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In memory of Fly-In Wheel Jeffy from *Florida* who died in an accident... R.I.P. Jeffy...

Congratulations to Moloch Munch on your release earlier this month...

Congratulations to Outlaw Driver on your upcoming release in December...

Congratulations to Bandido Neto on your release to ½ way house on November 13th...

Congratulations to El Forastero Robert on your release to ½ way house in November...

Congratulations to Wheel of Soul Teacher on your release to ½ way house on November 26th...

Congratulations to Bandido Fishman on being a *Bandidos MC* member for 45 years in December...

Congratulations to Sons Of Silence NOMIND on being a *Sons Of Silence MC* member for 35 years this month...

Welcome Marauders Tim to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Salty Dog Ralph to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Gypsy Joker Matt to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Hells Angel BruceBruce to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome Bandido Probationary JP from *Finland* to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Special Thanks goes to Winos Crew Mark who is currently at *Bastrop, Texas* for his \$ 15.00 donation to this newsletter...

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Special Thanks goes to Satans Soldier Angelo who is currently at *Lewisburg, Pennsylvania* for his \$ 25.00 donation to this newsletter...

Happy Birthday Fly-In Wheels Don on December 5th...

Happy Birthday Hells Angel Big Mark Lightning on December 12th...

Happy Birthday Iron Horsemen Schocke on December 18th...

Happy Birthday Sons Of Silence Crazy on December 25th...

Happy Birthday Warlock Malicious Mike on December 7th...

Happy Birthday Moloch Munch on December 12th...

Happy Birthday Pagan Cono on December 24th...

Editor's Note: I produce this National Coalition of Motorcyclists Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter which is a non-partisan newsletter for Bikers by Bikers. Information from the Newsletter contains News Articles & other information that may be of interest to a biker behind bars. Financial support for this Newsletter comes mainly from NCOM, Motorcycle Clubs, And Confederations Of Clubs...

Editor's Note: For *September* there were 2 issues, For *October* there was 1 issue, For *November* this is the 1st issue ...

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Disclaimer: The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth... It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers...

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

Editor's Note: It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**75 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, Hellions, 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, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Diciples, 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.

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

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **75 Motorcycle Clubs**...

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank all of the contacts from all of the **Motorcycle Clubs** that verify if requesting member is in Good Standing with their Club; & all of the other assistance that you give me, such as address changes, being released, & soliciting donations...

Congratulations to **Sons Of Silence NOMIND SOS MC 1%ER ASSHOLE**, who is currently on the BBB newsletter mailing list on being a **Sons Of Silence MC** member for **35 years** this month... Congratulations to **Sons Of Silence Bear & Sons Of Silence Crescent**, who were on the BBB newsletter mailing list on being a **Sons Of Silence MC** member for **35 years** this month... Congratulations to **Sons Of Silence Parrot**, who has Never been on the BBB newsletter mailing list on being a **Sons Of Silence MC** member for **35 years** this month...

Bandido Neto sends his hello's to all 1%er's & says to stay strong while in these shitholes. Also for those that have out-dates, well their day is coming. For those that don't - well I'll ride with them again to that place we all go one day. Love, Loyalty & Respect to All 1%er's Bandido Neto

Editor's Note: Neto was the First Bandido to be added to the newsletter mailing list - many years ago...

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them. - A. Einstein

Invader Rapp response: Yaah; that's because we used to only carry a hammer around in our intellectual tool box when we were younger, right? And when all you got is a hammer, everything looks like a nail! HA!

I do not have a huge house, a brand new car, or lots of money... What I do have is an amazing Brothers, Family, & Friends, & memories that will last forever...

Hey now; we both have the same thing... You were right I got the letter last night thanks & I hope you are going to enjoy the holiday we are coming up on in 2 weeks... Later my friend... L,H, & R, WILLY

Funny thing is that works for most of us it always did for me L&R Diablo Slick.

I feel the same... Love Ya Brother, Nomad Skunk SOS MC **Yes...** We have truly been blessed. L&R, Crazy SOS MC

That right there is what truly matters in life my friend...

Thank you for the share... Mad-Man Outlaws MC

What more could anyone ask for? PL&R, Strube Pagan's MC **Sharing what is really important in Life.....**The Feds can take your possessions {Cars, Jewelry, \$\$\$, Hell even your Freedom} But they can't take your/our memories & our/your word & our supporters....Sometimes the out of sight - Out of mind feelings creep in to our every day existence then our name is called at mail-call or the unexpected money hits your books... Love, Loyalty & Respect, David [D.B.B.N.F.] Ride it like you stole it today because no one has a promise of tomorrow...

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...!**

Yep, I know your fast, you was haulin' ass when I passed ya!!! SOS Newfy St. Cloud, Minnesota Chapter

Happy Holiday from Moldy's Cave...

You can't live... If you're too afraid to die.... Outlaw Moldy

When I am asked: "Are you staying out of trouble"...?

Answer: "Just Not Getting Caught"... Guess who...

You do not need a Title to be a Leader, it's built in...

Don't worry about avoiding temptation, as you grow older, it will avoid you...

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

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

New Orleans Revenge - Nov 2013 - U.S.A. - Dear Friends, Well it "ONLY" took a year, but "New Orleans Revenge"(Book Two in the Regents MC series) has finally been released on Amazon, just in time for Thanksgiving. I think that's appropriate, since it couldn't have happened without the support & friendship from so many people. This will be my fifth year of freedom, celebrating holidays with family & friends now, & looking forward to more. Hope you all like it. Almost 100 pages more than "The Probate" (Book One). It was hard to stop writing, I was having a good time, too, back in 1971. :-) Wishing you a safe & happy holiday season. Outlaw RoadBlock

"**New Orleans Revenge**" Book Two in the Regents MC Series For A Signed Copy of the Large Trade Paperback (6" X 9"), 421 pages \$ 16.99 On Sale through Christmas, Regular Retail \$18.99 Large 6" x 9" Trade Paperback, 421 pages Available on Amazon Paperback & Kindle

<http://www.wtroadblockharrell.com/BuyBook.htm>

From Amazon . com: W. T. "RoadBlock" Harrell has been a member of the same one-percenter motorcycle club for over forty years. His untarnished--and unvarnished--memories of the old clubs during their heyday provide never-ending adventures & great authenticity for his fiction series. When RoadBlock's high speed lifestyle caught up with him, it resulted in a thirty-year Fed prison stint. In the biker world, he became known as someone who didn't snitch, & wouldn't give up. In the years following 9/11, he began to receive correspondence from young military people. Their courage, despite the traumatic physical & mental injuries they sustained, profoundly affected him. These vets returned home to a world they no longer felt comfortable in, just as many Vietnam vets did in RB's era. RB became an outspoken advocate for disabled vets, & the rights they were due. Finally home himself after thirty years, he is now writing a fiction biker series set in the 1970s about the adventures of military vet & "good ol' boy" Joe Wilson. Struggling with PTSD in a time when Vietnam vets were reviled & disrespected, Joe's rise to power in the notorious Regents MC shows one man's attempt to find his place in a changed world. The first book is appropriately titled "The Probate." "New Orleans Revenge," Book Two in the Regents MC Series, was recently released after a year-long wait. Between writing, RoadBlock enjoys doing book-signings & events, which are posted on his websites.

My wife & I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.

Protecting Prisoners From Words Some More - July 12, 2013 - *U.S.A.* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The ongoing good deed called Brothers Behind Bars, which is retired Sons of Silence patch holder Iron Mike Davis' free newsletter for incarcerated bikers, has been banned in at least 2 Fed prisons. Terry O'Brien, the warden at United States Penitentiary - Hazelton in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia began banning the newsletter in April. B.R. Jett, the Nurse Ratched & warden at the Fed Medical Center in Rochester, Minnesota began banning the publication in June. The newsletter was banned from Australian prisons last year. At the time Iron Mike told The Aging Rebel, "Something I've said for years: 'Australia today, Canada tomorrow, & the U.S.A. the day after.' I truly believe countries like Canada, Germany, U.S.A., & others are watching & seeing what works in Australia to outlaw motorcycle clubs - starting with the 1%er ones." Brothers Behind Bars frequently features content first published on this page. The books *The Aging Rebel: Dispatches From The Motorcycle Outlaw Frontier & Out Bad*, both by the author of this page, have been banned in multiple state prison systems - most recently Texas.

The Dangerous Words: Brothers Behind Bars is markedly non-partisan. The most recent issue was distributed to 365 prisoners representing 73 motorcycle clubs. The newsletter is funded by contributions from numerous motorcycle clubs members & supporters including Aid for Injured Motorcyclists, National Coalition of Motorcyclists, In Country Vietnam MC Nation, Soldiers For Jesus MC Nation, Outlaws MC Nation, Pagan's MC Nation, Vagos MC Nation & Devil Diciples MC Nation. The editorial content of the July issue begins "In memory of Hells Angel Brian from California who passed away on June 19th (see article)... R.I.P. Brian...In memory of Forsaken Few Chuck "Buffalo" Perry, a 30 year member who passed away on June 26th... R.I.P. Buffalo... Welcome Hells Angel Chris to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List... Special Thanks goes to Mongol Deano who is currently at El Dorado Corr Fac Kansas for his \$ 30.00 donation to this newsletter..."

The Song And Dance: Under case law, a publication can be banned if a "valid, rational connection between the prison regulation & the legitimate governmental interest put forward to justify it" can be asserted. The allegedly inflammatory sentiments above are forbidden under Bureau of Prisons' Program Statement 5266.10 which asserts that a "Warden may reject a publication if it is determined detrimental to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution or it may facilitate criminal activity." In banning the newsletter Warden Jett stated that Brothers Behind Bars "depicts gang information which has been determined detrimental to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution or it may facilitate criminal activity." Warden O'Brien believes that reading about the passing of Hells Angel Brian Brewer, for example, & joining in his respectful remembrance "can effect the orderly running & safety of the institution which could lead to harm & serious injury to others, would result in major disturbance or serious property damage."

Motorcycle association: Rochester discriminates against bikers - Nov 8, 2013 - *Minnesota* - By Edie Grossfield; www.postbulletin.com - An attorney representing a Minnesota motorcycle club association claims that Rochester bars & restaurants illegally deny access to people wearing clothing that displays affiliations to certain motorcycle clubs & that the Rochester P.D. advises the establishments to do so. The attorney, Michael Bader of St. Paul, represents the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota, which is made up of 9 motorcycle clubs, including the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of Silence & the Med City Crew. The Med City Crew supports the Sons of Silence, according to its website. In a letter dated Oct. 31 to Rochester Police Chief Roger Peterson & City Attorney Terry Adkins, Bader states that by denying access to people displaying affiliations to these clubs, the establishments are violating Minnesota Statute 604.12. The statute says that access cannot be denied to "a person who operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association," unless the person's behavior is endangering other people or property, or the person's clothing "is obscene or includes the name or symbol of a criminal gang."

Recorded conversations: Bader's letter states that he has been provided "irrefutable evidence" that Rochester restaurants & bars violate the law by practicing "discrimination" against members of motorcycle clubs. In a phone interview with the Post-Bulletin Thursday, Bader said the evidence includes taped recordings of conversations with bar owners who say police advised them to deny access to people wearing jackets or other clothing with certain motorcycle club colors & insignias. "The reason given by police, as evidenced in recordings, is: 'that these groups have a history of violence,'" his letter states. Bader said neither the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of Silence nor the Med City Crew have histories of violence & that Minnesota Statute 609.229, which pertains to gang crime, requires a gang or club to have a "pattern of criminal activity" before establishments can deny access to its members. "Our suggestion would be for Chief Peterson to send a memo to all licensed clubs & restaurants in Rochester with a copy of Minn. Stat. 604.12, advising the license holders that discrimination upon dress alone violates the statute & makes each establishment liable for damages & attorney fees for each person who suffers the discrimination," Bader wrote in the letter. If Peterson refuses to do so, "the next step is litigation," Bader said. "And then it would be incumbent upon the city to prove this pattern of criminal activity." According to Minnesota Statute 609.902, it requires at least 3 separate criminal acts within 10 years of the beginning of the criminal proceeding.

