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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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In Memory of **Iron Horsemen Hutch** who died June 15<sup>th</sup> in a motorcycle accident... R.I.P. Hutch...

In Memory of **Vietnam Vets MC Mister** died suddenly & unexpectedly on the eve of Rolling Thunder... R.I.P. Mister...

Congratulations to **Pagan Bluto** for your upcoming release to a ½ way house on June 17<sup>th</sup>...

Welcome **Estede Tom** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **Outlaw Josh** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome **Outlaw Storm** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Happy Birthday **Ghost Rider Nomad Nazi John** on July 7<sup>th</sup>...

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Happy Birthday **Outlaw Big Tim Silvia** on July 18<sup>th</sup>...

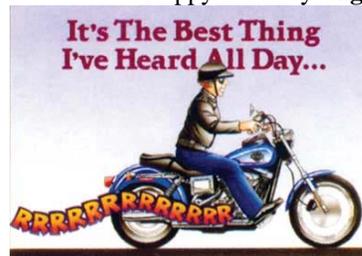
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Stupidity got us into this mess. Why can't it get us out?

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

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

**Editor's Note:** Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **81** Motorcycle Clubs...

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

### Editor's Note

Over the last couple months or more, there have been Lots of letters for various requests... I appreciate All the letters (address changes / In Memory items / upcoming releases / and etc)... I got behind on them; which will happen... As of now I'm pretty much caught up on all of the mail; thus If I missed your letter and/or request; please write again... For requests that are specific to One Brother Behind Bars; It would be best to direct them to your Club to handle... Thanks, Mike Sons Of Silence MC Retired

**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 (**81 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, 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, **Estedes**, 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 Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, 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 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...

### I Call That True – By Dr. Hook

Ever' mornin' won't you wake up early cook me  
Great big T-bone steak  
Serve it to me in bed go on the street And  
Hustle bring me back all the money you make  
Won't you rub my body with sweet scented oil,  
Cool me with a 'lectric fan  
Run to the church fall down on your knees say  
"Lord I wanna thank you for that man"  
(Chorus:) And I'll call that true love, true & sweet  
That ain't the kind of love I'm gettin'  
But baby that's the kind of love I need (End Chorus)  
I wanna come home every evenin' to a great big meal of  
Wine & roasted pheasant  
I want you to say to me "Ray, hey this is Susy, this is Kay,  
I brought 'em both home to you for a present"  
When "The Man" downs his soul & find my stash,  
Won't you tell 'em it belongs to you  
And when you're sittin' in the slam tell all the other chickies  
When they get out they should look me up too

**The Junction Whiskey**  
**MACE & COE OF MN**  
**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS**  
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### Dr Hook continued:

(Repeat Chorus)

Some guy accuses me of foolin' with his wife threatens  
To take me apart  
Points a gun at me, I want you to jump in the middle &  
Take the bullet in your own heart  
And as you're lyin' on the floor & dyin',  
I want you to look up at me & say  
"Hey Ray I'm sorry I messed up your rug,  
Just roll my body out of the way"  
(Repeat Chorus)  
Hollywood calls you on the telephone I want you to  
Turn down the part  
And when we're ballin' baby, ride on top so I never  
Ever strain my heart (Repeat Chorus)

**Hells Angels Film** - May 23, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - There is going to be another attempt to make a film about the Hells Angels MC. According to multiple published sources, Rob Weiss will adapt Sonny Barger's memoir *Hell's Angel: The Life & Times of Sonny Barger & the Hell's Angels MC* for the screen. Weiss has an extensive filmography & he has worked as a writer on the HBO series *Entourage*, was the Executive Producer for the HBO series *How to Make It in America*, & he was a producer on the television series *Punk'd* & the feature film *American Psycho*.

**Tony Scott:** The film rights to Barger's memoir had belonged to director Tony Scott. Scott also owned the film rights to Hunter Thompson's *Hells's Angels: The Strange & Terrible Saga of the Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs* & Jay Dobyns' *No Angel: My Harrowing Undercover Journey To The Inner Circle Of The Hells Angels*. According to Dobyns, "In 2005, after becoming acquainted with Fox entertainment through ATF's introduction of Agent Dobyns with the America's Most Wanted feature, a film researcher for Fox & film director Tony Scott contacted Agent Dobyns. Fox & Scott were developing a film about the Hells Angels. A relationship was struck, based on the researcher's stated admiration for Agent Dobyns' work, dedication & honesty." The deal was that Scott would direct the film for a division of 20th Century Fox called Fox 2000 using a script by Academy Award winning writer Stephen Gaghan. According to informed sources, Scott never made a film about the Hells Angels because there was a consensus among members of the club that non-members should never be allowed to wear the Hells Angels patch. The last time a non-Angel wore the club's insignia with the club's permission was in the 1967 movie *Hells Angels on Wheels* starring Jack Nicholson. There remains sentiment in the club that it would be disrespectful to club brothers who died for that patch to allow non-members to wear the death head .

**After Scott:** After Scott committed suicide in 2012 the rights to Barger's book reverted to its author & Fox 2000 retained the first right to refuse any movie made from it. According to the entertainment website *Deadline.com*, the movie will be produced by Barger's advisor & confidant Fritz Clapp & by veteran producer Ben Myron, whose last film was *Cheaper By The Dozen 2* which was released in 2005.

**Biker gangs thrive in Central Florida** – May 26, 2014 – *Florida* – By Rene Stutzman; [www.OrlandoSentinel.com](http://www.OrlandoSentinel.com) - They looked like characters who had wandered off a movie set, more than a dozen outlaw bikers trooping into the Seminole County criminal courthouse week after week in April & May for a series of murder trials. Some took the witness stand. Others were there just to watch. Many had tattoos, beards, shaved heads or ponytails. Most were members of the Florida Warlocks, which law enforcement considers a dangerous outlaw motorcycle gang. The stories they told focused on threats, intimidation, beatings, knives, guns & killings. An estimated 300 to 400 outlaw motorcycle-gang members live in the part of Florida that stretches from Tampa Bay through Orlando to Daytona Beach, according to Jim Dillman, a law-enforcement officer on Florida's West Coast who specializes in gangs. "The AMA said in 1947 that 99 percent of motorcycle riders are law-abiding citizens but that 1 percent are thugs & criminals," Dillman said. That makes motorcycle gangs such as the Warlocks, Hells Angels & the Outlaws "1%." Some wear a patch that reads "1%er." "They're very proud of that lifestyle," Dillman said. "They don't care about laws, about law enforcement & citizens. They only care about their club."

**Men seeking camaraderie:** Most are white, middle-aged military veterans who work at blue-collar jobs, Dillman said. "They find a kinship, a fellowship, a brotherhood with each other," said Suzelle Miller, who for 12 years lived with David "Dresser" Jakiela, 52, a Florida Warlocks member. "Cut one & they all bleed." Jakiela & 2 other members of the Florida Warlocks were killed Sept. 30, 2012, in a shootout with a rival biker gang at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Winter Springs. The club's appeal, Miller said, "was being able to depend on & know that someone had your back, you had their back. It was unconditional. If you needed help, all you needed to do was call a brother." Said Dillman, "The club comes before work. The club comes before your family. The club & your motorcycle come before everything else." Many outlaw bikers are mechanics, some are truckers, others are tattoo artists. Jakiela was a project manager at an Orlando architectural company. One of the state's witnesses in the Winter Springs killings works at a local attraction. According to the U.S. Dept of Justice, 300 outlaw motorcycle gangs in the U.S. are involved in crime, including gun trafficking, drug trafficking & violence. In Central Florida, the Outlaws are the dominant motorcycle gang, Dillman said. The gang claims to have 16 chapters, including those in Orlando, Osceola County & Daytona Beach. "Seminole County is considered to be Warlocks territory," Assistant State Atty Lisa Haba told jurors at David Maloney's murder trial in Sanford on April 1.

**Shootout in Winter Springs:** Maloney, 54, of Longwood was the first of 4 defendants to stand trial, accused of murdering Jakiela & the 2 other Florida Warlocks. A judge threw out one count, & a jury acquitted Maloney of all but one attempted-murder charge April 9. He may be retried later for that charge.

**Patrick Bemister, former Outlaw, sentenced to 4 months** - May 26, 2014 – *Canada* – By CBC News; [www.CBC.ca](http://www.CBC.ca) - A former member of the Outlaws MC charged with assaulting 2 off-duty police officers was sentenced to jail time Monday in Gander. Patrick Bemister, from Grand Falls-Windsor, was given a 4 month sentence, along with 18 months probation, & ordered to provide a DNA sample. Bemister was charged following a brawl at Gander nightclub Legends in Sept last year. Earlier this year, Bemister pleaded guilty to 2 counts of assault & one count of assault causing bodily harm involving 2 off-duty RCMP officers. During his probation, Bemister is banned from Legends & other establishments that serve alcohol, is ordered to stay away from any Outlaws member, except his father, & is banned for life from possessing a firearm. In April, Bemister blamed his father for his association with the Outlaws gang, stating he was brainwashed into becoming a member.

**IRS suspected a fishing boat owner** wasn't paying proper wages to his deckhand & sent an agent to investigate him. **IRS Auditor:** "I need a list of your employees & how much you pay them." **Boat Owner:** "Well, there's Clarence, my deckhand, he's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$1,000 a week plus free room & board. Then there's the mentally challenged guy. He works about 18 hours every day & does about 90% of the work around here. He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room & board, & I buy him a bottle of Bacardi rum & a dozen Budweisers every Saturday night so he can cope with life. He also gets to sleep with my wife occasionally." **IRS Auditor:** "That's the guy I want to talk to -- the mentally challenged one!" **Boat Owner:** "That would be me. What would you like to know?"

**I don't consider** you a vulture;  
I consider you something a vulture would eat.

**Rolling Thunder 2014** - May 25, 2014 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - About 3,000 years ago a blind skald in what would eventually be called Greece began to recite 2 poems. The poems are now called the Iliad & the Odyssey. And, what Homer said remains relevant today because his stories are timelessly true. And, the most true thing Homer had to say might have been that fighting the war is only half the story. Because the second & more important of the 2 poems tells the tale of a hero's perilous search for a long lost place called home. Rolling Thunder, the big, loud veteran's event in Washington this weekend, tells that story too. It is the latest incarnation of the tale of the veteran's return. It began 27 years ago as a loud & pugnacious protest by war veterans who were both disprized & ignored. It was simply the statement made by an impossible to ignore pack of 2,500 Harleys riding to the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial – a black chevron carved into the northwest corner of The Nat'l Mall.

**1988:** The Wall itself was controversial in 1988. It had been defaced by self-righteous vandals who thought that the Vietnam War was a criminal act & that the Americans who fought there were criminals comparable to the Nazis' who had murdered millions of innocents a generation before. One of the speakers at the 1<sup>st</sup> Rolling Thunder, a veteran named Marshall Colt, felt compelled to apologize for the war he had not made & politely invited his countrymen to stop blaming him for his service. "I would like to thank our nation for gradually accepting Vietnam veterans & separating the war from the warriors & recognizing that Vietnam veterans honored a commitment to the country," Colt said. Then, Colt thanked the mostly rough crowd that had ridden to The Wall. "I am proud of the honorable intentions of you, my compatriots," Colt said. Rolling Thunder was mostly the idea of a man who rode in the big pack again this year. Ray Manzo, who was a Marine during the interesting years from 1967 through 1969, was confronted by the Vietnam Veterans MC with the reality that America had abandoned some of her prisoners of war in Vietnam. Manzo now remembers that after attending a VNVMC vigil he became determined to "make right a terrible wrong." In 1988, not every attendee of the first Rolling Thunder was as apologetic as Colt or as noble as Manzo. This event was, after all, a half a brigade of rough men with blood on their hands & anger in their hearts who rode in on one of the loudest personal vehicles America has ever made. One attendee called the rally by The Wall, "a show of strength." Rolling Thunder was a show of strength, It still is.

