Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Bill 2013
- Tattoo Parlours Bill 2013
- Criminal Law (Criminal Organisations Disruption) Amendment Bill 2013

**Brisbane's Bandidos officially disband, handing in their colours** - Oct 18, 2013 - *Australia...* By Marissa Calligeros; [www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au](http://www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au) - The Bandidos' Brisbane Centro chapter has been disbanded as a result of the Newman Gov't's anti-bikie laws. Nearly a dozen members have handed in written notifications of resignation to the American "mother" chapter, officially handing in their club colours on Friday. Other Queensland chapters of the Bandidos, such as the West End, Bundaberg & Gold Coast branches, are expected to follow suit in the coming weeks according to prominent criminal defence lawyer Michael Bosscher. The dissolution was direct result of the Newman Gov't laws, Bosscher told gathered media on Friday afternoon. Bosscher said now that 2 Odin's Warrior's club members have been charged under the state Gov't's new laws he expected legal challenges to be lodged soon. Two members of the Odin's Warriors outlaw motorcycle gang were arrested at their clubhouse on Spence Street in Cairns on Friday. Under the

Vicious Lawless Associate Disestablishment Act passed in Parliament this week, bikies are now banned from stepping foot in a clubhouse. Bikies found flouting the laws face a minimum six-months jail, a three-month licence suspension & having their motorcycles crushed. The laws not only list 26 groups to be declared criminal organisations, but the addresses of their headquarters, which have become off limits to members. Police from the Cairns Criminal Investigation Branch searched the Odins Warriors clubhouse about 10am on Friday. The 2 men, both aged 47, have been charged with "being a participant in a criminal organisation entering a proscribed place". It is likely the pair will face court on Sat. However, their lawyer is frantically working to have their bail application heard on Friday afternoon. Lawyer Philip Bovey sought bail for the pair in Cairns Magistrates Court about 2pm on Friday. But Magistrate Suzette Coates said the case would have to be adjourned until Saturday, because she had no paperwork before her. Bovey told media outside court that he would continue to push to have the bail application heard on Friday. Police detectives are now meeting with Magistrate Coates. Detectives also arrested a 17-year-old Bandidos bikie gang member on Friday over the brawl at Broadbeach on Sept 27. The Crestmead man was arrested at his home on Friday morning & charged with rioting. He will face Beenleigh Magistrates Court on Friday afternoon. An argument over a love triangle sparked the brawl at the Aura tapas bar, which involved members of the Bandidos & the Finks. After police arrested several Bandidos involved in the melee other gang members converged on Southport Police Station. The latest arrests come as bikies across the state ditch their patches in response to the VLAD laws. Some Bandidos members contacted lawyers across Brisbane on Thu for advice on their future with the club, while others started dismantling their Moorooka clubhouse. Long-time Pres of the Bandidos Brisbane chapter Mario Vosmaer was among the first to resign. It is not yet clear whether the presidents of the Bandidos' Brisbane Centro & West End chapters, George Bejat & Anthony Toumpas, have also handed in their patches.

**Gov't stands firm in efforts to destroy bikie gangs** - Oct 18, 2013 - *Australia* - By Chris Calcino; [www.GattonStar.com.au](http://www.GattonStar.com.au) - Attorney-General Jarrod Blieje has stood behind the far-reaching anti-bikie laws passed through parliament. He called on police to use their new powers to bring bikie gangs to their knees, during a speech made in parliament yesterday. "The purpose of legislating in relation to vicious lawless associates is to make sure that those individuals who want to rat on the other players in criminal motorcycle gangs come forward & offer info so that we can conduct as many prosecutions as possible & put as many of these criminal motorcycle gang members in jail as possible," he said. "The reason we did this is simple. We needed the police to have both the monetary & the legislative resources - the full force of the law & support behind them, including the Crime & Misconduct Commission." Blieje said the laws would come into play as soon as they received royal assent. "What has to happen now is that the police & the CMC need to use all of the legislative ability & force we gave them this morning in this parliament to catch criminal motorcycle gang members," he said. "The police force & the CMC were calling for additional powers & we gave them those additional powers. The reform in the package from now on is quite simple: criminal motorcycle gang members are targets. They are targets of the Police Service & the Crime & Misconduct Commission." Premier Campbell Newman said the laws were designed to "break them up, to destroy them, to break their morale & to get them to inform on one another". "We absolutely make no apologies for that," he said.