Rochester response: Adkins said he is talking with Peterson & requesting information from the police department so he can put together his response to Bader's letter. On Thursday, Peterson said he has no plans to send the type of memo Bader suggested because the police department is not violating any statute. He said it is well-known & well-established that the motorcycle clubs Bader refers to have histories of violence in the Rochester area. "We've dealt with them ever since I've been here — for 32 years. So, it's not a new phenomenon," Peterson said. He said the Sons of Silence are known throughout the Midwest to be involved in violent crime, & the Fed Gov't has acted to disband their clubs in Illinois & Indiana. He said the police department has advised bars & restaurants to deny access to people wearing any kind of gang colors or insignias, & that includes those of motorcycle clubs with violent histories. "As you will hear at city council meetings, when issues come up, we advise that it is in the interest of public safety to preclude people from wearing gang colors, gang insignia, gang identifiers that are going to produce conflicts," Peterson said.

Bar reactions: One of the bars embracing that concept, although not because the police advised the owners to do so, is CJ's Midtown Lounge, located at 8 S. Broadway. "All we do is ask them not to wear colors & intimidate people in the bar," said CJ's co-owner Robert Sund. He said he has never talked to the police about the policy & he hasn't experienced any problems with patrons about it. He said he asks patrons not to wear gang or club identifiers because they scare his other customers. "Not that these guys are bad, but if you get 2 different gangs in here, that's a problem," Sund said. Such a policy is not necessary, however, at 63 Club, located at 1726 S. Broadway, said the bar's owner Scott Moger. "We never have those kind of problems, so we've never had a need to do that," Moger said, adding that he does get an occasional customer who is wearing a motorcycle club jacket, & more frequently during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in South Dakota. "But they don't cause any problems."

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

CDC Task Force Calls for Helmet Laws: A task force operating under the auspices of the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is recommending that all states have a mandatory helmet law in place to require motorcycle riders of all ages to wear a helmet. Citing reduced injuries & fatalities, as well as economic benefits, the Community Preventive Services Task Force, appointed by the director of the CDC, will make its recommendations to the Fed agency & report its findings to the U.S. Congress in early Dec. The CDC, whose primary mission is to fight disease, issued a report last summer recommending that all 50 states enact universal helmet laws in response to a sharp increase in motorcyclist fatalities; but ignoring the fact that the number of motorcycles in use nationwide has increased substantially over the past decade, & that costs associated with un-helmeted cyclists involved in fatal accidents represent a tiny fraction of overall U.S. healthcare expenditures. In the meantime, U.S. Representative Tom Petri (R-WI) has authored a joint letter from members of Congress calling for the CDC to stop investigating motorcycling issues such as helmet laws, which they have no experience or expertise with, & "...to direct your

attention & resources to areas that are not currently already being addressed elsewhere in the Gov't."

Urge Congressional Action to Bar E15 Gas: The US Defenders (www.usdefenders.org) issued a Call To Action on October 26, 2013 calling for support of House Resolution 1462 "to Stop the Sale of Ethanol 15 (E15)." The bipartisan RFS Reform Act would "eliminate the corn-based ethanol mandate currently required by the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), reduce the overall requirements of cellulosic ethanol not filled by other advanced bio-fuels, & rescind the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waivers allowing gasoline blends containing up to 15-percent of ethanol." Introduced by Reps. Bob Goodlatte (R-VA), Jim Costa (D-CA), Steve Womack (R-AR), & Peter Welch (D-VT), H.R. 1462 would effectively overhaul the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) which mandates that 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels be part of our nation's fuel supply by 2022, almost all of which being fulfilled by corn ethanol which in turn diverts nearly 40% of our nation's corn crop from food & feed. Congress created the RFS program in 2005 to promote the ethanol industry by setting the minimum amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into motor fuels annually. E10 (10% ethanol blend) has become widely accepted & helped kickstart the ethanol industry, but in 2010 the EPA approved E15 for use in newer vehicles even though many automobile manufacturers claim its use can damage engines & void warranties, & no motorcycles or ATVs are currently approved to use the alcohol-laden fuel. Rep. Goodlatte has also introduced the RFS Elimination Act (H.R.1461), "which eliminates the RFS altogether & makes ethanol compete in a free market." Both the RFS Elimination Act & the RFS Reform Act have been referred to the House Energy & Commerce Committee. Meanwhile, on November 15, the EPA recommended reducing the total amount of ethanol required by the RFS to be blended into U.S. transportation fuel nationwide in 2014 from 18.15 billion gallons down to 15.21 bg, though the move to reduce the minimum volume of renewable fuel next year does not provide a permanent solution to the inflexible short-term mandates nor the long-term diversion of feed stocks to fuel.

Rochester, Minnesota Accused of Discriminating Against Bikers: An attorney representing the Confederation of Clubs of Minnesota claims that Rochester bars & restaurants illegally deny access to people wearing clothing that displays affiliations to certain motorcycle clubs & that the Rochester Police Dept advises the establishments to do so. In a letter dated October 31, 2013 to Rochester Police Chief Roger Peterson & City Attorney Terry Adkins, A.I.M. Attorney Michael M. Bader of St. Paul, MN states that by denying access to people displaying affiliations to these clubs, the establishments are violating Minnesota Statute 604.12. The statute, the first & only biker anti-discrimination law in the country, says that access cannot be denied to "a person who operates a motorcycle or is wearing clothing that displays the name of an organization or association," unless the person's behavior is endangering other people or property, or the person's clothing "is obscene or includes the name or symbol of a criminal gang." Bader's letter states that he has been provided "irrefutable evidence" that Rochester restaurants & bars violate the law by practicing "discrimination" against members of motorcycle clubs, & told the Post-Bulletin newspaper that the evidence includes taped recordings of conversations with bar owners who say police advised them to deny access to people wearing jackets or other clothing with certain motorcycle club colors & insignias. "The reason given by police, as evidenced in recordings, is: 'that these groups have a history of violence,'" but Minnesota Statute 609.229, which pertains to gang crime, requires a gang or club to

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Three-Wheelers Exempted from Motorcycle Licensing & Helmet Laws: The Michigan legislature has approved a bill to change the state’s motorcycle laws to allow Elio Motors to sell a three-wheeled car in the state without buyers being required to get a motorcycle endorsement. The “Elio” (pronounced EE-lee-oh) is considered a “motorcycle” under Fed & state safety regulations because it has 3 wheels & weighs less than 1,600 pounds. Nonetheless, it handles like a car according to inventor Paul Elio, who says Michigan’s old law would have required buyers of the Elio to take a motorcycle safety test that teaches things like, “the throttle is on the right handlebar” & you should “lean into a curve.” The company is banking on other states with similar laws to have them modified by the time Elio Motors plans to start production of the Elio in late 2014, but their main concern is the 5 states that require drivers of three-wheeled vehicles to wear a helmet. Joel Sheltroun of Elio Motors says those laws must be changed by the time the Elio is for sale, because wearing a helmet in a car obscures the person’s vision & hearing, & the weight of the helmet also has the potential to cause severe neck damage in an accident. Such laws could also hinder sales of the three-wheeler, which will be manufactured in Shreveport, Louisiana, where the state recently amended their laws to allow Elio occupants to ride without a helmet & operators won’t have to get a special “M” endorsement on their driver’s license as required of motorcyclists.

Global Tire Market Projected to Grow, Driven By Motorcycles: The worldwide market for tires is projected to grow at a 5% annual rate for the period 2014-2015, & motorcycles will be a key driver. According to an industry report, the increasing demand for motorcycles positively influences the demand for tires & hence leads to the growth of the Global Tire market. The demand for motorcycles comes from developing & under-developed countries where the penetration rate of cars is low. Also, it is expected that the adoption of tubeless tires in the Global Motorcycle market will increase & will have a positive impact on the Global Tire market.

1 In 4 Drivers Admit Surfing the Web While Behind the Wheel: Texting while driving used to be an offense identified with younger vehicle operators, but a new poll shows how it has spread to older drivers as well. The poll also found that one in 4 drivers are now accessing the Web while driving, yet another dangerous distraction, & the increase is driven by older drivers using

smartphones. The number of drivers who report using their cell phones to access the Internet while behind the wheel continues to rise, to a point where nearly one of 4 drivers are going online while driving, according to a national survey that has tracked the potentially deadly practice over the past 5 years. There were also jumps in the percentages of people who read or respond to e-mail, & who read or update social media networks while driving, according to an article appearing on the front page of USA TODAY on Tuesday, November 12th. Insurer State Farm began asking drivers in 2009 whether they went online while driving. The percentage of drivers who said they do so has nearly doubled, from 13% in 2009 to 24% this year. Among drivers ages 18-29, that number rose from 29% to 49%. Most research on distracted driving -- & most laws against it -- has focused on texting while driving, which creates a crash risk 23 times greater than not doing so, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. But the rise in ownership of smartphones, which allow users to surf the Web, access social media & send & receive e-mail, means there are more opportunities than ever for driver distraction, & over the past 3 years the sharpest increases in smartphone ownership were among drivers 40 & over. For drivers ages 40-49, the percentage that owns smartphones rose from 47% in 2011 to 82% in 2013; for those 50-64, it went from 44% to 64%, & for those 65 & older, from 23% to 39%. Perhaps reflecting the nation’s sustained campaign against texting while driving, that problem is growing much more slowly than surfing the Web. The percentage of people who report texting while driving rose slightly over the past 5 years, from 31% to 35% of all drivers. Among those 18-29, the number who report doing so has actually decreased, from 71% to 69%. Chris Mullen, State Farm’s director of technology research says, “We need to keep an eye on social media, reading e-mail, all these other functions folks can use. ... That could be legislation, it could be enforcement, it could be education & awareness.”

Drivers Would opt to Lose Control: A new survey finds that one in 5 Americans would never take the wheel again if a self-driving, or autonomous, car were available. CarInsurance.com asked 2,000 drivers whether they would buy an autonomous car if it meant they never had to drive again, & 20% of them said yes. That number soars if cheaper car insurance is part of the deal. While 1 in 5 licensed drivers surveyed said they would gladly turn over the keys & let computers do the driving, more than a third of those surveyed said an 80% discount on car insurance rates would make purchase of an autonomous vehicle “very likely,” & 90% of respondents said they would at least consider the idea. Cars that park themselves, navigate stop-and-go-traffic or avert an impending collision are already on U.S. roads today, & Nissan has promised to deliver a fully autonomous vehicle -- one that allows a computer to assume control under the right conditions -- to showrooms by 2020. A fully automated vehicle that doesn’t need a human operator could someday follow. “Our survey shows cheaper insurance will greatly influence consumer acceptance,” said CarInsurance.com managing editor Des Toups. “Some of the liability of operating a car will doubtless be assumed by the manufacturer,” Toups said. “But a lot of the decrease in rates could come simply because there would be many fewer accidents.” Trust will be a big hurdle, the survey results show, as 64% said computers were not capable of the same quality of decision-making that human drivers exhibit, & 75% said they can drive a car better than a computer could. Asked what they would do with their additional free time, 26% responded that they’d text/talk with friends, 21% would read, while 10% would sleep & 7% would work.

Quotable Quote: Most men lead lives of quiet desperation & go to the grave with the song still in them. - Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) American poet & practical philosopher

US Supreme Court Happenings – Oct 2013 – *U.S.A.* – By Craig M. Coscarelli, Paralegal; www.FederalCriminalParaLegal.com - On Mon, the Court granted 2 new cases. The Justices' next Conference is scheduled for Nov 1. The Court will next hear oral arguments on Nov 4, the first day of the Nov sitting.