**Display of Patriotism:** But a couple of particularly stupid wars in the intervening years have transformed Rolling Thunder from a gathering of Vietnam Vets who just weren't going to take draft dodger America's bullshit anymore into what the Rolling Thunder website now calls "an emotional display of patriotism & respect for all who defend our country." The man who has overseen this evolution is a Vietnam veteran named Artie Mueller. Mueller has given his life to Rolling Thunder. No one could have done a better job. The annual event, always held on the Sunday before Memorial Day, has become a parade of hundreds of thousands of motorcycles witnessed by hundreds of thousands of spectators. It is, if nothing else, an annual reminder that fighting the war is only half the story & it is an annual source of annoyance for that class of Americans who stubbornly cling to a child's view of war & its aftermath. For example, last year one critic of the event wrote, "We have to admit a lack of comprehension regarding the link between motorcycles & tribute to the dead. We aren't critical, just don't understand it." Most objections are along the lines of: "It is Memorial Day Weekend, & that means hundreds of thousands of

motorcyclists will come to the Washington, DC area to have a nice party. A nice party for them, & another peaceful Memorial Day ruined for thousands of residents & visitors who are forced to endure the hammeringly loud pipes & stinking fumes which have enveloped the city on this weekend for over 20 years." A visitor to the Lincoln Memorial, a stone's throw from The Wall complained, "Apparently, Rolling Thunder takes over every Memorial Day weekend with their own brand of 'honoring' the fallen. So there I stood at the Lincoln Memorial, attempting to find the solemn attitude I should have when reading one of my favorite statements.... *It was difficult.*"

**The Prairie Home View:** The condescending draft dodger, & PBS America's most honored humorist, Garrison Keillor wrote the definitive criticism of Rolling Thunder 6 years ago in an op-ed piece called "A Roar of Hollow Patriotism." "A patriotic bike rally is sort of like a patriotic toilet-papering or patriotic graffiti" Keillor wrote. "The patriotism somehow gets lost in the sheer irritation of the thing. Somehow a person associates Memorial Day with long moments of silence when you summon up mental images of men huddled together on LSTs & pilots revving up B-24s & infantrymen crouched behind piles of rubble steeling themselves for the next push." "You don't quite see the connection between that & these fat men with ponytails on Harleys. After hearing a few thousand bikes go by, you think maybe we could airlift these gentlemen to Baghdad to show their support of the troops in a more tangible way. It took twenty minutes until a gap appeared & then a mob of us pedestrians flooded across the street & the parade of bikes had to stop for us, & on we went to show our patriotism by looking at exhibits at the Smithsonian or, in my case, hiking around the National Gallery, which, after you've watched a few thousand Harleys pass, seems like an outpost of civilization." Keillor suggested that the aging veterans & their supporters might become as informed on the subject of war as he by reading a few books. "If anyone cared about the war dead," the humorist advised, "they could go read David Halberstam's *The Coldest Winter: America & the Korean War* or Stephen Ambrose's *Citizen Soldiers: The U.S. Army from the Normandy Beaches to the Bulge to the Surrender of Germany, June 7, 1944 to May 7, 1945* or any of a hundred other books, & they would get a vision of what it was like to face death for your country, but the bikers riding in formation are more interested in being seen than in learning anything. They are grown men playing soldier, making a great hullabaloo without exposing themselves to danger, other than getting drunk & falling off a bike." And, then Keillor compared the riders to the draft dodger who lived in the Whitehouse at the time. "No wonder the Current Occupant welcomed them with open arms at the White House, put on a black leather vest, & gave a manly speech about how he'd just 'chopped in' & saw the horde 'cranking up their machines' & he thanked them for being so patriotic. They are his kind of guys, full of bluster, giving off noxious fumes, & when they leave town, nobody misses them."

**Bush And Obama:** One is reluctant to rise to the forty-third President's defense about anything but in comparing him to Keillor it should be noted that at least George W. Bush had the decency to be ashamed of dodging the draft. At least the younger Bush gave Artie Mueller a few moments of his time each year which was, at least, an act of long overdue contrition & respect. And Bush's photo opportunities stand in contrast to how Barack Obama has reacted to the annual protest, which is to stubbornly ignore it. Obama usually flees Washington over the Sunday before Memorial Day. He avoids Artie Mueller & his litany of concerns & his half million followers like that. This Sunday the

President fled all the way to Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan where he gave what sounded like a campaign speech. Rather than thanking America's veterans for their service, rather than lamenting the cost of the nation's overseas adventures, the Commander in Chief gave a big shout out to his active duty forces. "I'm here on a single mission & that is to thank you for your extraordinary service," he said. And the crowd of mostly rear echelon troops went wild. This month Obama has been photographed awarding Medals of Honor to long neglected heroes about once a week. A cynic might observe that these events are bullet proof acts of political theater. It would be very cynical to accuse our leader of trying to steal other men's valor for himself. But it is hard not to be cynical about our last 3 Presidents.

**Shocked:** Pres 44 has had a nasty image problem with the big issue of war veterans the last few weeks. As Captain Renault was "shocked! Shocked to find that gambling" was "going on in" Rick's Café Américain in old Casablanca, President Obama has been shocked to learn that the Veterans Administration is mostly a racket for the benefit of the people who manage the Veterans Administration. It seems mistakes have been made. Allegedly veterans have died while waiting to obtain appointments to request aid for their service connected ailments & disabilities. Just yesterday, in his weekly video press release the Pres declared, "In recent weeks, we've seen again how much more our nation has to do to make sure all our veterans get the care they deserve.... As Commander in Chief, I believe that taking care of our veterans & their families is a sacred obligation." And then he ran as far away as he could from Artie Mueller's stubborn idealism, & his army of "fat men with ponytails on Harleys," & their annoyingly loud protest. Obama is, like the late & lamentable Woodrow Wilson, a college professor by trade & so he gives the impression of being expertly opinionated about everything. Somewhere in his scholarly adventures he must have run across Napoleon's cynical observation that "A soldier will fight long & hard for a bit of colored ribbon." He has avoided actually articulating that sentiment during his Medal of Honor ceremonies this month but he has probably heard the phrase. He might even have heard how beautiful it sounds in French. Un soldat long et dur combat pour un peu de ruban de couleur.

**Can You Hear Now:** But even the best educated men have gaps in their knowledge so it would not be surprising if the President has somehow missed Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, one of America's great contributions to English language prose. At some point in their lives, almost everyone has heard the last bit of it which goes: "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, & for his widow, & his orphan – to do all which may achieve & cherish a just & lasting peace, among ourselves, & with all nations." It is also possible that Pres Obama has run across Lincoln's words & has simply not found much meaning in them. Jerry Lembcke's historical revisionism aside, Rolling Thunder was born at a moment in American History just after the moment when it was considered virtuous to metaphorically & literally spit on combat veterans. If nothing else, Rolling Thunder & its constituents who rode in that pack as a "show of force" should have put a stop to that. Alas, it now seems that post draft America has become so alienated from the realities of war & its aftermath that veterans of our most recent wars are now spit on as a matter of national policy. So these questions naturally arise: What if the problem with Rolling Thunder is something other than that the event is too loud? What if what is really wrong with Rolling Thunder is that it has not yet grown loud enough?

**Senior members of outlawed Mongols bikie gang defecting to Adelaide to escape tough QLD laws – May 26, 2014 – Australia** – By Sam Kelton; [www.HeraldSun.com.au](http://www.HeraldSun.com.au) – Senior members of the Mongols are defecting to Adelaide with plans to set up a new chapter of the outlaw motorcycle gang in the southern suburbs, police believe. Queensland bikie legislation has been so successful since its introduction last year, that senior members are moving interstate & starting chapters where they perceive policing to be softer. Three senior members have already relocated to a southern suburb believed to be Maslin Beach with up to 4 more senior Mongols set to join them to help them establish a southern chapter of the Mongols. Existing Mongols who were former Finks in the southern area are helping the interstate members establish their power base. Sources say threats have already been made to various people in the area ahead of the southern chapter's establishment as a power struggle begins to form. Assistant Commissioner Paul Dickson told the Sunday Mail police have been briefed Mongols intentions & planned to intervene "before criminal events occur". "Police are aware of the intentions & movements of OMCG members — including that of the Mongols," he said. "Detectives are investigating this issue, however it is of no surprise that threats & intimidation are tactics being used. We know bikies are involved in serious & organized crime & have total & utter disregard for the law or safety of innocent people. We also know that bikies will readily commit acts of violence. "The focus of police is to intervene before criminal events occur. If we had full cooperation, there is no doubt police would be able to progress investigations faster." The Mongols are based in Calif & have chapters in the US, Mexico, Norway, Spain, Thailand, Germany, Malaysia, France & Israel. They set up their 1<sup>st</sup> chapter in NSW in March of last year & moved their influence to the Gold Coast in June.

**Since then tough new anti-bikie legislation** has been introduced effectively hamstringing club's activities. The laws limit bikies' freedom to meet each other & wear club insignia & they face another 15 to 25 years in jail just for being a member. Detective Superintendent Mick Niland Commander of Taskforce Maxima in QLD said he is working closely with SAPOL's Crime Gangs Taskforce on the move by Mongols members to South Australia. "What I can say is we've shared an amount of intel," he said. "We share all of our intelligence with our counterparts & yes we are aware of the movements of some of our criminal motorcycle gang members including the Mongols to S.A. "We share our intelligence in relation to the criminal motorcycle gangs & we work very closely with SAPOL & the other Australian states. We're very committed to stamping out criminal gangs, not only in QLD but around the country. Det-Supt Niland said Queensland's legislation was helping police get results. "We believe that we've really turned a corner at having success against criminal gangs & the legislation is definitely part of that success," he said. "We are very fortunate in QLD having our legislation & yes it is making big impact but there is complimentary legislation around the country that each of the states have & the commonwealth & we are working together. You've got an exceptionally good Crimes Gangs down there in SAPOL & we're working very close with them. So close in fact we speak on a regular monthly basis with all the Detective Supers in charge of all the gangs around Australia." However, 1 of the gang's Nat'l office bearers denied that the Mongols would be establishing a 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter at Mount Compass, or "anywhere else" in SA. "Two of our members have visited Adelaide in recent weeks but neither of them are moving there.". "There is one new member, who is from QLD, who moved to SA for employment purposes but it's not known if he's staying permanently or just as long as the contract lasts."