**Lawyer Michael Bosscher predicts Queensland's new anti-bikie laws will face court challenge** – Oct 19, 2013 – *Australia* – By ABC; <http://AU.News.Yahoo.com> - A Brisbane lawyer says the Queensland Gov't has left itself wide open under tough new laws designed to shut down bikie gangs. The new legislation, passed with bipartisan support earlier this week, names 26 bikie groups as "criminal organisations", including the Bandidos, Finks & Mongols. It restricts their members' & associates' movements & meetings, & increases minimum sentences for their crimes. There are also plans for a bikie-only prison at Woodford, north of Brisbane. Yesterday, the first 2 people were charged under the new laws after police in Cairns carried out a search on a known clubhouse. The 2 men, Peter Johnston & Mark Filtness, have been charged with being a participant in a criminal organisation entering a prescribed place. In Brisbane, one chapter of the Bandidos has already folded with more than a dozen members including the club president signing legal papers to say they have quit. Their lawyers say most of the members have day jobs, do not have any criminal records & do not want to run the risk of being jailed for associating with each other. Lawyer Michael Bosscher says the State Gov't is exposing itself to multiple lawsuits. "Certainly [the laws are] going to need to be tested," he said. "There will be challenges up hill & down dale to these laws now that people are beginning to be charged with offences under this new piece of legislation. "I have no doubt that they will be tested & we will see how well they stand up in court." Bosscher says he expects more outlaw motorcycle gangs to call it quits next week. "The [Bandidos] clubhouse, as I understand it, has been dismantled so far as being a clubhouse for meetings for the members of the club," he said. "I would expect a number of chapters are going to follow suit & either disband or have a large number of members, given these extraordinary circumstances, resign from the club." In other bikie-related crime, police are searching for 2 men over a violent bashing on the Gold Coast last night. A man suffered head injuries at River Drive at Surfers Paradise after he was attacked with a baseball bat by 2 men just after 9 pm.

**Bikies move to bypass new laws by resigning** – Oct 19, 2013 – *Australia* – By Amy Remeikis; [www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au](http://www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au) - They entered the law firm, 2 by 2, just as they did Noah's Ark. Not animals, although many have argued they are being treated as such by the Gov't, but members of the Brisbane Centro chapter of the Bandidos. They came in pairs because if just one more of their number joined them, they risked being arrested. The dozen or so members co-ordinated their visits to Brisbane's Bosscher Lawyers carefully, to avoid being caught by the anti-association clause of the new Vicious Lawless Associate Disestablishment legislation. Two would leave. Two more would arrive. Laden down with: bags of vests; belts; caricatures; patches & other club paraphernalia; they dumped the items, signed an affidavit renouncing their membership & left, hoping it would be enough to keep them free men. The laws passed & gazetted this week have caught the attention of criminal motorcycle gang members like nothing before. The threat of a mandatory 15-year sentence on top of any penalty dished out by the courts for their offence – with another decade on top of that if a member is also an office bearer – has many patched members deciding defence is the stronger offence. Michael Bosscher, who has represented Bandidos members on & off for the past 2 decades, said he had “never seen anything like it” – referring to both the mass resignation & the laws themselves. “They have come in here, they have signed documents which have been forwarded to the national chapter indicating they have resigned from their membership & we will be forwarding all of that material to the national club,” he said. “I

have never seen it before in 25 years of practicing criminal law. These types of laws are unprecedented, I have never seen laws passed in this way before. “We have been speaking with senior members of the club for a couple of days & they wanted us to make a statement on their behalf that the club has been disbanded & they are no longer members of that club & they have surrendered all of their insignia, which is particularly important to any club member to show their bona fides in relation to their resignation.” It's a fancy way of saying they have thrown in their patches. And they won't be the only ones. Members of the Bandidos & the Rebels, both named as criminal organizations under the new legislation, have resigned or are planning to. The Finks - many of who have patched over to the Mongols - have been less public about their plans. “All of them have put a lot of years into the club, most of the members of the club haven't been in trouble with the law before,” Bosscher said. “A lot of them have jobs that they go to like everybody else, so there is genuine heartbreak about the fact that they have had to disband.” But police would disagree – they have previously linked the Centro chapter to a drive-by shooting of a Rebels clubhouse in Albion, an attack on a couple in Garden City & beatings at H.A.s affiliated tattoo parlors. More seriously members of the fledging chapter, whose new breed members were referred to as “Nike bikies”, were put under the microscope for the murder of Jei Jack Lee at an Eight Mile Plains shopping centre in April last year. Bosscher said his clients hoped that by handing in their patches the police attention will eventually disperse. The Gov't is just as determined to chase all bikies, former or not, from the state's borders.