New Cert Grants: Hall v. Florida (No. 12-10882) Hall raises the issue: "Whether the Florida scheme for identifying mentally retarded defendants in capital cases violates *Atkins v. Virginia*." In that 2002 decision, the Supreme Court had ruled that it is unconstitutional under the Eighth Amendment to execute individuals who are found to be mentally retarded. The Court, however, left it to the states to decide who is mentally retarded & thus cannot be given the death penalty. In the new case, attorneys for Freddie Lee Hall contended that Florida courts have adopted a "bright line" rule that a person is not mentally retarded unless their IQ falls below 70. The state Supreme Court found that Hall had an IQ of 71. In an earlier stage of Hall's case, before the Supreme Court had decided the *Atkins* case, he had been found to be mentally retarded, the petition said. The Hall case is certain to get lots of attention, & perhaps justifiably so. That case is, arguably, the first "major" capital criminal procedure case to be taken up by the Supreme Court in a number of years (and certainly the biggest one I can think of since Justices Kagan & Sotomayor joined the Court). And a ruling in Hall will necessarily have a some impact on all post-*Atkins* litigation in all death-penalty states.

The Court also agreed to hear a 2nd case, on the scope of restitution as a penalty for bank loan fraud. That is the issue in *Robers v. U.S.* (12-9012). *Robers*, in contrast, will likely get very little attention because the case appears only focus on a relative narrow & technical issue as to the application of a Fed restitution statute. Nevertheless, even if the briefing in *Robers* ends up focused only on narrow & technical issues, I suspect the white-collar bar (as well as corporate counsel in various industries) will want to keep an eye on this case because its resolution could impact an array of corporate crime & punishment issues.

However, Hall & *Robers* both could become "super sleepers" of the current Court's Term because both cases have lurking Fifth & Sixth Amendment issues that could grab some Justices' attention. In both cases, critical facts that impact a defendant's sentence exposure are to be assessed & resolved by judges. Though I do not believe Apprendi-type Fifth & Sixth Amendment claims are being pressed by the defendants in these cases, it is certainly possible that some amici & some Justices will contend that Fifth & Sixth Amendment jurisprudence ought to impact how the issues in Hall & *Robers* get resolved.

Favorable Circuit Fed Circuit Cases October 21-25, 2013

3rd Circuit: *United States v. Katzin*, (No. 12-2548)(3rd Cir. Oct 22, 2013) This appeal stems from the Gov't's warrantless installation of a Global Positioning System device (a "GPS device" or "GPS tracker") to track the movements of Appellee Harry Katzin's van. Harry Katzin, along with his brothers Mark & Michael (collectively, "Appellees"), claims that attaching the GPS device without a warrant violated the Fourth Amendment. The United States Gov't ("Appellant" or "Gov't") argues that: (a) a warrant is not required to install a GPS device; (b) even if a warrant were required, the police were acting in good faith; & (c) in any case, Mark & Michael lack standing to contest

admissibility of evidence recovered from Harry Katzin's van. The Court had to decide 2 novel issues of Fourth Amendment law: First, whether the police are required to obtain a warrant prior to attaching a GPS device to an individual's vehicle for purposes of monitoring the vehicle's movements (conduct a "GPS search"). If so, whether the unconstitutionality of a warrantless GPS search may be excused for purposes of the exclusionary rule, where the police acted before the Supreme Court of the United States proclaimed that attaching a GPS device to a vehicle constituted a "search" under the Fourth Amendment. The Court held that the police must obtain a warrant prior to a GPS search & that the conduct in this case cannot be excused on the basis of good faith. Furthermore, it held that all 3 brothers had standing to suppress the evidence recovered from Harry Katzin's van. The Court affirmed the District Court's decision to suppress all fruits of the unconstitutional GPS search.

5th Circuit: *United States v. North*, (No. 11-60763)(5th Cir. Oct 24, 2013) Appellant Richard North appeals the district court's denial of his motion to suppress evidence obtained from the interception of his cellular phone. Information obtained from the interception led to North's arrest for possession of cocaine. The affidavit in support of the application to wiretap North's phone stated that "monitoring will be suspended if the conversation is not criminal in nature or is not otherwise related to the offenses under investigation," & that "spot checks" would be conducted "to insure that the conversation ha[d] not turned to criminal matters." However, the agents did not stop listening when it was made clear that the conversation was not criminal in nature & then conduct brief "spot checks." Rather, assuming the alleged minimization occurred, the agents listened to a non-pertinent conversation for nearly one hour, suspending monitoring only 8 times for an average of less than one minute each time. The Court held that the Gov't failed to comply with statutory minimization requirements when monitoring North's May 16, 2009 phone call & therefore Reversed the district court's denial of North's motion to suppress & Remanded for further proceedings.

United States v. Moore, (No. 12-10630)(5th Cir. Oct 23, 2013) Defendant Appellant Crystal Denise Moore ("Moore") appeals her sentence for a conspiracy that involved, inter alia, theft of United States Postal Service ("Postal Service") mail from a "collection box." She contends that the district court erred in calculating her offense level. Moore's appeal presents an interpretation issue of first impression regarding Application Note 4(C)(ii)(I) to Guideline ?? 2B1.1 ("the Note" or "sub-sub-paragraph I"). The Court held that the Note permits the district court to presume that there were at least 50 victims when calculating an offense level in a case that involves one or more Postal Service receptacles; absent probative evidence that the actual number of victims exceeded 50, however, the court may not presume more than 50, irrespective of the number of such receptacles that were involved. Accordingly, the Court vacated & remanded for resentencing.

8th Circuit: *United States v. Markert*, (No. 12-3332)(8th Cir. Oct 22, 2013) Evidence was sufficient to convict bank Pres of willfully misapplying bank funds. Defendant's claim that transactions were maladministration of bank's affairs, not criminal misapplication of funds is rejected. Funds were used to camouflage fraudulent transactions & bank suffered harm; it is not necessary that funds leave the bank. Willful misapplication instruction to jury was not error, as it required jury to find misapplication of funds with intent to defraud the bank. Evidence was sufficient to prove an intent to defraud & jury instruction did

not need to require jury that actions subjected bank to increased risk of pecuniary loss. Nominee borrowers' ability to repay is not essential to question whether scheme resulted in willful misapplication of loan proceeds & jury instructions, as a whole were not error. The district court erred in determining the amount of loss, by determining the actual loss as opposed to the net loss. The case was remanded for resentencing.

9th Circuit: James v. Ryan, (No. 08-99016)(9th Cir. October 22, 2013) On remand from the United States Supreme Court, the district court's denial of a habeas corpus petition based on ineffective assistance of counsel at the penalty phase is reversed in part & remanded, where: 1) although Johnson v. Williams, 133 S. Ct. 1088 (2013) instructs Fed courts to give state courts the benefit of the doubt when the basis for their holdings is unclear, Williams does not require Fed courts to ignore a state court's explicit explanation of its own decision relying solely on state procedural grounds to deny the claim; 2) the third post conviction relief court did not adjudicate petitioner's ineffective assistance of counsel claim on the merits; 3) petitioner's counsel provided unconstitutionally ineffective assistance at the penalty phase of his trial; & therefore, 4) petitioner is entitled to habeas relief from his death sentence.

Comment: I have been getting a lot of inquiries about the Sixth Circuit Blewett case & the Sentencing Commission's recommendation of 2 points off for drug cases. Blewett is now pending in the Sixth Circuit En Banc Court. After reviewing the oral argument, it is very difficult to tell which way the Court will decide. This is why I have not written an article on it because it would be pure speculation. If the Court actually considers Professor Berman's Eighth Amendment violation argument in its decision, I believe that we have an excellent chance to prevail. Regardless, either way, this case is destined to end up on writ to the Supreme Court. As far as the 2 points off Sentencing Commission's recommendation, there is really no further news regarding the criteria to receive such a reduction or whether career offenders & ACCA sentenced person will be eligible, or when it might actually take place. Stay tuned.

Lawyer Love (by request): A lawyer named Strange died, & his friend asked the tombstone maker to inscribe on his tombstone, "Here lies Strange, an honest man, & a lawyer." The inscriber insisted that such an inscription would be confusing, for passersby would tend to think that 3 men were buried under the stone. However he suggested an alternative: He would inscribe, "Here lies a man who was both honest & a lawyer." That way, whenever anyone walked by the tombstone & read it, they would be certain to remark: "That's Strange!"

What's the definition of a lawyer?
A mouth with a life support system.

What do you have when a lawyer is buried up to his neck in sand?
Not enough sand.

Bikers, locals arrested in bar brawl – Nov 15, 2013 – **Oklahoma** - Has a motorcycle club overstayed their welcome in Wynnewood? Two episodes of fisticuffs involving Forsaken Few MC members have many hoping the club will leave town soon. According to witnesses to a Friday night fracas outside the FFMC Clubhouse on Robert S. Kerr Boulevard, one man was set upon & beaten in the middle of the street by a ranking member of the Forsaken Few, current Sergeant-At-Arms, Darrel Thomas, aka Big D. In fact, the man might have been stabbed had others not intervened & rescued him, say witnesses. As it was, he was only

reported to have been punched about the head approximately 5 times, sustaining only minor injuries. According to witnesses, the assaulted man had made entry to the private clubhouse after he had escorted 2 females over from the Full House Tavern across the street. Coming & going between the 2 establishments on weekends was said to have been an ongoing occurrence, though it is unclear as to why things went south this time. The man was told to leave as he had no formal invitation & did so, though a few minutes later he was assaulted anyway after he had left the premises. No charges were filed in that matter. On Saturday night, Nov 9, another fight broke out between Forsaken Few members & the public, this time inside the Full House Tavern which resulted in a quartet of arrests. According to witnesses who saw or took part in the midnight free-for-all, it started among current & former members of the Forsaken Few, who had walked into the tavern from their clubhouse across the street. While versions of the events differ dramatically, a number of tavern regulars made it clear to the Gazette that the bikers entered the building intent on a fight. The club members allegedly zeroed in on their former member & fists began to fly, though the exact reasoning for the exchange may never be known. At least 2 women were struck in the melee which was apparently recorded on security cameras mounted inside the establishment. While police arrived very timely, they arrived seconds after the majority of the combat had ended. According to Wynnewood Officer, Bobby Jo Morgan, obtaining the necessary cooperation from amongst all the involved parties was proving difficult. So, as tempers began to flare again, he made the decision to cart all involved off to jail, to cool out the situation if for nothing else. Four individuals were ultimately arrested, 2 club members, a man identified as a former member & another Wynnewood local. According to Garvin County Sheriff's Office records, Darrel Wayne Thomas, aka 'Big D', the current 'Sergeant-At-Arms' of the local chapter of the Forsaken Few, was arrested along with another member, Frank James Smith. Additionally, Mark Douglas Coughy, known as a former member of a previous Garvin County Chapter (known by the handle of 'Pony') & James Ryan Hatman were also arrested. All 4 men were booked into the Garvin County Detention Center on misdemeanor charges of disorderly conduct. Prior to their court date, club members Thomas & Smith posted their bonds, thereby pleading guilty to the charges. Coughy & Hatman arrived at court on Nov 12 & pleaded not guilty, armed with a number of witnesses, videotape & other evidence. Municipal Judge George Meisel dismissed the charges against Coughy & Hatman, citing a technical matter of law as his reasoning & no testimony was given. He did admonish the men to correct their behavior in the future. "...We can't tolerate this in Wynnewood or anywhere else," The Judge began. "Behave yourselves," he said. While the videotaped fight was not shown in court & not viewed by the Gazette, those in possession of it allege that it showed Forsaken Few members intentionally preying on Coughy & a completely out of control fight that followed. A number of persons complained of minor injuries after the fight, including black eyes, bloodied noses & hand injuries, though none required medical care. Despite repeated attempts by the Gazette to contact Garvin County Chapter President, Tracy Giles, neither he nor other members of the Forsaken Few MC were available for comment about either incident.