**MC Looks to Future After Court Cancels Party** - May 27, 2014 - *Iowa* - By Katie Alexander; [www.KWQC.com](http://www.KWQC.com) - A Muscatine County MC is looking to make changes & try to host other events in the future after a judge granted a preliminary injunction canceling a fundraising party that was going to be held this coming weekend. The Eastern Iowa chapter of the MC Sons of Silence had posted flyers all over town inviting community members, other club members, neighbors & friends to a 3-day party with live music, motorcycle rodeo events, primitive camping, & food & drinks available on sight. They had lined up performers, vendors, & porta-potty rentals, & thought they were ready to go, until they received notice of an injunction, later upheld by the judge, ordering them to cancel the plans. "We thought for sure the judge was going to throw it out, but he didn't," said Ed Zeman, V.P. of the Eastern Iowa Sons of Silence, who owns the property where the party was set to be held. At issue, according to the court ruling, is the zoning for that land - a residential plot that is the site of the Sons of Silence club house & the commercially-zoned plot immediately next door. Zeman says he was shocked to find out that the county had an issue with the party plans. "I don't think it's right. I think I should be able to do what I want as long as I'm not hurting anybody, breaking any laws, I don't see the problem with it," he said. But, the judge agreed with Muscatine County Alan Ostergren's assessment that what Zeman & his club wanted to do on that property was against the law. "The zoning permitted uses of those properties was not consistent with having a large rally of the kind that was being planned," Ostergren explained. "The individuals who were planning it had not really done anything to try to get into compliance with the zoning laws," he added. For his part, Zeman says he didn't know he needed to do anything. The club had held parties on the property in the past, without permits & without problems. "There's no reason to think that they were in compliance previously," Ostergren pointed out. Still, Zeman says he feels like the club is being unfairly targeted now because of the organization's history. The Sons of Silence, on the national level, has labeled itself a 1% club - an outlaw group - setting itself apart from the 99% of MCs that are law abiding social organizations. But Zeman says, a few bad apples in any group & past criminal activity among some members of the Sons of Silence does not reflect his organization now. "Because I'm not a monster, I'm not a criminal," he said. "Things have changed. Our club has realized that in order to exist we have to change with the times," he added. But Ostergren is clear: The problem is with the land use, not with the group. "It's not a question of whether or not motorcycles are good or bad, or whether the Sons of Silence are an outlaw motorcycle gang or something positive. That's not something the court was asked to determine," he said. "The question is you have this property in a residential area & that's not an appropriate use for the property where it's located." "We have a zoning enforcement issue that we're pursuing against a bible camp in Muscatine County," he added. And in this case, Ostergren says he was asked to look into the zoning rules for Zeman's property by the Sheriff's office, which was concerned about traffic & safety issues from so many people camping out on that property. "If they want to find a different location or get a permit that would allow it, then it could go forward," Ostergren said. Zeman says it's too late to appeal the judge's ruling on this weekend's plan, but he says his club will take the steps it needs to - like seeking special use permits & zoning changes - to have other parties on the property in the future. "We respect the judge & his ruling & we're going to try to do the best we can," Zeman said. "We'll work with them in the future if they want to work with us, just like we'd work with any property owner," Ostergren said. Ostergren says the club's neighbors had complained about the

noise & road congestion from previous events held by the Sons of Silence on Zeman's property. The club says it's happy to work with its neighbors to find a solution, & points out that many have attended parties there in the past.

**Hayward police ID 22-year-old man found fatally shot in SUV** - May 27, 2014 - *California* - By Natalie Neysa Alund; [www.MercuryNews.com](http://www.MercuryNews.com) - A man found fatally shot behind the wheel of an SUV last week has been identified by police as Hayward resident Carlos Diaz-Rubalcava. Diaz-Rubalcava, 22, died Thursday evening after being shot by an unknown suspect, Sgt. Mark Ormsby said. Police on Tuesday were not releasing how many times he was shot or where he was shot. Investigators learned about the shooting just before 5:40 p.m. after receiving multiple 911 calls about a traffic crash on the corner of Saklan Road & West Winton Avenue. Officers found the man fatally shot in the driver's seat of a Ford Explorer, said Sgt. Mark Ormsby. As police investigated, they learned of another shooting victim who had been dropped off at the Kaiser emergency room in Hayward. That man, a 48-year-old Oakland resident, was eventually transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley. He was shot once in the chest, Ormsby said, & was expected to survive. The shootings, which police said are related, remained under investigation on Tue. Diaz-Rubalcava & the 48-year-old Oakland man may be associated with the Hells Angels MC, police have said. Police said that the surviving victim's friends who showed up at hospital to check on him Thu night were Hells Angels members, they but didn't say whether that victim or the man found fatally shot in the Ford Explorer were club members.

**Mister Merrill Collins** - May 30, 2014 - *U.S.A.* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Mister Merrill Collins, the Maryland Sergeant at Arms for the Vietnam Vets MC, died suddenly & unexpectedly on the eve of Rolling Thunder, May 24, while camping with his Red & Black brothers from the Vietnam Vets & Second Brigade MCs. Collins was born Jan 11, 1957 in Salisbury, Maryland & he served with the 82nd Airborne Division. He is respectfully & lovingly remembered by his club brothers. An officer in his club said, "You hear about brothers who in a time of need will give you 1 of the 2 dollars they have. Mister would give you both & the shirt off his back. He was a man, a biker, a Vietnam Vet & a proud member of the Red & Black. He was a brother." Mister Collins was a prototype engineering machinist at K & L Microwave, Inc. in Salisbury for the last 18 years of his life. His friends knew him as a talented artist. In addition to his club brothers, he is survived by his wife Beverly Ann; his son Stevie Mister Collins & his daughter in law Ashley; his grandchildren Autumn Nicole Truitt & Anthony Lee Truitt; 3 sisters, Brenda Smart, Cinda Allison & Cathy Helgeson; his 5 blood brothers, Jerry, Buddy, Gary, Hiram & Zeke; & several nieces & nephews. Family & friends may visit with Mister a final time this Saturday, May 31 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Short Funeral Home in Delmar. The family asks that kickstands be up at 2:30 for a procession to his home for a celebration of his life. Instead of flowers, his family requests that memorial contributions be made in his memory to the Mister Collins Family Bereavement Fund at the Hebron Savings Bank. Mister Merrill Collins was just 57. This is a better world because he was born into it.

**Grandma's Home Remedies:** For better digestion I drink beer, in the case of appetite loss I drink white wine, in the case of low blood pressure I drink red wine, in the case of high blood pressure I drink scotch, & when I have a cold I drink schnapps. When do you drink water? I've never been that sick!

**SOS MC Party Cancelled** - May 30, 2014 – *Iowa* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - The “We Ain’t Playing Possum Party” scheduled to begin tomorrow & sponsored by the Eastern Iowa chapter of the Sons of Silence MC was cancelled this week, mostly because Muscatine County Atty Alan Ostergren & a local Judge named Stuart Werling decided to push their weight around. The party was to be held at the chapter’s clubhouse located at 2097 Hwy 61. The area is south of the local airport & is not densely inhabited. The owner of the property is an SOS patch holder named Edward Zeman.

**The O Word:** The idea was to raise funds to help pay the clubhouse’s property taxes & other chapter expenses. In previous years the club had sponsored a fundraiser near Conesville, Iowa called “Thunder in the Sand” but authorities there put a stop to that. Club members expected the Possum Party to draw a crowd of 150 to 250 for the 3 day event. The chapter had hired performers, invited vendors, rented chemical toilets & was planning live music & motorcycle rodeo events. It seems obvious that Ostergren decided to put a stop to the event because the Sons wear a 3 piece patch. But he sought an injunction on the grounds that the clubhouse property is zoned “as R-3 residential & C-1 commercial” & the chapter had neglected to apply for a “special use permit.” Ostergren’s objections to the party probably didn’t really have much to do with zoning which is why the local Sheriff, a man named C.J. Ryan, testified at Judge Werling’s hearing. The club council, an atty named Pete Leehey noted that a lot of parties are thrown in rural Muscatine County & wondered out loud “Why are we picking on these guys?” The obvious answer is because the Sons are a MC. The Davenport NBC television station, KWQC, argued that “The Sons of Silence, on the national level, has labeled itself a one percent club – an outlaw group – setting itself apart from the 99% of MCs that are law abiding social organizations.”

**Zoning Not Civil Rights:** There are a dozen or so residences in the immediate area of the clubhouse & although none of those neighbors seemed to have complained the County Attorney went ahead & complained for them. And the judge agreed. He wrote: “The County has no other sufficient remedy to protect the quiet enjoyment of the properties by the surrounding homeowners other than an injunction,” Zeman thinks the County cancelled the party because they disapprove of his club. He told the Davenport station, “I’m not a monster. I’m not a criminal. Things have changed. Our club has realized that in order to exist we have to change with the times.” If Zeman is right, this little tempest is potentially a Fed civil rights case. But the County Attorney refused to admit to what Zeman thinks is obvious. “It’s not a question of whether or not motorcycles are good or bad, or whether the Sons of Silence are an outlaw motorcycle gang or something positive,” Ostergren said. “That’s not something the court was asked to determine. The question is you have this property in a residential area & that’s not an appropriate use for the property where it’s located.” That’s the local official’s story & he’s sticking to it. “We have a zoning enforcement issue that we’re pursuing against a bible camp in Muscatine County,” he added for emphasis.

**AMA Action Alert** – May 30, 2014 – *New York* – By [www.americanmotorcyclist.com](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com) - Michael, In a response to an AMA inquiry, the New York State Police have declined to rule out deploying motorcycle-only checkpoints for riders traveling to & from the Americade Rally scheduled for June 2-7, in Lake George, New York. Americade is the largest multi-brand touring rally in the world, & motorcyclists will be coming to the event

from across the country. You can help the AMA end these discriminatory checkpoints by signing the AMA’s petition and/or sending a message to your senators & representative, asking them to support H.R. 1861 & S. 2078, the Stop Motorcycle Only Checkpoint Funding Act. Additionally, you can send Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D-N.Y.) a tweet using this link. If you or a friend were stopped at a motorcycle-only checkpoint, please share your story by clicking on the “Share Your Story” link below & entering your information at the bottom of the page, clicking “submit” & then typing in your experience with MOCs at Americade. The AMA believes these checkpoints are ineffective & discriminatory. During the past several years the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has granted more than \$500,000 to states to conduct motorcycle-only checkpoints. Diverting that grant money to rider education programs could have paid for the basic-rider training course for more than 10,000 new riders. If you are not yet an AMA member, please join the AMA to help us fight MOCs. More members means more clout against our opponents, & your support will help us fight for your riding rights – on the road, trail, racetrack, & in the halls of Gov’t.

**WisDOT: Deer Crashes Spike in June** – May 30, 2014 – *Wisconsin* – By [www.wbay.com](http://www.wbay.com) - June is a great time to take a road trip, but Wisconsin officials want you to be aware that it is also a busy time for deer. The Wisconsin Dept of Transportation says deer crashes spike during June as the animals search for places to give birth, & young deer separate from their mothers. June is one of the worst months for driver & passenger injuries in deer crashes, according to WisDOT. “The best way to avoid crashes with deer is to slow down & eliminate distractions while you drive. You also need to buckle up in case a crash can’t be avoided,” says David Pabst, director of the WisDOT Bureau of Transportation Safety. “Motorcyclists must be especially careful because collisions with deer can be fatal to motorcycle drivers & passengers. Motorcycles were involved in 6 of the 8 fatal deer versus motor vehicle crashes in 2013.”

**WisDOT has this advice for drivers:**

- Be vigilant in early morning & evening hours, the most active time for deer.
- Eliminate distractions while driving & don’t speed.
- Always wear your safety belt—there are fewer & less severe injuries in crashes when safety belts are worn.
- If you see a deer by the side of the road, slow down & blow your horn with one long blast to frighten the deer away.
- When you see one deer, look for another one—deer seldom run alone.
- If you find a deer looming in your headlights, don’t expect the deer to move away. Headlights can confuse a deer & cause the animal to freeze.
- Brake firmly when you notice a deer in or near your path.
- Do not swerve. It can confuse the deer as to where to run. It can also cause you to lose control & hit a tree or another car. The one exception is if you are riding a motorcycle. In this case, you should slow down, brake firmly & then swerve if you need to in order to avoid hitting the deer. When swerving on a motorcycle, always try to stay within the lane if at all possible to avoid hitting other objects.
- If your vehicle strikes a deer, stay in your vehicle & do not touch the animal if it is still alive. The injured deer, in attempting to move, could hurt you or itself.
- Walking or stopping on the highway is very dangerous—you could be hit by an oncoming vehicle if you get out of your car.
- The best advice is to get your car off the road if possible, & call law enforcement.