**Bikies busted under right-to-silence law** – Oct 19, 2013 – *Australia* – By Michael McKenna; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - Two senior members of the Finks are in jail for refusing to answer questions in star chamber hearings & another pair from the rival Odins Warriors motorcycle gang have been arrested after police moved immediately to use new anti-bikie laws in Queensland. Just hours after the laws came into effect yesterday, police raided the Odins Warriors premises in Cairns, arresting 2 "patched" bikies for allegedly breaking the ban on gang members gathering in their clubhouses. Police are expected to carry out further raids this weekend on the clubhouses of 26 bikie gangs proscribed as criminal organizations under the Vicious Lawless Associate Disestablishment Act, which was passed by the Newman Gov't earlier in the week. Under the laws, bikies face a minimum 6-months jail for setting foot in their clubhouses, & a mandatory 15 to 25 years jail if they are convicted of serious crimes. Earlier this week, 2 senior Finks office-holders were charged with contempt & jailed after refusing to give evidence to the Crime & Misconduct Commission, which summonsed the pair under its coercive powers for a secret hearing. The 2 senior Finks appeared before the CMC under old legislation, which previously enabled the agency to call the hearings only after a reference to a specific crime investigation by police. News laws, passed this week in state parliament, gave the CMC powers to initiate Star Chamber hearings for "intelligence-gathering purposes". It is understood the Finks office holders have been jailed for 6 months. Late yesterday, the 2 Odins Warriors -- Peter Johnson & Mark Filtness, both 47 -- were granted bail after becoming the first charged under VLAD anti-bikie laws. The pair -- gang members for 20 years -- each face one charge of being a participant in a criminal organization entering a prescribed place.

**Why is going to a meeting** of the Bar Association like going into a bait shop? Because of the abundance of suckers, leeches, maggots & night crawlers.

**Hells Angels Sues Young Jeezy Over Skull Logo Hells No You Don't!** – Oct 28, 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By TMZ; [www.TMZ.com](http://www.TMZ.com) - The Hells Angels don't need baseball bats & chains to protect their image -- all they need is a good lawyer, which is exactly what they got to sue rapper Young Jeezy's clothing line ... claiming Jeezy's company jacked their iconic Death Head logo. The fabled motorcycle club filed the lawsuit against 8732 Apparel for essentially reprinting the Hells Angels logo on jackets & hats ... & selling them for a massive profit. The 8732 design isn't an exact rip-off ... but Hells Angels claims its close enough to confuse people. HA claims 8732 has already earned substantial profits from the bootleg merch, & the MC wants every last cent of that money. The club is now suing for unspecified damages. It also wants a judge to force 8732 to stop selling anything with an HA-looking logo on it. Calls to 8732 were not returned. FYI, this isn't the first time the Hells Angels went ballistic over someone stealing their logo -- you'll recall, they sued Rob Dyrdek's clothing company & MTV last year for the same thing.