You are as strong as an ox & almost as intelligent...
You are not as bad as people say -- you are worse...
You are master in your own house -- the doghouse...
You are pretty as a picture & we'd love to hang you...
You are down to earth, but not quite far down enough...
You are so boring that you can't even entertain a doubt...

Anal Probes And The Drug War: A Look At The Ethical And Legal Issues – Nov 12, 2013 – *New Mexico* - By Radley Balko; www.huffingtonpost.com - Last week, news wires, blogs & pundits lit up with the horrifying story of David Eckert, a New Mexico man who last Jan was subjected to a series of invasive & degrading drug search procedures after a traffic stop. The procedures, which included x-rays, digital anal penetration, enemas & a colonoscopy, were all performed without Eckert's consent. Eckert was pulled over by Deming, N.M. Officer Bobby Orosco for making a rolling stop at a stop sign as he was leaving a Walmart parking lot. According to a subsequent search warrant, Orosco thought Eckert appeared nervous. A drug dog was called in, which alerted the officer to Eckert's seat. The officer then claims he received a tip from another, unnamed officer that Eckert had previously hidden drugs in his anus. (Eckert apparently has a prior record.) Based on all of this, the police officers were able to get both Deputy District Atty Daniel Dougherty & a local judge to sign off on all the humiliation that followed. (According to the original report, the hospital then sent him a bill for the "services," & has since threatened to send a collection agency after him). Days later, a second resident of N.M. came forward with similar allegations. Timothy Young says that after a traffic stop in Oct 2012, he too was subjected to x-rays & a digital anal exam without his consent. New Mexico news station KBO-TV was first to report both incidents, which were performed by physicians at the Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City, New Mexico. In both cases, doctors & police failed to find any illegal drugs. A third alleged victim has since come forward, although this woman says her anal & vaginal searches, x-rays & CAT scans came courtesy of Fed border patrol agents, & without a warrant. These incidents raise troubling questions about how the criminal justice system & medical establishment could allow for such extreme & invasive measures based on such little suspicion for nonviolent drug offenses. Oddly, according to constitutional scholars & medical ethicists I've consulted, the indignities imposed upon Eckert & Young were both illegal & unethical. And yet it also may be that (a) none of the law enforcement officials or medical personnel responsible for the violations are likely to be held accountable in any way, & (b) they could probably do it all again tomorrow, & still wouldn't likely be held accountable.

The Legal Issues (*First paragraph of 15 paragraphs*): Any discussion of the legal issues involved in these cases needs to begin with the general evisceration of the Bill of Rights wrought by the drug war. There's a reason why some constitutional law scholars refer a "drug war exception" to the Fourth Amendment. Over the last 45 years, the U.S. Supreme Court has generally taken the approach that drugs are such an existential threat to American society that some basic & inherent rights need to be suspended in order to facilitate their eradication.

Medical Ethics (*First paragraph of 11 paragraphs*): According to Eckert's lawsuit, the first physician the police asked to perform the procedures declined on ethical grounds before the officers took Eckert to Gila Regional Medical Center. So who was right? Neither the American Medical Association, nor the New Mexico Board of Medical Examiners responded to my request to comment on these issues.

Yes, You Were Violated. But There Isn't Much You Can Do About It. (*First paragraph of 7 paragraphs*): In the end, we're faced with 2 unsatisfying lessons from all of this. First, what happened to Eckert & Young was wrong. The medical personnel acted unethically, & the criminal justice system personnel -- the judges, the prosecutor, the cops & the police department -- all

illegally violated the constitutional rights of both men. And it's entirely likely that no one will be punished -- legally, financially or professionally. In fact, it could all happen again tomorrow, & tomorrow's victim couldn't do much about it, either. Remember, Gigante still insists his officers did nothing wrong. (Four months after the Eckert stop, Officer Orosco got a promotion.)

The War On Drugs Hits A New Low With The Police Probe Of David Eckert's Guts – Nov 15, 2013 – *New Mexico* – By Jacob Sullum; www.Forbes.com - How is it possible that a motorist pulled over for a rolling stop could end up being forcibly subjected to 2 X-rays, 2 digital probes of his anus, 3 enemas, & a colonoscopy, none of which discovered the slightest trace of the drugs that police claim to have thought he was hiding inside himself? That is the question raised by a Fed lawsuit that received wide attention last week after it was highlighted by KOB, the NBC affiliate in Albuquerque. The answer says a lot about the outrageous indignities we have come to tolerate in the name of the war on drugs, which has undermined our civil liberties to the point that what happened to David Eckert after he was stopped in Deming, New Mexico, seemed perfectly justified to the cops who detained him, the prosecutor who approved their application for a search warrant, the judge who granted it, & the doctors who helped execute it. Even in retrospect, Deming Police Chief Brandon Gigante insists that "we follow the law in every aspect." The really horrifying thing about Eckert's ordeal is that the courts might agree with Gigante. Officer Robert Chavez pulled over Eckert's Dodge pickup truck on Jan 2 in the parking lot of the Walmart in Deming after a detective told Chavez he had seen the vehicle pass a stop sign without coming to a complete stop. Chavez later reported that Eckert seemed nervous: He avoided the officer's gaze, & his hand shook as he gave Chavez his driver's license, vehicle registration, & proof of insurance. "While Mr. Eckert was standing outside of the vehicle," Chavez added, "I did notice his posture to be erect & he kept his legs together." Chavez claims Eckert gave him permission to search the pickup truck, which Eckert denies. In any case, Eckert's permission was not necessary for what came next: a "free air sniff" of the vehicle's exterior by LEO, a drug-detecting dog overseen by Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputy Patrick Green. The Supreme Court has said such an olfactory inspection does not count as a "search" under the 4th Amendment & can be performed at will during routine traffic stops. According to Green's report, LEO "alerted" to the driver's seat of the pickup truck, which means he indicated the presence of "an unknown narcotic odor" with a signal he had been trained to give, such as sitting, barking, or scratching. Did that really happen? Since there appears to be no video of the inspection, we have no way of knowing for sure, just the word of a cop who may have been eager to help his colleagues justify a search they seemed determined to perform. Assuming LEO did alert, was it because he smelled contraband, or was he reacting to some other odor or to Green's cues? Again, we don't know, & in practice it does not really matter. In *Florida v. Harris*, decided last Feb, the Supreme Court said a police dog's alert provides probable cause for a search unless the animal is shown to be unreliable. Eckert argues that LEO is unreliable, since he was not recertified when he should have been & has alerted at least 3 times to vehicles in which no drugs were found, including the Jan 2 stop & a 2012 stop in which Eckert was pulled over for a cracked windshield. Judging from *Harris*, where an expired certification was also an issue, that point is not likely to be decisive. Nor is the fact that searches based on LEO's alerts fail to find drugs, even if that happens most of the time. According to police (and the Supreme Court, which essentially has adopted their point of view), dogs that seem to be making mistakes may

actually be alerting to traces of drugs so minute that their existence cannot be confirmed. Hence you can never definitively say a police dog erred, even though there are many possible sources of error. OK, you might say, but the warrant Chavez obtained authorized a search not only of Eckert's truck but of Eckert himself, "to include but not limited to his anal cavity." That was the piece of paper that purportedly permitted Robert Wilcox, an emergency room physician at Gila Regional Medical Center, to order X-rays of Eckert's abdomen & chest; allowed Wilcox & another physician, Okay Odocha, to insert their fingers into Eckert's rectum; gave Chavez license to rummage through Eckert's forcibly produced feces (three times); & made it legal for Odocha to insert a camera into the rectum & large intestine of an involuntary "patient." (Adding insult to assault, Gila later billed Eckert \$6,000 for these services.) How could this extensive exploration of Eckert's plumbing possibly have been justified? In addition to noting Eckert's nervousness, his erect posture, & LEO's alleged alert to the seat where he had been sitting, Chavez's warrant affidavit claimed Green told him "Mr. Eckert was known to insert drugs into his anal cavity." Green made no mention of this in his report, & Eckert denies it, calling it a baseless "rumor." Bobby Orosco, the detective who supposedly saw Eckert roll past a stop sign, did say he told Chavez that Eckert was a "known meth user," but there is nothing in Orosco's report suggesting that drugs might be found in Eckert's anal cavity. Flimsy as all this seems, Los Angeles defense attorney Ken White, a former Fed prosecutor, argues at the blog Popehat that it might be deemed sufficient for probable cause. "I'm not afraid because police officers violated David Eckert's constitutional rights by raping & torturing him because they thought he might have a trivial amount of drugs," writes White (to whom I am indebted for gathering documents related to Eckert's case). "I'm afraid that they might not have violated his rights as defined by the courts, because we have allowed those rights to wither away out of fear & indifference." George Washington University law professor Orin Kerr, a Fourth Amendment expert, concludes that even if there was probable cause to believe Eckert had drugs up his butt, the procedures performed at Gila Regional Medical Center were so invasive that they "likely" violated the test established by the 1985 Supreme Court decision *Winston v. Lee*. In that case, the justices rejected court-ordered surgery to recover a bullet from a robbery suspect, finding that the evidentiary value of the bullet was outweighed by the risks of the operation & the injury to the suspect's "dignitary interests in personal privacy & bodily integrity." But here's the thing: Kerr isn't sure *Winston* means Eckert's constitutional rights were violated when he was. While the procedures inflicted on Eckert were an even greater indignity than the surgery addressed in *Winston*, the physical risks were smaller, & the evidentiary value of the drugs (if only they had existed) was much greater than the evidentiary value of the bullet. In fact, the entire case against Eckert (if it had ever been brought) would have hinged on what the cops found in his digestive tract. Who can say how the courts will decide to weigh those factors? If I were doing the analysis, the Govt's purported interest in discovering arbitrarily proscribed substances in Eckert's guts would weigh nothing at all. There is no need to search for contraband in the absence of prohibition, which forbids actions that are not crimes while legalizing actions that are. The appalling assault on David Eckert is just the latest example.

You have a good weapon against muggers -- your face!

You have an inferiority complex -- and it's fully justified.

You have a face only a mother could love -- and she hates it!

John McAfee Denies Threatening Property Manager with 'MC' – Nov 16, 2013 – *Oregon* – By <http://kticradio.com> - Security software founder John McAfee denies that he threatened the life of his property manager, who filed a civil stalking complaint against the former Silicon Valley businessman. Connor Hyde, McAfee's property manager in Portland, Ore., said McAfee "warned that if I did not 'cooperate fully with [him]' he would consider me to be an integral part of a conspiracy that he believes he is the subject of," according to a stalking protective order filed in court Nov. 21. Hyde details incidents of "unwanted contact" in the complaint obtained by The Oregonian. McAfee had fallen behind on his rental payments for his upscale apartment, leading Hyde to write an email on Oct. 21, notifying McAfee that his rent was 21 days overdue. According to the complaint, Connor outlines in the email that if he wished to honor the lease through Feb. 22, 2014, McAfee would need to immediately pay the balance of \$2,109.58 "[McAfee] employs bodyguards from a 'motorcycle club' that are often armed," says Connor according to the complaint. "[McAfee] has access to money, drugs, weapons, & armed associates. He has the ability to follow through with his threats either personally or through his associates." "It's a contentious issue," McAfee told The Oregonian. "I certainly never threatened anybody, except with threats of lawsuits." McAfee told The Oregonian that Hyde had been in his apartment without permission & confirmed he has bodyguards who are associated with biker gangs. "I prefer people who are streetwise," he told The Oregonian. In an email sent on Oct. 21, the newspaper reported that McAfee wrote to Hyde, "I hope you are prepared to explain what happened to the surveillance tapes the night that your acquaintances attempted to collect me. I saw the video if [sic] you & your sidekick entering the video room at 7:26 in the morning after the failed attempt. What do you think the real police will make of it? I hope you have a safe to run to." McAfee, who made his fortune when he sold his security software firm McAfee Associates, made headlines last year when he was called "a person of interest" in the murder of his neighbor, Gregory Faull, in Belize. He then traveled to Guatemala, was deported to Miami & landed in Portland in Jan. "So am making this one time only offer to you: Cooperate Fully with me, & I guarantee that your name will never come up in any context in any action that I take," McAfee wrote in his email on Oct. 21, according to the complaint. "If you refuse, or if you continue to lie to me, then I promise you, I will consider you as an integral part of what happened to me. I warn you -- no more lies Connor. Consider your response carefully. You made a poor decision in choosing to be involved in this matter. Do not make another poor decision." Attempts to contact McAfee & Hyde weren't immediately successful.