**Berlin bans Hells Angels symbol** - May 30, 2014 – *Germany* – By [www.TheLocal.de](http://www.TheLocal.de) -Berlin authorities have banned Hells Angels gang members from displaying the club's winged death head symbol in public. Members of the rocker biker gang will no longer be allowed to wear its winged death head symbol in public, wrote the Bild newspaper on Friday. Clothing or signs with the gang's script declaring "Hell's Angels," or "MC," will also be banned. Offenders could face fines, confiscation & even imprisonment, police spokesman Thomas Neuendorf told the paper. "The members of the Hells Angels were given a deadline of 4 weeks to implement the ban," said Neuendorf. The ban, which is effective from Friday, comes following a ruling by the Hanseatic Higher Regional Court in Hamburg on April 7th, said the paper. Clothing worn displaying the symbol will be confiscated & the wearer may be fined or in serious cases, face imprisonment. Other German states are looking into imposing a similar ban, the paper said.

**ABATE MN Lake Chapter** – June 1, 2014 – *Minnesota / South Dakota* – By Todd Riba; [www.abateMN.org](http://www.abateMN.org) - I have some sad news, Lake Chapter Member Bo Hajek passed away Friday. Bo lived in Central City South Dakota in the old school house where many of our members stayed over the years during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally & other festive occasions. Bo had a generous & caring heart, the door to the school was always open to wayward bikers in need of a place to rest, party, shower, eat, sleep, & to just sit around & B.S. Bo loved the conversation & the company he didn't ride but he loved bikers & he was a proud lake Chapter Member, his Central City School business card says the following "Bo Hajek, World Domination Facilitator" & on the back "The Central City School has officially been certified by Lake Chapter, MN as premier West River location capable of fulfilling numerous World Domination requirements." Bo touched many lives in Minnesota & South Dakota & he will be truly missed, I trust that he will be in the big Principal's Office in the sky looking down on us with a big smile on his face. LCWD Todd Riba A.B.A.T.E. of MN Lake Chapter Pres

**Angels Indicia Banned In Berlin** - June 1, 2014 – *Germany* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - As of last Wed, May 28, it is a crime to wear or display the name "Hells Angels" or the HAMC's death head logo in Berlin, Germany. The ban applies to vests, tee shirts, support tee shirts, motorcycles, buildings & other horizontal & vertical surfaces. Members & supporters of the MC will have a month to implement the ban. The new crime is based on a decision by the Hanseatic Higher Regional Court of Hamburg on April 7. Hamburg banned its local Hells Angels charter in 1983. The April court decision banned the Angels' indicia on the grounds that it was a violation of Germany's law against the public display of symbols associated with banned organizations. The original intent of the German law was to ban the display of Nazi symbols like swastikas & lightning bolts.

**Indicia In A Nutshell:** Indicia is a widely used term in American law. The Latin word was originally used to describe prima facie evidence in disputes over ownership of tangible property: As when a brand on livestock could be offered as proof of ownership of those animals. In the last 20 years, the concept of indicia has been corrupted to mean proof of membership. In the United States, for example, the most common implementations of extra judicial punishment are "indicia searches" carried out by paramilitary police against known members of MCs. In those searches police serve a warrant to search for proof of what they already know & then use the putatively legal search to terrorize families, execute pets & wreck homes. The "searches" are usually

carried out in the darkest hour before dawn. The Berlin ban is something new again. It represents the latest tactic in the global war on MCs which is a corruption of the global war on terror. Australia has banned the display of indicia of 25 proscribed clubs under most circumstances. In the United States, the Dept of Justice has carried out a six-year-long campaign to seize indicia associated with the Mongols MC.

**Suits Say:** German Interior Senator Frank Henkel told the Berliner Morgenpost, "This is a good & powerful decision by the Berlin public prosecutor. The prohibition falls within the zero tolerance strategy we pursue in the fight against criminal groups. Police will consistently punish violations after the deadline." André Schulz, head of the Fed German Police, told the Morgenpost, "The prohibitions must also be extended to other criminal groups such as the Bandidos, Outlaws & their numerous support clubs. The Fed German Police demand a Germany-wide ban." A Berlin police spokesman named Thomas Neuendorf said, "From July 1, the public display of (the forbidden) symbols & the lettering will be punished." He said he expects about 400 bikers to be effected by the ban.

**Devils Diciples member arrested in killing indicted on lesser charge** - June 3, 2014 – *Alabama* - <http://blog.AL.com> - A Tuscaloosa man who was arrested on a murder charge in the 2012 death of a Devils Diciples member has been indicted by a Baldwin County Circuit Court grand jury on a lesser charge. Adam Mayton, 30, was indicted May 22 on a hindering prosecution charge in the shooting death of Samuel Dixon, 54, of Milton, Fla. Five other people have been charged in Dixon's death — one is charged with murder & the other four, like Mayton, are charged with hindering prosecution. "Basically what the grand jury has said is that based on the evidence presented that his role was more of in line... with the assisting of the hiding of the crime & the efforts to avoid detection & trying to prevent the homicide from being discovered & that sort of thing," Baldwin County District Attorney Hallie Dixon said. Dixon's nude body was found Sept. 12, 2012, near the Styx River off Baldwin County 68. The Baldwin County Sheriff's Office believes that Dixon, a Gulf Coast chapter Devils Dicile member, was shot 4 days earlier in a mobile home on Northcutt Lane in Baldwin County that served as a gang clubhouse. Investigators suspect Dixon was shot in the face during a party celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Devils Diciples' Tuscaloosa chapter. Fred Weiss, 47, of Northport, was indicted on a murder charge in 2013 in Dixon's death. One other suspect, Mary Hockett, 50, of Pensacola, Fla., also was indicted in 2013. She is charged with hindering prosecution. The others charged with hindering prosecution are Ruth Boyles, 47, of Theodore, Charles Ozier, 25, of Elberta, & Bruce Talbot, 43, of Wilmer. They were indicted last month. Dixon said trying to figure out what role Mayton may have had in the homicide was a complicated process. She said part of the reason for that was because Mayton & Weiss showed up at the Robertsdale P.D. on Sept. 11, 2012, & said they wanted to turn themselves in on a homicide case. But after Mayton & Weiss spoke with attorneys, they decided not to speak to law enforcement. One of the things that was obvious about Mayton when he show up at the Police Department was that he had been beaten. "The fact that he was beaten badly before he turned himself in, of course, called into question... whether he was in fact a participant in the actual killing or whether there was a dynamic to this motorcycle gang that was influencing or pressuring or coercing him to say what he had said," Dixon said.

**Never ride too close** behind someone who is chewing tobacco.

**Curbing John Carr** - June 3, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - For at least 16 years an apparently psychopathic Fed agent named John Carr has been framing innocent men. In his memoir *Under & Alone: The True Story of the Undercover Agent Who Infiltrated America's Most Violent Outlaw Motorcycle Gang*, former ATF agent William Queen describes Carr as one of the ATF original gangsters who was recruited in 1998 to rid the west of MCs by any means necessary. Queen wrote that ATF agent John Ciccone was tasked by his supervisors with "targeting the growing outlaw motorcycle gang problem in Southern California." Consequently, Ciccone "developed a 'gang' of his own; ATF Special Agents John Carr, Eric Harden, & Darrin Kozlowski, fondly referred to as Koz, were the core. They'd all started with the Bureau together."

**Hero:** Carr was one of 4 ATF undercover agents who infiltrated the Mongols MC during what would eventually be called "Operation Black Rain." Working with a contracted snitch named Steve "Kaos" Veltus, Carr tried to criminalize the Mongols in Southern Nevada. After essentially buying a "P-Patch," or probationary patch, Carr was influential in starting a chapter in Nevada. He entrapped club members into providing "security" for two, bogus, 25-kilo, cocaine deals & he was expelled from the club after trying to entrap yet another Mongol at the club funeral for a man named Manual Vincent "Hitman" Martin. Martin, himself, was probably murdered by or with the foreknowledge of ATF agents. Carr also worked as a case agent handling contract snitches during a lengthy & mostly fruitless infiltration of the Vagos MC. Details of his uncover work with MCs remains officially secret. It is secret because his career is shockingly duplicitous & most citizens would be appalled & disgusted by it. Rather than candor, the public record on Carr's career is concealed by a thick coat of red, white & blue. When Carr was given a Fed Bar Association Medal of Valor Award in 2002 his commendation read: "Special Agent Carr earned his award for working undercover to catch violent gang members staging a series of home invasion robberies. Carr transformed his look, acquainted himself with the criminals, & pretended to help them in their operation. Carr gave the criminals false information, which led them to traps planned by the ATF. Thanks to Carr's work, many dangerous criminals were caught & taken off our streets." "John Carr risked his life working on this assignment," the commendation continues. "There are not many people who would make such a great sacrifice for others to feel safe in their homes. Through his courage, bravery & steadfast dedication, Carr prevailed in the face of danger."

**Stings:** Carr seems to have perfected one particular entrapment by doing it over & over. His song & dance goes about like this. He always promises easy money, usually \$1,000, for less than 3 hours of virtually risk free work. Some sources have suggested that his specific victims are selected from a pool of candidates based on the victims' credit scores & their desperation for immediate cash. The entrapments are always videotaped & calculatedly theatrical. A Fed prosecutor involved in the prosecutions that resulted from Operation Black Rain described one of the Mongols entrapments as "guerilla street theater." These "stings" are always videotaped & Carr & his contract snitches always know where the cameras & microphones are so they can theatrically & cynically adjust the volume of their voices & their body language to give performances that will seem most damning of their victims. Carr always requires his victims to bring guns & bullet proof vests & when his targets don't own guns or bullet proof vests Carr supplies them. Victims of these stings are frequently misled about the nature of the crime they are about to commit on camera until

mere seconds before Carr starts pulling out guns, cash or dope. No real crime is ever committed. All the participants in these dramas except Carr's victims are cops or contracted employees of the ATF. Carr's career exemplifies the Sadistic State – a dysfunctional polity that can barely govern but which jealously retains its unique power to control & punish. The less capable the Sadistic State becomes of accomplishing basic Gov'tal tasks the more preoccupied it becomes with asserting its power over its citizens as an end in itself. Not every public defender – & most of Carr's victims are dependent on public defenders – placidly accepts his client's entrapment & counsels him to sign a plea deal. Some defenders describe these stings as "outrageous."

**Mausali:** For example, a Carr "sting" in May & June of 2006 eventually became a Fed case titled *United States v. Mausali*. Uiese Mausali's codefendants were men named Diego Osuna-Sanchez, Juan Okamoto & Mokey Mose. Mausali appealed the conviction on the grounds "that the Gov't violated his right to due process by...directing the entire criminal enterprise from start to finish & by promoting a crime of violence." Carr had talked the men into robbing a drug safe house. He supplied the drug house & talked them into the crime during a string of conversations over the course of more than a month. The men demonstrated their predisposition to committing the robbery by "meeting with Carr," putting on "bullet proof vests" & "possessing firearms." When they were arrested during their final meeting with Carr they were charged with "conspiracy to distribute at least 5 kilograms of cocaine," "conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery" & "possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime." In its ruling on Mausali's appeal, the Ninth Circuit Court wrote: "Defendant contends that the district court abused its discretion by failing to sua sponte dismiss the indictment in the face of the Gov't's purportedly outrageous conduct. Defendant claims that the Gov't violated his right to due process by supposedly directing the entire criminal enterprise from start to finish & by promoting a crime of violence. We do not reach the merits of Defendant's outrageous Gov't conduct claim, because Defendant has waived this claim for purposes of appeal." The legal technicality for which Mausali's appeal was rejected was that his lawyer had screwed up. The lawyer should have raised the issue that his client had been entrapped before the trial instead of on appeal. "We hold today," the Court wrote, "as have the Second, Third, & Eighth Circuits, that a defendant waives his claim of outrageous Gov't conduct of which he is aware if he fails to assert it in a pretrial motion to dismiss."