**Berkshire County Hells Angels triple murder case prosecutor seeks more time to find possible DNA evidence** – Oct 28, 2013 – Massachusetts - By Buffy Spencer; [www.MassLive.com](http://www.MassLive.com) - Berkshire District Atty David Capeless told Superior Court Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder Mon he needs time to have more items tested for DNA in the triple murder case against a reputed member of the Hells Angels & 2 other men. Capeless said so far DNA testing of items submitted in the 2 year old case has not produced a forensic link between the 3 defendants & 3 victims. Capeless, other prosecutors, the defendants & their lawyers were all in Kinder's courtroom in Springfield Monday as the judge takes evidence on multiple motions by defense lawyers to suppress such things as statements, police stops & searches. The suspects & their ages at the time of their arrests in 2011 are Caius Veiovis, 31, of Pittsfield, Adam Hall, 34, of Peru, & former Springfield resident David Chalue, 44. They are charged with abducting & killing 3 men whose bodies were recovered from a trench in Becket on Sept.10, 2011. The victims - Pittsfield residents David Glasser, 44, Edward Frampton, 58, & Robert Chadwell, 47, - were last seen on Aug. 28. In an apartment shared by Glasser & Frampton. Police allege that Hall, a sergeant at arms with the local Hells Angels branch, plotted to kill Glasser to prevent him from testifying against him in another case. Police said they believe Frampton & Chadwell were killed because they were present when Glasser was taken. All 3 suspects have denied the charges against them & are being held without right to bail. Although it is a Berkshire Superior Court case it is specially assigned to Kinder, who is on the bench in Hampden Superior Court this month so the hearing was held in Springfield. The men are expected to be tried separately, although Kinder hasn't made a final ruling on the motions to sever the cases. Capeless wants to try Hall first. Kinder has taken under advisement the motion to continue the Jan trial date. He has also taken under advisement the motions for which he has heard evidence to date. The motion hearings resume Nov. 21. A motion for a change of venue in the case is also still being considered by Kinder. Kinder asked Capeless "How is it possible with a case so old items have not been tested?" James Gavin Reardon Jr., Veiovis lawyer, objected to a delay in trial for his client, saying Veiovis has been in solitary confinement for more than 2 years. Capeless said items he wants test results for, which had not previously been submitted for DNA analysis, include swabbing from a belt & a drivers license & some sneakers. Black said the items were found more than 2 years ago & if they were important they should have been tested already. "I don't understand," he said. Hall took the stand Monday to testify briefly on one of the motions. He

said when police searching for the missing men in Pittsfield State Forest on Sept. 4, 2011, stopped him & the other 2 men at a gas station, he repeatedly asked for a lawyer but was ignored. Hall was not arrested that day, but the Jeep he was driving & his boots were seized. Two police officers who were part of the stop of the Jeep said Hall never asked for a lawyer. State Police Capt. Joseph Smith testified Friday cadaver dogs were dispatched to a section of Pittsfield State Forest after several reports of a smell of decomposition. He said some officers saw the Jeep driven by Hall drive near the police's temporary blockade of the road into the forest. It was after that the Jeep was followed & stopped, Smith said. Hall said he did not recall driving near that road in the state forest that day. Smith said no remains were found in the forest, but it is still considered a possible crime scene.

**Top Mountie takes aim at Outlaws MC** - Oct 29, 2013 – *Canada* – By [www.CBC.ca](http://www.CBC.ca) - One of Newfoundland & Labrador's top RCMP officers says the Outlaws MC is a criminal organization, & public relations by the club are just a smokescreen. RCMP Chief Supt. Andrew Boland said the statistics show the true nature of the Outlaws. He said members of the club have been convicted of drug & assault offences, & are charged with even more. "In our view, they're involved in a considerable business of criminal activity," Boland said. He said the public shouldn't be duped by messages from club members, including ones on Facebook assuring people they have nothing to fear. "The police forces across the country certainly recognize these are organized crime groups," he said. "When we hear things about toy runs & community activities, our view is these are simply public relations ploys to perhaps lead people to believe they are just a bunch of fun-loving people." RCMP say Outlaws members in the province have 11 convictions for drugs, six for assault & one for uttering threats. According to police, biker assaults can be part of the intimidation involved in staking out turf in the province. Outlaws member Pat Bemister, 26, is currently charged with assaulting 2 off-duty RCMP officers at a club in Gander early in October, but he's not the only club member currently facing charges. Their new clubhouse in Gander is set to officially open on Friday, after it's inspected by fire officials.

**180 charged in Qld bikie crackdown** - Oct 29, 2013 – *Australia* – By AAP; [www.CourierMail.com.au](http://www.CourierMail.com.au) - Queensland's police minister says 184 bikies have been charged under the ongoing crackdown on outlaw motorcycle gangs. Jack Dempsey has told parliament the gang members & associates have been charged with 362 offences. "We've vowed to smash them & that is exactly what we are doing," Dempsey said on Tue. "If they congregate together, we will hunt them down. If they gather in their club houses, we will be waiting for them. "We will use the full power of our new laws to make sure they are removed from our society." Dempsey said bikies would also be subjected to the toughest prison regime. Police had also carried out more than 4000 street checks of licensed establishments & businesses connected to criminal bikie gang members, the minister said. Crime Stoppers had also received "record calls" regarding bikie activities. "Let it make it clear to all members of criminal gangs - we intend to wipe you out of existence," Dempsey said.

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