Just in case you are having a rough day, here is a stress management technique recommended in all the latest psychological journals. The funny thing is that it really does work & will make you smile. **1.** Picture yourself lying on your stomach on a warm rock that hangs out over a crystal clear stream. **2.** Picture yourself with both your hands dangling in the cool running water. **3.** Birds are sweetly singing in the cool mountain air. **4.** No one knows your secret place. **5.** You are in total seclusion from that hectic place called the world. **6.** The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity. ...Holding someone's head under the water. Now you're letting them up for a second, then Blam! Back into the freezing water!!! Over & over again!!! There, Feel Better...?

Ohio Aryan Brotherhood leader is killed in Victorville prison – Nov 19, 2013 – *California* – By Joseph Serna, AP; www.VVDailyPress.com - The FBI is investigating the killing of an Aryan Brotherhood leader from Ohio inside a high-security Fed prison in Victorville last week, officials said. David Snow, 53, was pronounced dead at the scene Wed. He had served as Pres of the Aryan Brotherhood in Ohio, the Cleveland Plain Dealer reported. He was convicted of possessing 50 tablets of oxycodone & being a felon in possession of a firearm. According to Snow's 2005 Fed indictment filed in Ohio, he had also been convicted of robbery in 1979 & aggravated assault in 1988. Since his death at the Victorville Fed Correctional Complex, inmate's movements have been restricted & relatives have been prohibited from visiting. "It is typical for institutions to restrict inmate movement while a serious incident is investigated," said Chris Burke, spokesman for the Fed Bureau of Prisons. Snow was sentenced to 180 months & was scheduled to be released Sept. 24, 2018, he said. Had Snow been released, he would have been prohibited from associating with other Aryan Brotherhood members, according to his plea agreement. Snow's death is at least the third in recent months. On Thursday, a convicted murderer was found dead of an apparent suicide in his cell. On Oct. 1, Javier Sandez, 38, was killed in an inmate assault. He was serving 120 months for drug charges. An autopsy on Snow's body was scheduled to be performed Tuesday.

Local MC helping Cub Scouts – Nov 22, 2013 – *Texas* – By www.thepampanews.com - The Local North Panhandle chapter of the Bandidos MC is assisting Cub Scout Pack 423 to recover from a thief who stole \$1,500 & popcorn from them. The motorcycle club is raffling off a shotgun to be given away to one lucky winner on Dec. 2 at The OCB. The tickets are \$3 each & the proceeds will go to Cub Scout Pack 423.

Police getting leftover Iraq trucks – Nov 24, 2013 – *New York* – By Michael Virtanen, AP; <http://hosted.ap.org> - Coming soon to your local sheriff: 18-ton, armor-protected military fighting vehicles with gun turrets & bulletproof glass that were once the U.S. answer to roadside bombs during the Iraq war. The hulking vehicles, built for about \$500,000 each at the height of the war, are among the biggest pieces of equipment that the Defense Dept is giving to law enforcement agencies under a national military surplus program. For police & sheriff's departments, which have scooped up 165 of the mine-resistant ambush-protected vehicles, or MRAPS, since they became available this summer, the price & the ability to deliver shock & awe while serving warrants or dealing with hostage standoffs was just too good to pass up. "It's armored. It's heavy. It's intimidating. And it's free," said Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple, among 5 county sheriff's departments & 3 other police agencies in New York that have taken delivery of an MRAP. But the trucks have limits. They are too big to travel on some bridges & roads & have a tendency to be tippy on uneven ground. And then there's some cost of retrofitting them for civilian use & fueling the 36,000-pound behemoths that get about 5 miles to the gallon. The American Civil Liberties Union is criticizing what it sees as the increasing militarization of the nation's police. ACLU affiliates have been collecting 2012 records to determine the extent of military hardware & tactics acquired by police, planning to issue a report early next year. "One of our concerns with this is it has a tendency to escalate violence," said ACLU Center for Justice senior counsel Kara Dansky. (Just first part of a long article)...

You must have a low opinion of people;
If you think they're your equals.

City attorney: OK for businesses to ban people displaying MC gear – Nov 26, 2013 – *Minnesota* – By www.PostBulletin.com - Rochester bars & restaurants are not breaking the law when they deny access to people wearing jackets or other clothing that displays the names or symbols of the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of Silence & Med City Crew MCs, said Rochester City Attorney Terry Adkins in a letter to the clubs' lawyer. Atty Michael Bader, of St. Paul, who represents the Confederation Of Clubs of Minnesota, stated in an Oct. 31 letter to Adkins & Rochester Police Chief Roger Peterson that Rochester establishments discriminate against motorcycle club members & that the Rochester P.D. advises the bars & restaurants to do so. Bader did not return phone calls for this report. In a Post-Bulletin interview earlier this month, Bader threatened a lawsuit against the city unless Peterson would try to stop bars & restaurants from denying access to Sons of Silence & Med City Crew members who wear their club's names, symbols & signs in the establishments. Such discrimination violates Minnesota Statute 604.12, unless a person's behavior is endangering other people or property, or the person's clothing "is obscene or includes the name or symbol of a criminal gang," according to the statute. The point of disagreement between Bader & Adkins is whether the Rochester Chapter of the Sons of Silence & the Med City Crew are criminal gangs. Bader contends that neither group has shown a "pattern of criminal activity," which is required by Minnesota Statute 609.229 before establishments can deny access to them. However, after talking with the Rochester P.D. & reviewing the information it provided, Adkins said he found a pattern of criminal activity for the Sons of Silence & the Med City Crew, which supports the Sons of Silence. "The Rochester P.D. tells me that the Sons of Silence is a motorcycle criminal gang with a common name whose members wear clothing containing an identifying sign/symbol," Adkins stated in his Nov. 18 letter to Bader. Adkins provided the information upon which he based his conclusion, including 5 criminal incidents between 1999 & 2013 involving Sons of Silence members in Rochester, St. Cloud, Iowa & Colorado. One of the incidents was a large fight at Whiskey Bones Roadhouse in Rochester in Jan 2011. The Organized Crime & Gang Section of the U.S. Dept of Justice has concluded that the Sons of Silence is "an organization whose members use their motorcycle club as a conduit for criminal enterprises," Adkins wrote in the letter. "As such, I have concluded that the Sons of Silence is a 'criminal gang' as that term is defined by Minn. Stat. 609.229, subd. 1," Adkins wrote.

Bubba's Guns: You may have heard on the news about a southern *California* man put under 72-hour psychiatric observation when it was found he owned 100 guns & allegedly had (by rough estimate) 100,000 rounds of ammunition stored in his home. The house also featured a secret escape tunnel. My favorite quote from the dimwit television reporter: "Wow! He has about a quarter million machine gun bullets." The headline referred to it as a "massive weapons cache!" By southern *California* standards someone owning 100,000 rounds would be called "mentally unstable." Just imagine if he lived elsewhere: In *Arizona*, he'd be called "an avid gun collector." In *Arkansas*, he'd be called "a novice gun collector." In *Utah*, he'd be called "moderately well prepared," but they'd probably reserve judgment until they made sure that he had a corresponding quantity of stored food. In *Tennessee* & *Virginia*, he'd be called "the neighborhood 'Go-To' guy." In *Alabama*, he'd be called "a likely gubernatorial candidate." In Louisiana, he'd be called "an eligible bachelor." In *North Carolina*, *Mississippi* & *Texas* he would be called "a deer hunting buddy." And in *Georgia*, he's just "Bubba" who's a little short on ammo.

Rochester City Atty Back Bars in Gang Concern – Nov 26, 2013 – *Minnesota* – By ABC 6 New; www.kaaltv.com - Two motorcycle groups known as the “Sons Of Silence” & the “Med City Crew” can be denied entry to local bars. Rochester City Atty Terry Adkins says bars & restaurants can legally refuse to serve them due to what he calls “gang affiliation. “There’s quite a bit of resources as to the fact that sounds of silence is a criminal gang. They have quite a pattern of criminal activity,” said Adkins. Adkins says the “Sons Of Silence” have been charged with things like drug trafficking & unlawful weapons possession throughout various parts of the country. Locally, Adkins says, a fight between members of both the “Sons of Silence” & the “Med City Crew” broke out at Whiskey Bones Roadhouse in Rochester back in 2011. However, the owner of Whiskey Bones vehemently denied that the fight ever took place. He said his bar has never been a “biker bar” & his dress code wouldn’t allow for that attire. Adkins says the U.S. Dept of Justice also refers to the “Sons of Silence” in the organized crime & gang section of its website. “They call the Sons of Silence a highly structured criminal organization in which members engage in criminal activities such as violent crime, weapons trafficking & drug trafficking. For the U.S. Dept of Justice to publicly put this information on their website sort of leaves no doubt we’re dealing with a criminal gang.” Scott Getschmann, the Minnesota Commander of the U.S. Defenders, says Rochester is an especially discriminatory area towards bikers, saying that he’s seen discrimination against bikers wearing leather vests, even if it has no patches showing gang affiliation.

MC says members are being profiled – Nov 26, 2013 – *Missouri* – By Haley Harrison; www.KMBC.com - Dispute over traffic stop photograph nearly brings out deputy’s Taser... Law enforcement agencies said they’re finding themselves at odds with a growing trend in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The number of motorcycle clubs in the region has doubled in the past year. Members of the Galloping Goose MC, said they’re not doing anything wrong & feel like police are profiling their club as gangs. Atty Sean Pickett said his client Jack Shelledy was stopped on Interstate 35. “(It’s) because he had a patch on. That’s it. There’s no reason why. It’s completely unacceptable,” Pickett said. The routine stop escalated when a Clay County deputy tried to photograph Shelledy. According to the incident report, when Shelledy refused to have his picture taken the deputy threatened to use a Taser. During a conversation in the deputy’s cruiser, recorded on a dashboard camera, the deputy & a colleague discuss whether they’re allowed to take a picture of an unwilling subject. A motorcyclist who asked to be identified as Blake, a fellow Galloping Goose member, said it’s unconstitutional. “I guess I would say it would fall under profiling,” he said. Shelledy was given citations for following too closely, failure to display a certificate of inspection & failure to maintain a single lane. Then he was put into handcuffs. “I’m going to write this (expletive) up for failure to comply with a lawful order of a deputy sheriff,” the deputy said on the dashboard camera recording. Shelledy had a Fed drug conviction in the late 1990s, but in 2009 he was recognized by the Missouri Senate for his sobriety & charity work. “The fact of who he was & he was in this area again, which from what I understand wasn’t normal, we requested to take his picture,” said Lt. Will Akin of the Clay County Sheriff’s Office. Shelledy’s arrest was the only one during a September biker festival in Kearney called the Mule Run. The Mule Run draws in bikers from around the region. The Clay County Sheriff’s Office said it was concerned rival clubs were trying to move into town that weekend & might cause chaos. Over the 3 days of the event, the department took a zero-tolerance policy. It stopped 31 cars, 14

motorcycles & 4 trucks, issuing 8 citations & 33 warnings. Akin said the increased enforcement kept trouble from rolling into town. “For them to come back & say that we were picking on them, well, if they felt that way, I can’t answer why,” Akin said. He said deputies met with bikers ahead of the Mule Run to express concerns about rival clubs clashing. The Clay County Sheriff’s Office placed about 10 officers on overtime for 6 hours during the weekend’s increased enforcement. Shelledy is scheduled to appear before a Clay County judge Jan. 8 for a hearing about the traffic tickets.