**Still At It:** All of this serves merely as a prologue to another case that resulted from one of John Carr's entrapments. This one, like most of Carr's shenanigans, was reminiscent of the Mongols case 6 years ago. Carr split his time between Los Angeles & Las Vegas. He employed the same ATF owned warehouse in L.A. The official ATF title of Carr's most recent entrapment was the "Joe Home Invasion Crew" investigation. As is typical, this entrapment employed 2 confidential informants identified in public documents only as "CI-1 & CI-2." "CI-1 has been working for the ATF since 2010 & is working for monetary compensation. CI-1 was paid \$2,500, which included expenses & subsistence, for his/her work on this case. CI-1 was introduced to ATF by CI-2 as someone who was interested in working for money." "CI-2 has been working for the ATF since 2001. Prior to 2001, CI-2 was working for LAPD, & was introduced to the ATF through his/her LAPD handler. CI-2 also works for monetary compensation. CI-2 was paid \$6,100, which included expenses & subsistence (CI-2 was living outside the area at the time & had to travel), for his/her work on this case. CI-2 has one felony conviction for possession

of controlled substance from before 2000 & one misdemeanor conviction for petty theft from before 1995.” (The Aging Rebel believes that the official description of CI-2 transcribed here contains a lie that is intended to further conceal the informant’s identity.) One obvious indicator of the cynically contrived nature of this case is betrayed by its official summary in an ATF “Report of Investigation.” This single report (ROI 8) summarizes the narrative of the case from July 1, 2013 through Sept 18, 2013. The ROI was not written by Carr but rather after the fact by a case agent named Ioannis C. Douroupis & is not dated. The ROI was reviewed & approved by Carmine N. Downey, the current Resident Agent in Charge, Glendale V Field Office & Steven J. Bogdalek who is the Special Agent in Charge of the Los Angeles Field Division. Like most ATF ROIs it is bogus evidence. It is not a step by step record of the events of an investigation but rather a mendaciously edited summary written with hindsight & after the fact that is intended to prove whatever a prosecutor intends to tell a grand jury. In this case the prosecutors were 2 Assistant United States Attys named Vicki Chou & Carol Chen.

***The Crime Of Conspiring:*** The criminal complaint filed last Sept 19 begins: “Count One: Beginning on an unknown date & continuing to on or about Sept 18, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of Californ, & elsewhere, defendants Joe Roberts, Rene Flores, Randy Garmon, Richard Castillo aka “Bad Boy” & Arturo Cortez aka “Chive,” conspired & agreed with each other to knowingly & intentionally (1) possess with the intent to distribute, & (2) distribute at least 5 kilograms, that is, approximately 20 to 25 kilograms, of a mixture & substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine, a Schedule II narcotic drug controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841 (a) (1) & 841 (b) (1) (A) (ii). “Count Two: On or about Sept 18, 2013, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, defendants Joe Roberts, Rene Flores, Randy Garmon, Richard Castillo aka “Bad Boy” & Arturo Cortez aka “Chive,” knowingly used & carried firearms during & in relation to, & possessed those firearms in furtherance of, a drug trafficking crime, namely, conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute & to distribute cocaine, as charged in Count One of this Complaint.” A month later, as is the custom in Fed justice, a grand jury returned an indictment that added a count. That indictment alleged that the men had “(1) conspired to possess with intent to distribute approximately 20 to 25 kilograms of cocaine; (2) conspired to interfere with commerce by robbery; & (3) possessed firearms in furtherance of a conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine.” As he has done dozens, if not hundreds, of times before, Carr had imagined a stash house robbery. The serpent enticed & the sinners were encouraged to try to bite the forbidden fruit. “On Sept 18, 2013, defendants Joe Roberts (“Roberts”), Rene Flores (“Flores”), Randy Garmon (“Garmon”), Richard Castillo (“Castillo”), & Arturo Cortez (“Cortez”) were arrested after they showed up with guns & ski masks at a pre-designated location in order to carry out the armed robbery of a stash house that they believed contained 20-25 kilograms of cocaine.”

***Judge Real:*** The case followed a predictable course. On the advice of counsel, Cortez, Flores, & Garmon pled guilty to counts 2 & 3 of the indictment & were scheduled for sentencing March 10 before Judge Manuel L. Real. Then the case took an unexpected & ironic turn. Apparently Judge Real, who was appointed to the Fed bench by Lyndon B. Johnson in 1966 & who is now 90, somehow just fell off the turnip truck. After almost 5 decades of wallowing in the outrages that lend Fed justice its distinctive stench, Real had second thoughts about sentencing

Roberts, Flores & Garmon. So he rudely asked Chou & Chen, “Hey, what’s that smell?” “Before sentencing,” Real wrote last Friday, “this Court ordered, on March 10, 2014, the Gov’t to provide briefing on the nucleus of events that led to the committing of the crimes, the nexus of the creation of the crimes by the Gov’t, how the reverse sting came into existence, & how & why the confidential informants came into this case & targeted the defendants. The Gov’t’s brief on these issues, filed on March 31, 2014, was wholly inadequate because it did not address these questions or provide any information about the confidential informants. The Gov’t filed a reply brief to the defendants briefing on these same issues, which included a calendar of events that was created for this Court. None of the entries in this calendar of events are signed or dated. Because of this, the Court ordered, on April 28, 2014, the Gov’t provide further briefing with all the information available to it regarding the confidential informants, the entire history of the creation of the reverse sting, & why these defendants were targeted. The Gov’t filed a supplemental brief on May 5, 2014. “The Gov’t, despite being specifically ordered to provide such information, has not provided any contemporaneous signed & dated reports from when this matter was being investigated. To the extent the Gov’t’s calendar of events provides the history of this case, the accuracy of those reports is seriously called into question as they were not made contemporaneously or signed by the author.” Real responded to the Gov’t’s stonewalling by dismissing the indictment against Roberts, Flores & Garmon.

***Predisposition:*** Although most citizens do not know it, entrapments are legal. But in order to make an entrapment stick, Gov’t prosecutors must first prove that the entrapment’s victims were “predisposed” to commit such crimes anyway. In his interesting, ten-page long dismissal, Real argued that it was laughable to assume that the 3 defendants were predisposed to commit the crime Carr invented & he called the investigation racist. He wrote: “Before recruiting these defendants, the Gov’t knew 2 things about them: that they were from a poor neighborhood & minorities. This was ensured by how the Gov’t used its paid informants to try to lure these men into the Gov’t’s scheme. To be clear, the Gov’t was not trying to infiltrate a preexisting criminal organization nor approaching individuals already contemplating robbing a stash house.” “While the Gov’t has averred that the defendants are violent narco-traffickers, this is hard to countenance with a straight face. For instance, defendant Cortez had 3 prior misdemeanor convictions: driving with a suspended license, possession of under an ounce of marijuana, & criminal threats. These offenses hardly arise to the level of violent ‘recidivist career criminals’ that the Gov’t argues.” “More importantly, the Gov’t was not even aware of Cortez’s criminal history until after he was arrested for the crime. The other defendants also have no history of armed robbery or drug trafficking. If we were to accept the Gov’t’s absurd proposition that prior drug possession was proof of a propensity for drug trafficking, then the current President of the United States, at least one former President, & at least one judge being considered for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States would ostensibly, according to the Gov’t’s theory, be just the types with the propensity to be narco-traffickers.”

***Agent Carr:*** Then Real lambasted the role of agents provocateur like Carr & his anonymous CIs in Fed prosecutions like the one that had come before him. “Just as important as the Gov’t’s complete lack of a basis to target the defendants, the Gov’t created the fictitious crime from whole cloth,” Real wrote. “Agent Carr was the only integral part of the conspiracy to rob his fictitious stash house from the beginning. Agent Carr invented the

amount of cocaine present, making his planned robbery worth approximately \$600,000. He invented the 2 old men guarding the fictitious stash house, that they were armed, & thus the need for the defendants to bring guns. Although Agent Carr may never have said the phrase 'make sure you bring guns,' he told the defendants that the 2 men guarding the stash house were armed & that he could not get the guns. When the defendants brought guns to the warehouse, they merely did so as part of Agent Carr's plan. Agent Carr was to provide the getaway car & be at the fictitious stash house to let his coconspirators through the door. Despite the Gov't's argument that the defendants planned the crime, Agent Carr controlled all the details, communicating that the defendants would need to bring guns, detailing how they would enter the fictitious stash house, & how they would get away. Agent Carr insisted that he would be at the fictitious stash house during the robbery & that he would open the door for the defendants. When Agent Carr said he wanted to meet everyone at the warehouse to plan the robbery, Roberts said that there was no need & he would just show the others Agent Carr's photograph, but Agent Carr insisted that he meet everyone to go exactly over the plan. Once at the warehouse, Agent Carr insisted on running through a script to ensure there was a conspiracy. Moreover, none of the defendants even knew of the location of the fictitious stash house. Without Agent Carr there could have been no agreement at all. The Gov't's crime is a lie & a falsehood. Agent Carr was lying to the defendants the whole time. Everything Agent Carr said was part of his fraud on the defendants. If Agent Carr was not acting on behalf of the Gov't, he could be charged for fraud for his scheme. Agent Carr for all purposes planned the robbery & the conspiracy from beginning to end. The Gov't argues he did not tell the defendants how to do their part, but their part was only agreeing to go along with Agent Carr. Agent Carr told them the details of the targeted fictitious stash house that he would let them in, provide the vehicle, & told them of the obstacles they would encounter. The only thing Agent Carr did not provide them with was guns. However, Agent Carr & the ATF needed to have the arrests for guns, & it was not the defendants who asked about the need of guns. But the crime that the defendants were indicted for was conspiracy, which Agent Carr was most definitively an active conspirator, the ring leader, & orchestrator of the whole agreement. But despite Agent Carr's integral part as the mastermind of the conspiracy who was in charge of all the details, the Gov't did not indict him. Agent Carr encouraged all the defendants to agree to his fictitious plot; at the warehouse, Agent Carr's carefully orchestrated script ensured he would get the defendants to agree. Thus the Gov't's role in creating, encouraging, & participating in this conspiracy was pervasive from beginning to end. Moreover, had the defendants actually robbed a real stash house, regardless of their aspirations, & there was only one kilogram of cocaine at the real stash house, they could only be charged with possession of that one kilogram of cocaine. That Agent Carr was able to lie about all the details of the crime – the 20–25 kilograms of cocaine, the necessity to bring guns – then use those fictitious details so that the Gov't can indict the defendants for a crime with a much greater mandatory minimum sentence, is outrageous. It would be unconscionable for this court to condone & sanction the Gov't's fraud in this case." "It is unclear," Real continued, "Why the ATF, which has no authority over illicit drugs, is trying to ensnare citizens in its fictitious stash house robberies. Further, the Gov't has provided no evidence that there have been any stash house robberies in Southern Calif nor any evidence of the necessity of trolling poor neighborhoods to ensnare its poor citizens." About the ATF Report of Investigation described above, Real wrote: "Agent Carr goes back & forth between telling the defendants there will be 20–

25 kilos; 20–25 lbs of cocaine. This is indicative of the inaccuracy of these reports as a whole, & further highlights the true arbitrariness of the amount of drugs charged in the indictment."

**Other Entrapments:** Real's dismissal became national news. Brad Heath who writes for USA Today, has already reported on this case. But admirable though it is that a journalist with a Nat'l voice has noticed this one entrapment Heath still seems blind to what is really going on here & what Carr & the ATF have been doing since at least 1998 when John Ciccone first put his biker busting "gang" together. The sting that outraged Judge Real this time epitomizes the stings that have already put a hundred or more men in jail following ATF "operations" with public relations names like "Black Biscuit," "Twenty-Two Green" & "Black Rain." The current Gov't prosecution of the Mongols MC, a case officially titled USA v. Mongol Nation, an Unincorporated Association, is built on the same sorts entrapments, embellishments & lies that Real found so obnoxious last week. And that is a notable irony because of the part Judge Real has played in USA v. Mongol Nation. As Heath points out in his USA Today piece, there was a similar dismissal in March by Real's crony & fellow judge, Otis D. Wright. In that case Wright wrote that a "reverse-sting operation like this one transcends the bounds of due process & makes the Gov't the oppressor of its people." Wright is the judge who presides over the current Mongols case. In fact, the legal argument that underlies USA v. Mongol Nation was actually invented by Wright & suggested to prosecutors in open court as a way to get the Mongols – because, based on the "evidence" agents including Carr gathered, the Mongols must be a criminal enterprise.