Despite Outlaw Image, Hells Angels Sue Often - Nov 28, 2013 - *Arizona* - By Serge F. Kovaleski/ www.nytimes.com - Fritz Clapp, a 67-year-old lawyer with a bright red mohawk, practices intellectual property law. Years ago, his clients were “small-time businesses that nobody had ever heard of.” Then he found something bigger. Today, Mr. Clapp, an eloquent & irreverent man known to wear a purple fez during negotiations with other lawyers, represents the interests of a group not commonly associated with intellectual property: the Hells Angels MC. His main role is not as a bulldog criminal defense counsel for the notorious group but as a civilized advocate in its relentless battle to protect its many registered trademarks. Just in the past 7 years, the Hells Angels have brought more than a dozen cases in Fed court, alleging infringement on apparel, jewelry, posters & yo-yos. The group has also challenged Internet domain names & a Hollywood movie — all for borrowing the motorcycle club’s name & insignias. The defendants have been large, well-known corporations like Toys “R” Us, Alexander McQueen, Amazon, Saks, Zappos, Walt Disney & Marvel Comics. And they have included a rapper’s clothing company, Dillard’s & a teenage girl who was selling embroidered patches on eBay with a design resembling the group’s “Death Head” logo. The Hells Angels remain etched in the popular imagination as sullen, heavily muscled men in leather vests who glare from behind raised handlebars, ready to take on anyone who crosses them -- rebels with no particular cause but their own form of ritualized brotherhood. But over the years, the group collectively made a leap from image to brand, becoming a recognizable marque & promoting itself on items as varied as T-shirts, coffee mugs & women’s yoga pants. Sonny Barger, 75, the longtime Hells Angels leader, at times has offered his own online bazaar of goods that bear his name: sunglasses, bottles of cabernet sauvignon & books he has written. With more to sell & more to protect, the Hells Angels’ turn toward the litigious comes with a twist: The bikers are increasingly calling on the same legal system they deride as part of the machinery that has unfairly defined them as criminals. In fact, they have become more conscious of protecting their image from misuse even as law enforcement officials have cracked down on the Hells Angels, saying they represent a criminal gang on 6 continents, trafficking drugs & guns & engaging in money laundering, extortion & mortgage fraud. These conflicting portraits — biker club versus biker mafia — took shape in numerous interviews with Hells Angels members, defense lawyers, prosecutors & Fed agents & in a wide review of legal filings & internal Hells Angels documents. The group’s less confrontational side has emerged as its aging membership has been refreshed by new members from a historically familiar source — recent military veterans — & as motorcycling in general has risen in popularity across the country. “We stabbed & slabbed people left & right in the day, but that way is less common now,” said Richard Mora, known as Chico, a Hells Angels member in the Phoenix chapter. Even so, 65 years after the Hells Angels was founded in Fontana, Calif., it still exists as a uniquely American subculture of hardened

individualism, fierce fraternity & contempt for society's mores. In its rule-bound world, only full members are permitted to wear the provocative death's-head patch or the 2 words of the club's name, which, like the logo, is trademarked by the organization. Separately, the group sells so-called support merchandise to the public on club websites & at Hells Angels parties & charity events. Recently the club opened a retail store in Toronto. Designations such as 81 (H & A are the 8th & 1st letters of the alphabet) & Big Red Machine (HA colors are red & white) are on an array of goods, including T-shirts (children's sizes available), beanies, tank tops, bikinis, underwear, pins, cigars, key chains, window decals & calendars. The bikers generally settle their lawsuits on favorable terms, extracting concessions from the accused parties by getting them to stop using the trademarks, destroy & recall merchandise and, in a few instances, pay some damages. United in merchandising, & litigiousness, the Hells Angels nevertheless say that they remain a club defined by decentralization, with each chapter operating as its own entity. But law enforcement officials contend the group functions in a more cohesive, structured way. Policing the Hells Angels & other like-minded motorcycle groups is largely the domain of the ATF. "In my experience working street & motorcycle gangs, the Hells Angels operate like a criminal organization with a global infrastructure & a lot of money they can generate from members worldwide," said John Ciccone, a special agent for the A.T.F. in Los Angeles who has worked on gangs for more than 2 decades. He added: "If you go up against the Hells Angels to prove they are a racketeering enterprise, they do have the resources to fight tooth & nail & all the way to the end. You do not usually see those dynamics in street gangs like the Crips & Bloods."

Intellectual Property: Clapp's first case for the Hells Angels was a 1992 lawsuit against Marvel Comics, which had named a comic book & its lead character Hell's Angel. The company changed the name to Dark Angel & agreed to donate \$35,000 to a children's charity. Safeguarding the club's trademarks has been Mr. Clapp's job ever since. He is counsel for the Hells Angels Motorcycle Corporation, a nonprofit established in California in 1970 that owns & protects the club's intellectual property. The corporation, which has board members, is controlled by the hundreds of chapters that make up the Hells Angels club. "Part of the strategy is to bring shock-and-awe cases & to shine a bright light on them in Fed court & the media," said Mr. Clapp, who graduated from the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. "The intent is not just to punish the infringers but to educate the public that the Hells Angels marques are well guarded & not generic & that they must not be infringed upon." In the United States, the corporation has 18 trademark registrations covering the use of 7 different marques, including a half-dozen or so variations of the death's-head icon, & additional trademark registrations in more than a dozen other countries. Mr. Clapp's sparse website bears the description "Lawyer From Hell." In a brief video, he leans into the camera sporting his mohawk, sunglasses, jeans & a black T-shirt with the word "ACID" on it, a reference, he recently noted, to the brand of cigars with that name & not to LSD. Mr. Clapp, a former biker-rights lobbyist who for years has been close to Mr. Barger, rides a motorcycle but is not a Hells Angel. He lives in a Prevost motor home & moves around the West, depending on where his legal work takes him. Lawyers who have defended clients sued by the Hells Angels say Mr. Clapp's manner hardly resembles the brutishness many associate with the club. "Initially, we were not sure whether we had to worry for our safety," said Kevin Drucker, a lawyer who represented Headgear Inc., which was sued in 2008 over T-shirts bearing the Hells Angels name. "But the impression I was left with was that when they litigate, they do so civilly. This changed the way I thought about them."

That case was eventually settled. Soon after targeting Headgear, the Hells Angels sued a New York clothing business called Company 81, alleging that use of the number 81 on its products was an infringement. "We were trying to enter into a coexistence agreement with the Hells Angels," said Daniel Bellizio, a New York intellectual property lawyer who was the company's general counsel. "Our customer base & the channels of distribution were very distinct, & there was little likelihood of consumers confusing the brands." Although the Hells Angels eventually stopped responding in the case, a 65-page sworn deposition taken by another lawyer for Company 81 illustrated Mr. Barger's views on merchandising. "Well, I don't want to sound pigheaded, but there's a million people out there that want to make a dollar off of the name Hells Angels & the emblem Hells Angels, & we try to stop them," Mr. Barger said. He explains that the Hells Angels are so protective about their membership marks that members must sign a document stipulating that anything with the club name or symbols belongs to the corporation & not to them. "It's on loan to them while they're a member," he said. "And if they ever leave the club, it all has to be turned back in." Asked about the number 81, Mr. Barger said, "We don't let anybody use it but us." He added, "Eighty-one is Hells Angels." He said if he encountered someone wearing clothing with an unofficial 81, he would wrest it from the person on the spot. "I wouldn't ask them, I'd take it." Later in the deposition, he said: "I would say, 'Why do you have that?' & he would probably say, 'I support 81.' And I would say, 'That isn't an 81 shirt.'" "And then I would say, 'Look, we can do this 2 ways. You can give me the shirt & I'll give you a legitimate one.' Or if the guy says, 'Hey, none of your business where I got it,'" Mr. Barger continued, "I'd beat him up & take it." At the Clubhouse: The squat red & white building, with a large death's-head & the words "Hells Angels MC" emblazoned on the side, sits on a quiet street on the fringes of downtown Phoenix, fenced off from nearby public housing & some bail bond offices. This is the Phoenix chapter. Inside, about 10 Hells Angels mill around a long bar, sipping drinks & laying out food for their regular, highly secretive meeting, known as "church." With its patchwork of memorabilia, the clubhouse resembles a Hells Angels museum. The death's-head is plastered on cushions & light shades. There is a stripper pole in the front room & slot machines in the back. Hells Angels slogans & photos cover the walls. In the yard, 81 is spray painted on a rusted garbage can next to a Highway 81 sign. At 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighing about 350 pounds with long, stringy hair, Mr. Mora is a longtime Phoenix Hells Angel. "The new members are younger, smarter & savvier, & they have better bikes," said Mr. Mora, a construction worker in his mid-60s who many years ago served time in prison for murder. "They are better at reading the streets, seeing our enemies & spotting patterns & changes. They are also more clean-cut." The Justice Dept website says the Hells Angels have a total of 2,000 to 2,500 members in around 230 chapters in the United States & 26 other countries. The department says more than 90 of those chapters, with over 800 members total, are in the United States. The true reach of the club globally, though, is unclear. The main Hells Angels website lists about 425 chapters in more than 45 countries. While Hells Angels members & those in rival biker clubs have tended to hold down blue-collar jobs, the newer generation is more eclectic, with careers & families, a contrast to the riders in the '60s & '70s who seemed wayward & singularly devoted to the club. Today's bike clubs include men pushing 70 & newer members in their 30s. Some work in motorcycle repair shops or tattoo parlors, but others have less stereotypical jobs: eye doctor, chef, accountant, master's student in thermal dynamics, lawyer, military contractor & high school football coach. Whatever their generation, the Hells Angels are bound together as

renegades, if not outlaws. Mike Koepke, 32, a newer member & president of the Yavapai County chapter in Arizona, said, "Being a Hells Angel is a stressful lifestyle because we have people coming at us from all angles, but who wouldn't want to be that rebel?" He says that riding with his brothers can be transcendent. "My first religious, Zenlike experience was in 2007 riding back from Montana," recalled Koepke, who is the father of a young son & an E.M.T. studying to be a paramedic. "It was as though hands were pushing the rain aside so I could get to my destination. It was a spiritual moment." Andres Ospina, 33, known as Oz, who fought with the Marines in Iraq, is another recent addition to the Hells Angels in Arizona. He has struggled with post-traumatic stress & depression, but said he found solace in the camaraderie of the club, which he likened to "going back to your platoon, your safe place." "I credit the club with saving my life," said Mr. Ospina, who receives disability benefits from the military. "I had 2 choices: I could have become antisocial & locked myself in an apartment & cried about things that upset me, or I could be social with people who are like-minded." Clutching his Hells Angels vest, Mr. Ospina, a father of two, said: "In a sense, this is my armor now. It keeps people away. I am literally fighting for my own right to be who I want to be, & to be left alone."