**Wright An Real:** Based on that "evidence," Wright has already decided that the Mongols MC is a racket. Wright made it clear that he had prejudged the Mongols case in a hearing last Oct. When shown a set of Mongols bylaws that forbid club members from criminal conduct, Wright told the Mongols atty, "Those bylaws are a joke, & you know it. I am surprised you even mentioned it. This is a criminal enterprise as evidenced by the admissions of same by no fewer than 40 people who appeared before me. I can't speak to the other 40 who appeared before Judge Carter. This is a dangerous enterprise." The "40" to whom Wright alludes are all men who took plea deals like the deals taken by Cortez, Flores, & Garmon. In most cases, the admissions – or statements of fact – made in those plea deals is considered hearsay. So what Wright has done in Mongols Nation is to treat ATF hearsay as evidence. When the atty tried to argue that the Mongols might not be a criminal racket, Wright hectored the lawyer like this: "...you are saying that it is no different than them having perhaps having been Lutheran & they are of doing all these criminal things & it is just coincidental that some of them were Lutheran; right? It is not the same thing, is it? They are operating under the banner of the Mongols. It is that name that reputation, that intimidation factor which enables them to do what they do, isn't it?" Lawyer: I can't.... Wright: Go like that. Lawyer: I can't answer that, your Honor. Wright: I can. I have seen them. Alright. They have all been here. I have seen them." The men Wright had seen were all men entrapped by members of Ciccone's gang including John Carr. The evidence used to coerce guilty pleas from the Mongols defendants sentenced by Judge Wright was no more truthful than the evidence in the cases Wright & Real have recently dismissed. And when the Mongols current atty, Joe Yanny, moved to remove Judge Wright from the Mongols Nation case that motion was heard by Judge Real, who rejected it out of hand. There is some progress in the fact that these 2 judges have noticed that ATF Agents lie to secure

prosecutions for the Sadistic State. It would be better if more Fed judges recognized that the ATF lies to make virtually all its cases. It would be best if all Fed judges began to dismiss all the cases based on obvious lies told by agents like John Carr. Maybe...

**Biker Gang Member Arrested for Murder Attempt** – June 3, 2014 – *California* – By Perry Smith; <http://SCVNews.com> - Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station officials arrested a suspected member of the Vagos biker gang Mon morning, in connection with a pair of weekend stabbings in April outside The Vu bar in Newhall. Kevin King, 38, of Los Angeles, was arrested around 9:40 a.m. at his home, according to Sheriff's Station officials. He was booked on 2 counts of attempted murder, & deputies are planning to seek a special gang allegation against him, officials said Tue. Sheriff's Station officials indicated another arrest could still take place in the assault, which officials described as a verbal altercation that escalated into violence. Two were left in the hospital after the attack, officials said. Robert Arvizu, 47, of Newhall, was arrested in connection with the fight shortly after the crime took place. He was arrested in April & briefly held in lieu of \$1 million bail. He was released the following Tuesday after his court appearance. Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station detectives with the Career Offenders Burglary Robbery Assault Unit, or COBRA, a squad specialized in gang-related incidents, investigated the Newhall stabbings. The fight & alleged attempted murder took place around 12:50 a.m. April 20 near The VU Bar & Lounge, officials said. The victims, whose names were not released Sheriff's Station officials, were taken to the hospital with wounds that were not life-threatening, said Lt. Mark Hershey of the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station. The Vagos are considered a major "Outlaw Motorcycle Gang" operating throughout the country, according to a 2011 FBI report titled "National Gang Threat Assessment." King is being held in lieu of \$1 million bail at the Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station, according to Sheriff's Dept records. Arvizu is not in custody at this time. A court date for King has not yet been assigned, according to Sheriff's Dept records.

**Only One Remains Charged With DD Murder** - June 4, 2014 – *Alabama* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Twenty-one months after a member of the Gulf Coast chapter of the Devils Diciples MC named Samuel Henry Dixson (photo above) was found dead in a ditch near the Styx River in Alabama only one person remains charged with his murder. Late last month a grand jury declined to charge Adam "Sandman" Mayton with homicide & charged him with hindering prosecution instead. Police learned of Dixson's murder after Mayton & Fred "Shooter" Weiss walked into the Robertsdale, Alabama P.D. & told police they "might" have been involved in a murder. After being advised of their rights both men were provided with legal counsel, stopped talking & were released. Weiss was indicted for murder last year.

**Mayton:** When they volunteered to talk to the local cops Mayton had 2 black eyes & other injuries indicative of a beating & he was treated at a local hospital. Eventually 4 more people were implicated in Dixson's murder. Mary Hockett, Ruth Boyles, Charles Ozier & Bruce Talbot have also been charged with hindering prosecution. Baldwin County District Atty Hallie Dixon told Thyrie Bland of Alabama.com, "Basically what the grand jury has said is that based on the evidence presented that his (Mayton's) role was more of in line... with the assisting of the hiding of the crime & the efforts to avoid detection & trying to prevent the homicide from being discovered & that sort of thing," "The fact that he (Mayton) was beaten badly before he turned himself in, of course, called into question... whether he was in

fact a participant in the actual killing or whether there was a dynamic to this motorcycle gang that was influencing or pressuring or coercing him to say what he had said," the Atty said.

**Dixson:** Dixson's body was discovered after Mayton & Weiss tried to turn themselves in, when the Rosinton, Alabama Volunteer Fire Dept responded to a fire in a mobile home. The mobile home had served as the Devils Diciples clubhouse & was completely destroyed. Local Sheriff Huey "Hoss" Mack quickly announced that the fire had been deliberately set. There have been conflicting reports that Dixson was a prospect with the Devils Diciples & that he had joined the club a year before he died. The club was apparently unaware that Dixson was a registered sex offender. He had been arrested for lewd & lascivious behavior on a child under 16 years of age in Orange, Florida in 2004 & registered as a sex offender in 2005. At the time of his death Dixson lived in Milton, Florida. He disappeared 5 days before his body was found after he told his wife that he was going to the Devils Diciples clubhouse to attend a party.

**Help FAMM Hit A Home Run** – June 5, 2014 - *U.S.A.* – By FAMM; <http://famm.org/> - Dear Mr. Davis, It is baseball season & the bases are loaded. The "bases" in FAMM's world are not first, second, & third, but Congress, the Justice Dept, & the U.S. Sentencing Commission -- & FAMM has a runner on every base! In Congress, we've got a sentencing bill poised to pass the U.S. Senate that would save \$2.7 billion, reduce sentences for over 8,000 Fed prisoners, & make future drug sentences fairer. At the Justice Dept, a new Pardon Atty with orders to do justice is gearing up to recommend that the Pres grant clemency to deserving nonviolent Fed prisoners, many of whom would die in prison otherwise. And at the U.S. Sentencing Commission, a vote is pending that could save \$2.4 billion & shorten the prison terms of 51,000 Fed prisoners. Let me recap the stats here: The loaded bases represent about \$6.1 billion in tax savings & reduced sentences for approximately 60,000 Fed prisoners!

**We Need A Home Run!**

**During the month of June,** we want to raise \$25,000 to do critical research into the real, human impact these reforms would have. As you know, a big part of FAMM's work involves illustrating the human costs of unjust sentencing policies by telling the stories of those directly affected to lawmakers & the media. It is unbelievably important to convince all of our base-runners – Congress, the Justice Dept, & the Sentencing Commission – that they are doing the right thing by reforming sentencing laws & guidelines & giving people second chances. To do this, we'll be digging into the nitty-gritty details of hundreds of cases & sharing their stories in ways that make our opponents look nuts not to support these reforms! We've got the momentum & we want to keep that winning streak going! So, please step up to the plate & knock it out of the park for FAMM! (And after you do, I'll stop tormenting you with baseball metaphors!) Thanking you in advance – Julie Stewart; Pres

**New Sex Position:** An old truck driver is in bed with his wife, & he says, "Honey, let's try a new sex position." She responds, "What kind of sex position do you want to try tonight babe?" He says, "Let's do it back to back." She says, "How in the Hell are we going to be able to have sex that way?" He says, "Well, we could call in another couple."

**Hey, what are** we going to do today...?  
Same thing we do every day – Try & take over the World...

**I hear you pick** your friends -- to pieces!!

**You are a force for Famm!** – June 6, 2014 – *U.S.A.* – By Famm; <http://famm.org/> - Dear Mr. Davis, On June 4, a staff member for a U.S. Senator sent me an e-mail saying, “There is quite a force out there! Our front desk has reported getting a high number of calls!” You were that force! Hundreds of you called your U.S. Senators on June 4 & asked them to co-sponsor the Smarter Sentencing Act (S. 1410). The goal of a “call-in day” like the one you did on June 4 is to make the phones in U.S. Senate offices here in Washington, DC ring off the hook all day long, & to convince U.S. Senators to become co-sponsors of the bill. Mission accomplished! Thank you!

*Yesterday*, we just got a new co-sponsor on the Smarter Sentencing Act: U.S. Senator Bernard Sanders of Vermont. That puts us one vote closer to passing real, meaningful Fed drug sentencing reform this year! I’m confident that we’ll see even more U.S. Senators supporting the bill soon, thanks to your calls & your support. Just to be clear: the U.S. Senate did not vote on the Smarter Sentencing Act on June 4. I don’t know if or when they will vote on the bill, but your calls put pressure on the Senators to support the bill & vote on it soon. Your “call-in day” was just one more step in getting the U.S. Senate to vote on the Smarter Sentencing Act. We still have work to do, & I’ll be asking for your help again, if the bill comes up for a vote. Many of you had to leave messages & wondered if your messages will get to the U.S. Senators -- they already are. Your calls & messages told your U.S. Senators that they need to care about the prisoners, families, & taxpayers who care about just & effective sentencing laws. I’m going to keep bringing them that message until they pass Fed sentencing reforms we can all be proud of. Thank you for calling, telling your friends to call, leaving messages, & waiting patiently to tell that receptionist that you’re a supporter of mandatory minimum sentencing reform. It is making a difference. Thank you again for your help & support. Together, we are quite a force! Best wishes, Molly Gill Gov’t Affairs Counsel, Famm

**Tracking Kaos: A Sidebar To Curbing John Carr** - June 6, 2014 – *California / Wisconsin* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Paid confidential informants are indispensable to the entrapments this page recently discussed in an article titled “Curbing John Carr.” On at least some occasions, if not as a matter of routine, these informants break state & Fed laws with impunity. At least sometimes, if not always, they represent a much greater threat to law & order & public safety than the men & women they trick into participating in criminal schemes. One of the most despicable was a confidential informant named Steve Veltus who participated in the ATF infiltration of the Mongols MC called Operation Black Rain. Veltus was John Carr’s right hand man throughout that infiltration. This page has written about Veltus before in an article titled “A Criminal Enterprise.” Veltus was a small time drug dealer who was arrested & sent to prison in 1996. When he was arrested again on multiple charges arising from his possession of about an ounce of crack cocaine & a pound of marijuana in 2003 he went to work for the ATF. He worked in cooperation with his wife Anna. The couple has used multiple aliases during the last eleven years. The most interesting was when they assumed the surname Lazara, an obvious reference to Lazarus of Bethany, a figure in the New Testament who died & then rose from the dead.

**Witness Protection:** After Operation Black Rain Veltus, his wife & their children enrolled in the United States Marshals’ Witness Protection Program. The program, which began in 1971, is intended to provide new identities & a fresh start to people who

have betrayed former criminal associates on behalf of the Department of Justice. The public good the program provides for at least some of its enrollees, like Steve Veltus, is debatable. It was first authorized by the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970. Since its inception it has, according to the Marshals Service, “protected, relocated & given new identities to more than 8,500 witnesses & 9,900 of their family members.” Inevitably, because of the self-dramatization intrinsic to their betrayals, some of these protected witnesses expose themselves. For example Sammy “The Bull” Gravano, a self confessed serial killer who provided key testimony against John Gotti, enrolled in the Witness Protection Program in 1994, left it the next year, published a memoir in 1997, was rearrested in 2000 & was sentenced to serve 20 years in Fed prison in 2002. Two confidential informants in a recent ATF infiltration of the Vagos MC called “Operation 22 Green” published memoirs last year but both seem to still be officially hidden by the Marshalls. Veltus & his family also continue to be hidden by the Marshalls but Veltus has an almost compulsive desire to expose himself as well as a long list of former lovers & old enemies & creditors.

**Tracking Kaos:** Legally obtained documents indicate that Veltus, his wife Anna & their children were relocated from Las Vegas, Nevada to Missoula, Montana near the conclusion of Operation Black Rain. After that operation ended in 2008 Veltus was relocated to Seattle, Washington. The Aging Rebel has been told by an informed source speaking on conditions of anonymity that Veltus was given a new identity as Steven Maschari & that his wife legally became Anamarie Isabell Maschari. The Marshalls Service then relocated the “Mascharis” to Appleton, Wisconsin where Steve Maschari operated a jewelry & watch repair business & their children attended local schools. The family lived in a 3 bedroom, 2 & a half bath, 2000-square-foot home on a 2 acre lot in a section of Appleton that satellite photos reveal to be mostly rural. The house was sold in March 2014 for \$145,000. Public records indicate that the Mascharis moved to Hortonville, Wisconsin in April 2013, a month after Steven Maschari was arrested & charged with 4 felonies including Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Maintaining a Drug Trafficking Place, Manufacture/Delivery of more than 200 grams of Tetrahydrocannabinol & Possession with Intent to Distribute THC. The Mascharis were also sued last July for unspecified damages in an ongoing case. The Aging Rebel has not been able to determine Steven Maschari’s current legal status or whereabouts but believes he is still at liberty & living in Wis.

**Drivers License Tells All:** A mother is driving her little girl to her friend’s house for a play date. ‘Mommy,’ the little girl asks, ‘how old are you?’ ‘Honey, you are not supposed to ask a lady her age,’ the mother replied. ‘It’s not polite’ ‘OK’, the little girl says, ‘How much do you weigh?’ ‘Now really,’ the mother says, ‘those are personal questions & are really none of your business.’ Undaunted, the little girl asks, ‘Why did you & Daddy get a divorce?’ ‘That’s enough questions, young lady! Honestly!’ The exasperated mother walks away as the 2 friends begin to play. ‘My Mom won’t tell me anything about her,’ the little girl says to her friend. ‘Well,’ says the friend, ‘all you need to do is look at her driver’s license. It’s like a report card, it has everything on it.’ Later that night the little girl says to her mother, ‘I know how old you are. You are 32.’ The mother is surprised & asks, ‘How did you find that out?’ ‘I also know that you weigh 130 pounds.’ The mother is past surprised & shocked now. ‘How in Heaven’s name did you find that out?’ ‘And,’ the little girl says triumphantly, ‘I know why you & daddy got a divorce.’ ‘Oh really?’ the mother asks. ‘Why?’ ‘Because you got an F in sex.’

**Long Beach Police to enforce motorcycle safety this weekend** – June 6, 2014 – *California* – By [www.oc-breeze.com](http://www.oc-breeze.com) - The Long Beach P.D. will conduct a specialized Motorcycle Safety Enforcement Operation on June 7 & June 8, 2014, in an effort to lower deaths & injuries. Extra officers will patrol areas frequented by motorcyclists & where motorcycle crashes occurred. Officers will look for violations made by drivers & riders alike that can lead to motorcycle crashes. They will be cracking down on both passenger vehicle & motorcycle operators who are under the influence of drugs or alcohol, speeding, or making illegal turns or other dangerous violations. Motorcycle fatalities statewide saw a phenomenal drop of 37% from 2008 to 2010, but then rose 23% by 2012. Operations like this are aimed at curbing increases in motorcycle deaths & sending the numbers back downward. In the City of Long Beach, there were 295 motorcyclists injured & 18 motorcycle fatalities during a 3-year period spanning from Jan 2011 to Dec 2013. California collision data revealed that primary causes of motorcycle-involved crashes include speeding, unsafe turning, & impairment due to alcohol & other drugs. The Long Beach P.D. reminds all motorists to always be alert & watch out for motorcycles, especially when turning & changing lanes. Drivers should be aware that motorcycle lane splitting is not illegal if done in a safe & prudent manner. Motorcycle riders should consult the Lane Splitting General Guidelines to learn more at [www.ots.ca.gov/lanesplittinggeneralguidelines.pdf](http://www.ots.ca.gov/lanesplittinggeneralguidelines.pdf). Training for riders is available through the California Motorcyclist Safety Program. For information & training locations visit [www.CA-msp.org](http://www.CA-msp.org) or call 1-877 RIDE 411 or 1-877-743-3411. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The message to all drivers & motorcyclists is: Share in the responsibility & do your part by safely “sharing the road.”

**MC sues Kennewick** - June 6, 2014 – *Washington* - By Kristi Pihl; [www.tri-cityherald.com](http://www.tri-cityherald.com) - Kennewick is being sued by a Tacoma motorcyclist & a MC for allegedly violating the state Public Records Act. Edward Gohering & Washington Confederation of Clubs & claim the city didn't provide them with the photos & videos that Kennewick police took when they cited motorcyclists in separate incidents. Gohering was 1 of 8 motorcyclists stopped by Kennewick police & Benton County sheriff's deputies in August 2012 & cited for traffic violations. And in April 2013 the Washington CoC held a gathering in Kennewick & some of their motorcyclists also were stopped & cited for traffic infractions. In both cases, police took videos & photos of motorcyclists. City officials said in Benton County Superior Court documents that they had received reports of several Bandido gang members headed into the Kennewick area in August 2012. Kennewick police officers stopped 8 people on 6 motorcycles, claiming they violated traffic laws by not stopping at a marked intersection. Gohering said photos & videos were taken of them, including having some of the women passengers remove pieces of clothing so photos of tattoos could be taken. City officials said officers were gathering potential gang information, including videos & photographs, unrelated to the citations. The motorcyclists only were asked to remove their helmets so their faces could be seen, not any clothing, said officials. Gohering asked for the names & badge numbers of officers, all photos, videos & written or recorded statements & reports. He also asked for copies of educational materials used by the police department & dates & times training was provided. He claims the city failed to properly respond to his records request. The city withheld some documents & said it didn't have others, said Gohering's attorney. During the MC's visit, Kennewick

police stopped motorcyclists for traffic infractions & similarly gathered potential gang intelligence including photos & videos, city officials said in court documents. The Washington CoC said it asked for copies of the videos & photos, all reports & communication about them & the citations. The club also asked for a list of all the police officers on duty & all police officers who were near Cascade St & Kennewick Ave between specific hours that day. City officials deny claims that videos, photos & documents have been improperly withheld. The city provided some records, withheld some & said others did not exist, according to court documents.

**Ex-Bandido Kerry ‘Nugget’ McNaught has quit the gang but vows to keep his old friends** – June 7, 2014 – *Australia* – By Josh Robertson; [www.perthnow.com.au](http://www.perthnow.com.au) - A Former Brisbane biker has walked away from gang life to become a fight scene celebrity in Asia. While the Queensland authorities wage war on his old Bandidos clubmates, Kerry “Nugget” McNaught has won over foreign Gov't officials as he takes his kickboxing brand global. The Muay Thai fight promoter is known across South-East Asia after a star turn as coach in the Malaysia-based reality TV show *The Challenger*, which earned an Emmy nomination in 2012. He was feted on Malaysian TV & won official sanction from the Malaysian Ministry of Youth & Sports for his first event outside Australia, *Evolution 27*, held last week in Kuala Lumpur. It is a world away from Queensland, where his old friends are stuck in the crosshairs of crimefighters & in the frame for offences from extortion to riot & tax fraud. McNaught is well aware that if he were still running his gym in Wilston, & -Bandidos such as Sava Cvetkovic & George Bejat came in to train, they would all be arrested under anti-association laws. When contacted in Thailand – his home since late 2012 – McNaught told *The Sunday Mail*: “I understand that things blew out of control in Queensland but I think the rules are bulls---. But that's a lifetime before. “I'm in a new life now. I live in Asia.” The 43-year-old said he would not turn his back on his old friends, jailed cocaine traffickers or not. He played local tour guide to Bejat & others when they visited Thailand en route to Serbia to meet fugitive murder suspect Bogdan Cuic in 2012. But the man they call “Ajarn Nugget” says he has had no role in organized crime. “They're not looking for me for extortion or anything. I can come back to Australia whenever I want,” he said. “I choose not to come back.” McNaught's only run-in with Queensland police in recent years was a weapons charge in 2009. It started when he gave “the finger” to a senior cop who he claimed cut him off in traffic when he was driving his black Mercedes down Roma St near Queensland Police HQ. It ended days later with plainclothes officers busting him for having a folding knife at his old haunt, the Fortitude Valley restaurant *Thai Wi Rat*. He was put on a \$300 good behaviour bond. McNaught formally quit the Bandidos, along with most of his old friends, at the dawn of Queensland's biker crackdown last Oct, sending an affidavit to his lawyer in Brisbane from Bangkok. For all the tattoos, McNaught said he was the most unlikely person to be a biker there would be. “I have never drunk alcohol or taken drugs in my life, never smoked a cigarette, nothing,” he said. More to the point, he never rode a motorcycle. He said he joined the Bandidos “when I needed a bit of a hand & they gave me a shoulder to cry on” “I was having a bad time in my life at that stage & I found camaraderie with those guys,” McNaught said. “I will always keep a friendship with anyone that I want to because association is the cornerstone of human rights. “If the police can't do their jobs properly, they shouldn't be able to stop that. Right now, they're no better than the gangs.”

**Updating The Steve Veltus Story** - June 8, 2014 – *USA* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - Among the most disturbing aspects of Steve Veltus' career as a professional snitch is the extent to which authorities have repeatedly protected him from the consequences of his criminal conduct. This page reported Friday that Veltus, who was reborn in the United States Marshals' Witness Protection Program as Steven Maschari, had been arrested on March 19, 2013 for 4 felonies which were: Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, which carries a penalty of up to ten years in prison; Maintaining a Drug Trafficking Place, punishable by up to 42 months in prison; Manufacture/Delivery of more than 200 grams of Tetrahydrocannabinol, punishable by up to 6 years in prison; & Possession with Intent to Distribute THC which is punishable by up to 42 months in prison. The search warrant that led to Veltus/Maschari's arrest was issued by Outagamie County Judge Greg Gill Jr. Veltus/Maschari was arrested in Outagamie County. He was scheduled to stand trial on the felony charges on Sept 24, 2013 but his trial was continued after a pretrial conference on Sept 16.

**Charges Reduced:** Veltus was represented by a Green Bay attorney named Jeffrey Jazgar from April 2, 2013 until Sept 27, 2013 & he spent that entire period free on bail. After Jazgar withdrew from the case 11 days after Veltus/Maschari's pretrial conference he was replaced by a general practice, Appleton lawyer named Jeffrey Kippa. The amazing Kippa then successfully pled Veltus/Maschari's 4 felonies, including the weapons possession charge which is often a Fed felony, down to 2 misdemeanors. Veltus/Maschari pled "no contest" to misdemeanor "Carrying A Concealed Weapon" & misdemeanor "Possession of THC" on Nov 13, 2013. The plea was accepted by Judge Raymond Huber who is a judge in Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Waupaca County adjoins Outagamie County. Public records of the case are sketchy. Veltus/Maschari remained free on bail until reporting to either the Outagamie County Jail or the Waupaca County Jail to serve a 60 day sentence on Dec 16, 2013. There is no record of Steven Maschari in the Wis Dept of Corrections Offender Search DB.