Attracting Suspicion: In Black Canyon City, Ariz., Howie Weisbrod, 65, a member of the Cave Creek chapter, was helping with security at a bar where some 100 Hells Angels in club vests & jackets mingled at a celebration in honor of Mr. Barger. Mr. Weisbrod, a burly Brooklyn native, said law enforcement "is obsessed with us because we are the Hells Angels MC & a visible target," adding: "They see us as some kind of symbol. They think that by controlling us they can control the other clubs. But that ain't true." A Hells Angel for 4 decades, he has had his encounters with law enforcement, having spent about 10 years in Fed prison on a drugs & weapons conviction. What he calls an obsession, law enforcement views as a necessity. State & Fed agents reject the notion that the Hells Angels & some rival bikers clubs are merely hangouts for antisocial tough guys. Instead, they say, Hells Angels chapters are dens that forge dangerous criminal conspiracies. Mr. Weisbrod & other Hells Angels acknowledge that Fed & state gang enhancement laws, which can significantly lengthen prison sentences, have been a deterrent to more criminality. In late 2009, a jury in Phoenix convicted a member named Nathaniel Sample of 2 felonies & determined that the Hells Angels were a gang. Mr. Sample, convicted of aggravated assault & assisting a criminal street gang, was sentenced to about 8 years, a term that is largely the result of the gang charge. Since 2002, there have been about a half-dozen cases in Ventura County, Calif., in which juries have convicted members for being part of a street gang. In the same period, a similar number of Hells Angels have pleaded guilty & admitted to belonging to a gang. Derek Malan, a senior deputy district attorney in the county, said those convictions had hobbled the club's chapter there. "The national prominence of the club in Ventura is done," he said. "There have been more convictions in that chapter than in any other Hells Angels chapter in California." The visibility of the Ventura chapter has also been diminished since the departure about 2 years ago of its longtime president, George Christie Jr., a gregarious man who had been a spokesman for the Hells Angels. Mr. Christie, 66, who owned a tattoo shop, the Ink House, in Ventura & has a consulting business to help felons handle incarceration, was probably the best-known Hells Angel after Mr. Barger. Some say that he displeased the organization by, among other things, recruiting local surfers from gangs to increase his chapter's sagging membership numbers. The recruits, seen riding around in flip-flops or tennis shoes & shorts, were not considered worthy of being Hells Angels by some other members. "I gave

the club a shot in the arm to keep it on the cutting edge of the motorcycle club culture," Mr. Christie, who led the chapter from 1978 to 2011, said this year. "My thinking was that if we didn't bend, we would break and, in doing so, we would be helping law enforcement by becoming extinct." In 2011, Mr. Christie, who had served 2 prison terms of about a year each, was indicted on Fed charges stemming from an extortion plot & the firebombing of 2 competing tattoo parlors in 2007. He faced a statutory maximum of 120 years in prison. But the prosecution & his lawyer struck a deal; he recently started serving a third prison term, 10 ½ months. Christie takes issue with law enforcement's position that organizations like the Hells Angels are gangs that operate as underworld criminal enterprises. "I am not foolish enough to say that crimes have not been committed, but there is no nexus between all of them or many of them," he said.

Criminal Designation: In 2011, the State Dept & the Dept of Homeland Security added the Hells Angels & other MCs to a list of criminal organizations that includes the Mafia, the Chinese Triads & the yakuza, the Japanese syndicate. This classification has made it harder for foreign members of these groups to enter the United States for bike runs & other club events. A recent case that epitomizes, for Fed authorities, why they designate some motorcycle clubs as criminal organizations is one against the Hells Angels in the South Carolina city of Rock Hill, a suburb of Charlotte, N.C. In June 2012, 20 members, prospects & associates of the club's Rock Hill City Nomad Chapter were arrested on a 91-count Fed racketeering indictment based on wiretaps, surveillance, video recordings, controlled buys & a paid informant. The charges encompassed a range of illicit activity: drug distribution, trafficking of firearms & stolen goods, prostitution, arson, robbery & other violence, extortion & money laundering. Sixteen of the defendants were convicted of crimes related to a racketeering conspiracy. A dozen of them reached plea deals, including the chapter's V.P., Daniel Bifield, known as Diamond Dan. He was sentenced to 17 ½ years in Fed prison. "The way they got away with it for a while is that the Hells Angels are such insular groups & they use code in such a sophisticated & elusive manner," Jay Richardson, the assistant United States atty who prosecuted the case, said in an interview. "Replacing chrome' on a motorcycle, for instance, refers to both legitimate business purposes & illicit ones." One thing that has not changed is that the Hells Angels remain the top name of the outlaw motorcycle constellation. Its members are regarded as more sophisticated & loyal than those of other biker groups, & the process for gaining membership is believed to be the most arduous, making it the toughest one for law enforcement officials to infiltrate. "The Hells Angels don't recruit," said Troy Regas, president of the club's Nevada Nomads chapter. "The Hells Angels is one of the top trademarks in the world. It is like H-D." But agents have persisted and, stung by infiltrations; biker groups now do exhaustive background checks on prospective members & will enlist private investigators. The clubs administer lie-detector tests & require completion of detailed applications & even references from prison inmates. And even when law enforcement gets the upper hand, the Hells Angels fight back in court, sometimes using prominent lawyers who have represented such figures as Martha Stewart, Leonardo DiCaprio & Shaquille O'Neal. In 2010, 7 members in Arizona were arrested after a shootout with the Vagos, a rival biker group, in a rural neighborhood of the town of Chino Valley. More than 50 rounds were fired, injuring a handful of bikers. That Nov, a state judge, ruling in favor of the defense, threw out a grand jury indictment that named 5 Hells Angels & contained charges that included attempted murder & participation in a criminal street gang. Conviction would have brought sentences decades long. Richard

Gaxiola, a Phoenix lawyer for the Hells Angels, argued that a detective had misled the grand jury & violated his clients' constitutional rights by portraying the Vagos as family oriented while vilifying the Hells Angels. The next month, a fresh indictment was returned, & 2 other Hells Angels had been added. But Gaxiola soon uncovered an even bigger problem with the prosecution's tactics that prompted him to seek a dismissal of the entire case. The detective & the lead prosecutor had failed to disclose that their key witness was a paid informant within the Vagos who previously had tried to associate with the Hells Angels but had been shunned. A new judge sided with the defense by tossing out the case in June 2012, saying the defendants' due process rights had been violated, & concluding that the prosecution had been negligent. "We were able to level the playing field, which is crucial because when it comes to the Hells Angels in the justice system, their constitutional rights are under assault at every step," Gaxiola said.

Buffalo Chip announces return of student build challenge – Nov 26, 2013 – *South Dakota* – By <http://RapidCityJournal.com> - The Sturgis Buffalo Chip has announced that its Student Build Challenge will return in 2014. The bike build project is collaboration between the Sturgis Buffalo Chip, Sturgis Brown High School, Black Hills H-D, Terry Components, Dakota V-Twin & a large group of industry-leading parts sponsors. The program provides the opportunity for Sturgis Brown High School students to learn from leading motorcycle industry professionals in order to create a one-of-a-kind custom motorcycle from a stock H-D. For the first time, the class will customize a new year model H-D — the 2014 Street Glide. Most of the custom parts installed on the bike are not yet available to consumers, allowing the build to bring them to market for the very first time. Since the students have the unique opportunity to install the custom parts before other builders, this year's Student Build Challenge bike may be the first custom 2014 Street Glide in existence. The Buffalo Chip created the school program in 2010 as a means to promote technical education in South Dakota & provide students with expanded career opportunities in the motorcycle industry. Because Sturgis is home to the world's largest motorcycle rally, there is a growing number of motorcycle industry businesses that have moved to the Black Hills & are looking for experienced technicians. The Sturgis Buffalo Chip strives to assist in providing local career opportunities for students by creating a hands-on curriculum that teaches youth about motorcycle fabrication & customization. In 2013, the Student Build Challenge participants proved that they had learned the skills to put them on par with some of the world's best builders. They took their custom Road Glide to the renowned Donnie Smith Bike Show, where it won first place in the Full Custom Bagger Open Class & Overall Best Display. The students also took first place in the Full Custom Bagger category & won Best Custom Paint Job at the Black Hills Bike Show. "One of the program's major goals is to empower young adults to feel like a job in the industry is well within their reach," says Rod Woodruff, president of the Sturgis Buffalo Chip. "I can't think of anything more empowering than when the team takes home prestigious awards & beat out competitors who have been building bikes for years." In addition to increasing students' technical knowledge, the bike build project instills important values & life lessons. Participants learn to work together as a team & see the value in taking a project from concept to completion. Under the instruction of industry veterans, Keith Terry & Randy & Nick Cramer, Sturgis Brown High School students will learn the state-of-the-art techniques needed to customize the 2014 Street Glide. Black Hills Harley-Davidson has sponsored the bike for the project & some of the industry's top

manufacturers provided the world-class parts needed to customize it. "We are thrilled to again be sponsoring the bike for this year's Student Build Challenge," says Terry Rymer, managing partner of Black Hills Harley-Davidson. "We've seen firsthand how this project can transform both a bike & a group of students for the better, & I can't wait to watch this transformation take place again this year." The completed Student Build Challenge creation will be auctioned off during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in support of the Buffalo Chip's annual Legends Ride charity event on Aug. 4, 2014. You can follow the Student Build Challenge online at www.buffalochip.com, to see photos, videos & articles updating the public on the project's progress.

Judge to allow alleged Hall statements at triple murder trial – Nov 29, 2013 – *Massachusetts* – By Andrew Amelinckx; www.BerkshireEagle.com - A Superior Court judge has ruled that incriminating statements & behavior attributed to Adam Hall & David Chalue can be used at their upcoming trials for allegedly kidnapping & murdering three city men. Just days after David Glasser, Edward Frampton & Robert Chadwell disappeared in Aug 2011 -- allegedly kidnapped & killed by Hall, Chalue, & Caius Veiovis -- Hall & Chalue were hanging out at the Hells Angels' clubhouse on Woodland Road in Lee with 2 women, Rose Dawson & Alexandra Ely. Hall mimicked Glasser's final moments, running around the room & saying, "Help me!" & Chalue pretended to shoot him with his finger, according to Dawson's testimony earlier this month at a hearing in Springfield. The victims' bodies were later discovered in a shallow trench in Becket. Police determined they had been shot to death. Dawson, a reluctant witness, described how Hall had referred to the person he was making fun of as "the retard," a name she had heard him use when referring to Glasser. Dawson recalled from the stand that Hall said, "You should have seen the look on his face," & laughed. Hall, a ranking member of the local Hells Angels, & Chalue, a reputed member of the Aryan Brotherhood, were allegedly drinking Crown Royal whisky & "clinking glasses" that night. Lawyers for the 2 defendants wanted any alleged statements made by their clients barred from being used at trial because they said the 2 men were highly intoxicated that night. Judge C. Jeffrey Kinder denied their motion. He wrote that the 2 men were coherent enough to be understood by each other & by the 2 women. They were able to get up & down stairs without help at the clubhouse & Hall "remembered the statements well enough to offer an explanation to Dawson a few days later," according to the judge. Hall later told Dawson that the 2 men had been joking about "a skinhead chasing a black guy in jail," according to Dawson's testimony. Kinder said that because the men's actions & statements were "spontaneous" & they were not coerced into speaking, the statements would be allowed at trial. At an earlier hearing, Dawson refused to testify, citing the right not to incriminate herself. She was later given immunity from prosecution by the Berkshire District Atty's Office & was forced to take the stand for the prosecution. Hall, 36, of Peru, & David Chalue, 46, of North Adams, & Caius Veiovis, 32, of Pittsfield, have denied multiple counts of kidnapping, murder & witness intimidation. They remain in various jails around the state & are being held without bail. According to police & prosecutors, Glasser was killed to keep him from testifying against Hall in an upcoming trial. The other 2 men were killed to prevent there being witnesses, said police. Kinder denied several other defense motions, including a request to have 2 older cases involving Hall, in which Glasser was the victim, tried separately from his murder trial. In July 2009, Hall allegedly beat Glasser with a baseball bat & made him sign over the title of his truck in retaliation for a suspected theft from Hall's Peru residence. The next year, Hall