**Civil Cases:** There have been 2 civil cases filed against both Steven Maschari & Ana Marie I. Maschari by creditors Don Schaefer & Shirley Schaefer. In the 1<sup>st</sup> case, filed as Outagamie County Case Nbr 2013SC001490, the Schaefer's won a small claims judgment against the Maschari's in the amount of \$10,099.50 on May 28, 2013. The 2<sup>nd</sup> case, Outagamie County Case # 2013CV000849, is a civil action filed on July 23, 2013, presumably after the Schaefer's learned that it is impossible to collect a judgment against con men who are protected by the ATF. The status of that case is currently listed as closed. The ATF has protected Veltus at the expense of his innocent victims before. For example, in 2008 after the conclusion of Operation Black Rain Veltus agreed to buy a restaurant in Sula, Montana. Veltus & his wife were living in the restaurant at the time. Before disappearing into the Witness Protection Program Veltus tried to burn the restaurant. When firefighters & police arrived they found several lbs of marijuana & the carcass of an illegally taken elk. According to the restaurant owner, Veltus also stole kitchen equipment & at least \$2,700 in cash. The owner estimated her total loss to be \$18,000. The restaurant owner tried to sue Veltus & quickly ran into the ATF. The owner eventually talked to John Ciccone, who was the case agent on Operation Black Rain, the infiltration of the Mongols MC in which Veltus participated. The owner's son told Ciccone that he wanted to sue either Veltus or the ATF for the damages Veltus had done. According to the owner Ciccone replied, "Well that's not gonna happen."

**Shreveport biker dies in Texas crash** – June 8, 2014 – *Texas* – By Craig Sims; [www.KTBS.com](http://www.KTBS.com) - A local man is dead following a serious motorcycle accident Sat afternoon. It happened along the east bound lanes of I-290 in Houston, TX. Four motorcycles were involved in the crash. Friends of William "Willie" Peters, 39, say he was killed while trying to avoid debris on the road, though the exact cause is still unclear. Matt Saul, a fellow biker, says Peters & other members of the Caddo Parish branch of the Gray Ghost MC were driving through a construction zone when airborne debris shot toward them. Four bikers tried to avoid the debris, causing a chain reaction crash. Peters lost control & hit a barrier. The other 3 bikers suffered minor to serious injuries, one had a leg amputated. The crash brought traffic in the busy corridor to a stop for several hours. Attached, you'll find a mission statement provided by Gray Ghost MC following the accident.

**Another Hells Angels Helicopter Jail Break in Quebec** – June 8, 2014 – *Canada* – By <http://gangstersout.blogspot.com> - CBC is reporting that Provincial police are searching for 3 inmates with previous ties to the Hells Angels who escaped from a Quebec City detention centre using a helicopter. A Sûreté du Québec spokesperson confirmed to CBC News that the prison break occurred at 7:45 p.m. ET from Orsainville Detention Centre & the inmates fled westbound in a green helicopter. Police are now searching for Yves Denis, 35, Denis Lefebvre, 53, & 49-year-old Serge Pomerleau. In 2010, Lefebvre was arrested by provincial police after a drug operation bust known as Project Crayfish that led to dozens of arrests. He was reported to have had ties to the Hells Angels. During the bust police seized multiple weapons, 41 vehicles, a plane, a helicopter & \$905,000. The 3 who escaped are being held at the detention centre waiting to stand trial, but it was not immediately clear what charges they were facing. NBC posted a picture of the suspects at large.

**Court date set for bikies consorting law challenge** – June 9, 2014 – *Australia* – By [www.News.com.au](http://www.News.com.au) - A Legal challenge brought by 2 Sydney bikies & a young man jailed under the NSW consorting laws will be heard in the Australian High Court in Canberra tomorrow. The Australian Human Rights Commission has been attacked for lodging an application to join the bikies in their argument to have the legislation scrapped. Police around the country say consorting laws are vital in their fight against outlaw motorcycle gangs & a loss will be considered a major setback.

**Nomads Bikes join** with Human Rights Commission Human Rights? Time to get on your Bike, Boys! "This is a powerful tool in our fight against them here & around Australia," a senior NSW police officer said. Nomads boss Simon Tadjour was the first person arrested under the new laws with another bikie Justin Hawthorne. Charlie Foster, an intellectually disabled 21-year-old, was jailed for consorting with petty criminals in the NSW town of Inverell. His case was later overturned. "They say it is to get organised criminals & gangs but what has Charlie Foster got to do with that? " Tadjour, the Nat'l Pres of the Nomads, said. "If you are a convicted offender of a minor offence you are considered a criminal & you could be warned for consorting & charged whether you are a bikie or not. "The fight is not about me or gangs. It's about everyone's rights." The legislation was brought in by the NSW Gov't in 2013 to stop "criminals habitually consorting" with each other. It was aimed directly at bikie gangs after a series of drive-by shootings in southwest Sydney. Human rights commissioner Tim Wilson has refused to comment, saying the matter is before the courts.

**Flying Free** - June 9, 2014 – *California* - By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - 67 years after the Hollister “Riot,” motorcycle outlaws have evolved from being merely interesting news to becoming an historical necessity. Men simply cannot submit their bodies & their souls to the Panopticon that has become the new & improved first world. Some people still hold that it is self-evident that men must be free. It is not realistic at all to expect everybody to be law-abiding in his heart – particularly when most of the laws are written by corporations. Hence the popularity of dreams like the Sons of Anarchy, the Sinister Mob Syndicate, & the Warlocks who played Warlocks on TV. Life would be worthless for many men without the real & pretend motorcycle outlaws who live fearless lives for them. By the same token, very many, high paying, law enforcement careers would be lost without the biker menace. Outlaw bikers are the show & every once in a while they live up to their reputation. So all the make believe bad boys & Delta Force wannabes can breathe a little easier today. All is right with the world. Three guys who are alleged to be Hells Angels flagged down a green helicopter Sat night, the way other men flag down a yellow cab, & used it to break out of the Orsainville Detention Center in suburban Quebec City. A Sûreté du Québec spokeswoman named Ann Mathieu told the French news channel RDI that “the helicopter landed in a courtyard at the detention centre.” She added, “It certainly seems like it was well-planned.” Yes, Sergeant Mathieu, it certainly seems to have been competently executed. As opposed to, say the last 15 years of American foreign & domestic policy. The 3 escapees were last seen heading in the general direction of Montreal. Despite the involvement of the Canadian military & air traffic control system they were still at large as of Monday afternoon. Their names are Yves Denis, Denis Lefebvre & Serge Pomerleau. Lefebvre is a former helicopter pilot. Run Yves! Run Denis! Run Serge!

**HA Ties:** Denis, Lefebvre & Pomerleau were among 51 people, including 2 judges, arrested as a result of a police investigation called Opération Écrevisse, which translates into English as Operation Crawfish. The operation yielded “several kilos” of cocaine, about \$1 million in cash & numerous personal possessions including 41 vehicles, a plane & a helicopter. Police accused the 3 of being “key players” in an extensive drug-trafficking ring in the Abitibi region of Quebec. Police accused the men of being “tied” to the Hells Angels in Canada. The exact nature of those ties has never been made public. But the allegation that the 3 are Hells Angels does sex up the escape story. The men were accused of killing 3 “rival” drug dealers & were scheduled for trial next Jan.

**Flying Free:** This wasn’t the first time prisoners have used a helicopter to escape. An American millionaire named Joel David Kaplan used a helicopter to break out of a Mexican prison in 1971. That escape was celebrated in the 1975 film Breakout starring Charles Bronson. 16 months ago 2 convicts broke out of the jail in Saint-Jérôme, Quebec by climbing a rope ladder dropped from a helicopter. A prison union official named Mathieu Lavoie criticized the Gov’t for failing to install metal cables over prison yards to make helicopter landings impossible.

**Newark man, reputed member of Wheels of Soul biker gang, charged in Philly road-rage killing** – June 9, 2014 – *New Jersey* – By Mark Mueller; [www.NJ.com](http://www.NJ.com) - A Newark man who reportedly belongs to the notorious Wheels of Soul MC has been charged with murder in Philadelphia for allegedly shooting a motorist to death in a weekend road-rage incident, police said today. Christopher Fields, 33, of South Hawthorne Lane, not far

from the city’s border with Belleville, was arrested Sat night after Philadelphia police spotted him running from the scene of the shooting. Authorities said Fields was among a crowd of motorcyclists who got into an altercation with Todd Riley, 43, the driver of a 2003 Buick Century, shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday on West Roosevelt Boulevard. After Riley, 43, climbed from his car, Fields allegedly opened fire, hitting the Northeast Philadelphia man several times. He died 80 minutes later. Riley’s 31-year-old girlfriend also was struck. She remained in stable condition today at Temple Hospital, police said. Fields was captured by police not far from the shooting scene. He was charged with murder, weapons offenses & related counts. The bikers riding with him have not been charged. Several Philadelphia media outlets, citing police sources, identified Fields as a member of the Wheels of Soul, a Philadelphia-based MC that has run afoul of the law for decades. The reports said Fields was riding with the club’s N.Y. City chapter at the time of the shooting. The Wheels of Soul, the subject of a 2005 documentary, is a mixed-race biker gang with chapters in 25 states. In April, police in Camden raided one of the group’s clubhouses after a woman was raped at gunpoint there. Soon after, the city used bulldozers to raze the building.

**Motorcycle Racers to Chase Records at Bonneville Salt Flats** – June 9, 2014 – *Ohio* – By Josh Burns; [www.Off-Road.com](http://www.Off-Road.com) - The world’s fastest motorcyclists will compete for their place in history this Aug. 23-28 as they race for national & world records at the Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials. Over a typical running of the 6-day event, the AMA clocks numerous provisional record-setting runs in classes featuring everything from 50cc mini-bikes to 3,000cc purpose-built top-speed machines. “The Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials, also known as the AMA Land Speed Grand Championships, is one of the most unique competition events that we sanction,” said AMA Track Racing Manager Ken Saillant. “Land-speed racing, & this event in particular, attracts an incredible diversity of motorcycles & racers. Every year the competition gets even more fierce, & we expect 2014 to be one of the most challenging ever.” Delvene Manning, owner of Deliciate Promotions LLC & the Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials & former daughter-in-law of long-time event promoter & AMA Motorcycle Hall of Famer Denis Manning, said that she’s excited to take the reins of the event during an era of growing popularity of the sport. “Denis shepherded land-speed racing into a new era, drawing competitors from all corners of the country & all backgrounds to chase their place in the record books,” Delvene Manning said. “We have everyone from weekend warriors to fully backed factory teams at this event, & we’re looking forward to carrying on the grand tradition of AMA championship land-speed racing on the Bonneville Salt Flats.” A number of high-profile attempts are expected this year. One is the Castrol Rocket, a 1,000cc motorcycle with an eye on the outright land-speed record. Backed by Castrol & Triumph, the Hot Rod Conspiracy/Carpenter Racing Castrol Rocket will be ridden by former Daytona 200 winner Jason DiSalvo. DiSalvo will be chasing the current record of 376.363 mph set by rider Rocky Robinson & builder Mike Akatiff in 2010. “The outright land-speed record is one of motorcycle competition’s great triumphs,” Saillant said. “It is an enormous undertaking to compete for titles that push the frontiers of human achievement, & the investment, practice & teamwork that goes into just a few seconds of time at speed on the track is both mind-boggling & awe-inspiring.”

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