attempted to discredit Glasser as a witness through an elaborate scheme to frame Glasser for a fake armed robbery across the border in New York state, police said. The alleged scheme unraveled & Hall was charged with kidnapping & other offenses. Glasser disappeared just weeks before he was scheduled to take the stand against Hall. Hall's atty, Alan Black, wanted those cases separated from the murder case. The judge denied the motion, writing that the other 2 cases, along with the newer murder charges, could be considered part of "a single scheme to harm, discredit & eliminate Glasser as a potential witness against Hall." Further, he determined that even if the cases were severed, the information about the earlier cases could be used by the prosecution at trial as "prior bad acts." The judge also denied a motion to dismiss the charges against Hall stemming from a search of the defendant's jail cell last Nov. Hall had taken the stand & alleged the police denied his request to have an atty present during the search & that they had taken a notebook that contained confidential information about his case, including trial strategy. Massachusetts State Police Sgt. Christopher Meiklejohn, who headed up the search, said they didn't take the notebook or any other confidential paperwork during the search. Kinder credited Meiklejohn's testimony concerning the search over Hall's. Additionally, the judge said police were not under any obligation to contact Hall's lawyer during the search. Two other motions to suppress evidence filed by Veiovis' atty, James Gavin Reardon Jr., Chalue's lawyer, Donald Frank, & Black on behalf of Hall, also were denied. On Sept. 4, 2011, before the three men were charged with the murders & before the victims' bodies were discovered, police approached them as they were refueling Veiovis' Jeep Wrangler at a gas station on Wahconah ST. According to testimony, earlier that morning, while a large police search for clues in the disappearance of the victims was going on in Pittsfield State Forest, officers observed Hall approach a police barricade, turn the Jeep he was driving around & head in the other direction. Hall denied being in the area at that time. Hall said he was denied access to his lawyer, was kept from leaving the gas station parking lot & was questioned by police. While speaking to police, Hall allegedly told them, "you know who I am & what we do," among other statements. Police seized Hall's boots & socks, the men's telephones & Veiovis' Jeep as evidence & then later searched the vehicle after getting a warrant, according to testimony. Kinder, in his written motion, said Hall's statements were given voluntarily & that the men were not in police custody at the time. He also ruled that police had probable cause to seize the Jeep & other items because there was reason to believe the evidence would have been destroyed otherwise. Later on Sept. 4, 2011, Hall was arrested on child pornography & other charges & evidence was seized from the Hyundai Elantra he was driving. The child porn charges were later dismissed. Black argued these charges were just a pretext for searching the vehicle & that any evidence found inside related to the alleged murders should be kept out of the trial. The judge found that although an arrest cannot be used as a pretext to search for evidence, police in this case had reason to believe Hall had forced a young girl to send him nude photographs of herself. Hall has a final pretrial hearing scheduled for Dec. 19. His trial is scheduled to be in Springfield in January. The venue was moved out of Pittsfield due to pretrial publicity. The other defendants' cases will be tried after Hall's, with Chalue going 1st followed by Veiovis.

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- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
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Recreational motorcyclists protest across Australia against Queensland's anti-bikie laws – Dec 1, 2013 – *Australia* – By www.News.com.au - Recreational motorcyclists are protesting across Australia on Sun to show solidarity against Queensland's tough new anti-bikie laws. Queensland organizer Gabriel Buckley says the new laws, aimed at criminal bikie gangs, have resulted in the harassment of law-abiding motorcyclists. Buckley said a primary concern was that the laws reversed the onus on proof for people accused of links to prescribed criminal gangs. "Some people are being pulled over three times on their way to work," he told AAP. "You can imagine why these guys are getting impatient with the Gov't." Rallies are planned in every major capital city except Darwin, with the biggest rally expected in Brisbane. Buckley expects between 1500 & 2000 people to rally at parliament house, including recreational riders who'll be arriving in groups from Redcliffe, Ipswich & Stapylton. The rally at Brisbane's parliament house begins at 10am on Sun. The Hobart event, on the lawn outside parliament, begins at 9am. Civil libertarians, who've described the laws as "scary", will also join the protests. Last month the **A.M.C** launched a fighting fund to raise money for any High Court challenge against the laws. Police & the Newman Gov't have previously asked recreational riders for patience amid the bikie crackdown, but concede there will be disruptions for law-abiding motorcyclists.

SA's Mongols challenge State Gov't to win 2014 election without scapegoating them – Dec 1, 2013 – *Australia* – By Sean Fewster & Robyn Wuth; www.HeraldSun.com.au - The Mongols have thrown a gauntlet at the feet of Atty-General John Rau, challenging him to win the 2014 state election without using them as political scapegoats. One of the gang's national office bearers has told The Advertiser the Labor Gov't has prioritized its "vote-getting" anti-bikie stance over SA's economy. The comments are the latest tilt in the Mongols' public relations campaign, promoting their "reformation" from the violent ways of the Finks MC. The Nat'l officer bearer accused Rau of wanting to win the election by "creating a monster, then defeating it" to "look like a hero" in the eyes of the public. "Rau, this strategy of using bikie clubs as a way of winning elections is very transparent & has been done many times before," he said. "With our economy shrinking, South Australians deserve better bang for their buck - not political games that take away from the real issues of this state. "Your Depts are under-resourced (but) with an election coming up in March we know that you will use us to prove you're 'tough on crime'. "We do have law & order issues in this state, but you're focusing on the wrong one." Rau told The Advertiser said he would not rise to the outlaw gang's challenge. "I decline the invitation from any criminal group to close my eyes to their activity between now & the next election," he said. "We won't be picking a fight with the Mongols as the basis for our re-election in 2014, but neither will we step back from our fight against the outlaw activities of bikie gangs." In Oct, Finks across the country - including many of Adelaide's 56 members - "patched over", making the 400-strong Mongols the largest bikie gang in Australia. The Mongols' charter promises automatic expulsion for members engaged in offences involving drugs or violence. The office bearer said three Adelaide bikies had been expelled since Oct but declined to say why because former members "have the right to privacy". "Look, for some members it has not been easy," he said. "There have been some Finks who have read the constitution & known, immediately, it wasn't for them ... that's fine, we accept that. "But it's true we have lost some Mongols, people I have counted as friends." He said the Finks' lifestyle "clearly" worked against the club's continued survival, & so change was needed. "We're trying our best to uphold our club's

constitution & we've already lost members, but that's what we're prepared to do," he said. Politicians in SA & Queensland - home of the country's toughest anti-bikie laws - have claimed the Mongols are the world's most dangerous gang., pointing to its violent reputation in the US. The office bearer said that attitude was unhelpful. He said a 2008 undercover police operation called "Black Rain" had decimated the club's US ranks & prompted the drafting of the charter. "Since Black Rain, only three convictions (against of members) have been recorded (in the US)," he said. "In the US they have introduced a 'clean & sober' chapter where members receive appropriate support ... that sends a pretty clear message. "In the three months since the changeover to the Mongols MC, the change (in Adelaide members' behavior) should be easily obvious to the public. "We have been deliberately low-profile because, at the end of the day, actions speak louder than words." The officer bearer said it was frustrating that Mr Rau's position on the Mongols shifted constantly, despite the "evidence" of the club's rehabilitation. "At first, Rau said we were obliged to behave 'the same way' as America (and be violent)," he said. "Now he has evidence that, post 2009, (Mongols in) America have changed their constitution & are not a threat to society. "So instead he says we're the same people as we were before & the charter will have little control over our behavior." He said that, despite the challenges before them, the Mongols remained committed to their charter, to one another & to the "1%" life. "Since 1969, the Mongols have been a 1% club & we will continue with this tradition ... it's not a label, it's a way of life & it is how we choose to live," he said. "Mongols are part of the regular community & it is the Gov't that has run SA financially into the ground ... it needs to offer something to the public."

Biker Churches Lead Outlaws to God – Dec 2, 2013 – *Texas* – By www.onislam.net - Members of outlaw motorcycle gangs are coming together throughout the Bible Belt where bikers who once thrived on sex, drugs, rock 'n' roll & even a life of crime are now looking for calmness of Bible study & prayer meetings. "Churches like this gather misfits," Matthew Butler, who became the church's pastor in 2010 after working in its music ministry, told Aljazeera America on Sun, Dec 1. "Without a church like this, there would be hundreds of people with nowhere else to go. We are literally reaching into the darkness." Dressed in jeans, leather jackets, biker boots & T-shirts, men & women scene in the churches' pews was unfamiliar. Being part of outlaw motorcycle gangs, which make up about 1 percent of motorcycle riders in the United States, those bikers used to have clubs with names like the Hells Angels & Bandidos. They are not recognized by the 235,000-member American Motorcycle Association because of their criminal activities. Yet, in the Bible Belt, & across the US, the Biker-Friendly Church Network lists nearly 100 churches where helmets are welcomed on Sunday mornings. Unlike traditional churches, they aren't recognized within religious denominations, but rather focus on evangelism & discipleship – witnessing & training in the Bible. Recently, several groups with names like the Iron Apostles, Soldiers for Jesus & Hallelujah Riders gathered in Kilgore, Texas, for fellowship & prayer at Living Word Church, whose pastor donated the space to bikers. Motorcycles with Jesus stickers lined the churchyard, & tales from the road were shared in between preaching & barbecue. "This is just a place where we wouldn't be judged & looked down on," said Russell Stewart, a deacon of a church at Texarkana, a town that straddles the Arkansas-Texas state line, & one of its founding members. "At other churches, the way we dress, we would be judged. We are all just here to worship the Lord."

New Life: The new churches offered a new hope of life for bikers, who were outlaws one day. "All the men in my life were teaching me how to rob, steal, do dope & sell dope," said David Vanbuskirk, a preacher for Bikers for Christ, adding he is the last person anyone expected to spread the Gospel. "They had a lack of concern for life. I didn't want my sons to be raised like that, & I don't... Leading a criminal life for years, he started preaching to change lives. "I don't have an education, & I'm rough around the edges," Vanbuskirk said. "But I preach with conviction around my heart. The Lord speaks to you in the hum of the motor." Keith Cannon, who attends Kilgore church, has also found a new life after abandoning crime. Nearly 9 years ago, Cannon was living in a homeless shelter. He was arrested in 2004 for possession of drugs, & a year later arrested again on a drug & weapons charge. "We were some twisted people before we got saved," said Cannon, whose father was a missionary. "You can ride your bike the same, but now you love Jesus." The United States is home to a Muslim minority of between 6 to 8 million. Muslims believe in Jesus as one of the great Prophets of God & that he is the son of Mary but not the Son of God. He was conceived & born miraculously. In the Noble Qur'an, Jesus is called "Isa". He is also known as Al-Masih (the Christ) & Ibn Maryam (Son of Mary). As for his crucifixion, Muslims believe that Jesus was not crucified but was lifted up to heaven. Muslims believe that Jesus will come back to earth before the end of time to restore peace & order, fight the Anti-Christ (Al-Masih Al-Dajjal) & bring victory for truth & righteousness. The true followers of Jesus will prevail over those who deny him, misrepresent him & reject him.

Stats on outlaw bikie gangs in Australia released – Dec 3, 2013 – *Australia* – By www.News-Mail.com.au - Data held by the Australian Crime Commission shows there are more than 40 outlaw motorcycle gangs currently operating in Australia, with about 6000 "patched" members who see themselves as the 'one percenters' who operate outside the law-as opposed to the 99% operating within its confines. Crime authorities remain adamant it is the criminal activities of OMCGs that distinguish them from recreational motorcycle riding clubs, which are made up of people who get together solely to ride their motorcycles & socialize. The ACC says OMCG activities are mostly domestic, but there was an increasing prevalence of international connections.

Facts about bikie gangs in Australia: Australian OMCGs evolved from core groups of Caucasian men from working class backgrounds. They sought to emulate OMCGs established overseas, originally in the United States, after World War II. Club members were expected to obey strict rules & a militaristic hierarchy that levied harsh & sometimes violent retribution for disobedience. 'Prerequisites' for admission to OMCGs have been relaxed to ensure growth of OMCG membership. This, combined with Australia's increasingly multi-cultural population & a desire to broaden spheres of influence, means the traditional make-up of OMCGs has changed. Some gangs do not work to a constitution & others include members who do not even ride motorcycles. While OMCG members play a prominent role in Australia's domestic production of amphetamine-type stimulants, they are also involved in other illicit drug markets, vehicle rebirthing & firearms trafficking. The Australian Crime Commission conservatively estimates that serious & organised crime costs Australia \$15 billion every year. This cost comprises loss of business & taxation revenues, expenditure on law enforcement & social impacts of crime.

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