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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

Editor: Mike Davis...

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Happy Birthday **Pagan Ogre** on Oct 24<sup>th</sup>...

Happy Birthday **Iron Horsemen Captain** on Oct 16<sup>th</sup>...  
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Happy Birthday **Vago Rooster** on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>...

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

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

**Editor's Note:** Currently we are sending over 365 copies of this newsletter to members of **82 Motorcycle Clubs**...

**Disclaimer:** The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth... It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers...  
*In Fact, Many Times the News Media gets the Facts Wrong!!!*

**Confederation of Clubs Goals**

**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 (**82 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, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistics, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, 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 MCs 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...

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

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**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 / & 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 BBB Editor

**Important Editor’s Note:** In the interest of Cost Savings, If you can share One copy of this Newsletter where I am sending multiple copies to the same institution, please let me know... **Thanks, Mike . . . . . Important**

**Bring the Patch holders Together:**  
- Communication between clubs.  
- A judicial coming together (not legislative) to protect our rights through the courts.

**Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination:**  
- Introduce anti-discrimination legislation, similar to the Unruh Act in California, in Confederation States that presently leave bikers unprotected; A.I.M. attorney to work with state Motorcycle Rights Organization on new laws.  
- Form delegation of patch holders & other affected bikers; that together with their local A.I.M. attorney, present police harassment grievances to the police chief and/or civic entity responsible.  
- Discriminatory establishments notified by the A.I.M. attorney that suit will be filed if they don’t cease & desist.

**Proclamation of Intent:**  
- Working with local state MRO on legislative matters (ie. helmet issues, anti-biker discrimination, etc).  
- Working with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists on Nat’l & Fed matters (ie. helmet issues, Fed Gang Bill, etc).  
- Support Aid to Injured Motorcyclists by introducing the A.I.M. numbered card (special card only for patch holders) & program to the members & allowing A.I.M. to set up at events.

R-ember  
E-veryone  
D-eployed!!! RED Fridays

**Never trade** the thrills of living for the security of existence...

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

**Florida State Fair Settles Civil Rights Lawsuit:** In a big win for MC members nationwide, the Florida State Fair & local law enforcement were dealt a stunning blow when they agreed to settle a Civil Rights lawsuit filed by Aid to Injured Motorcyclists attorney Jerry Theophilopoulos (“Jerry T”) on behalf of the East Florida Confederation of Clubs. The Florida State Fair & Fair employees, along with 2 Hillsborough County Sheriffs agreed to pay 3 members of the West Florida Confederation of Clubs a total of \$72,500 to settle the case after nearly a hundred club members were denied entry into the fair by off-duty sheriff’s deputies on Feb. 7, 2010 based on the fact they would not remove their colors. A posted policy banned “club colors” & the bikers were threatened with jail if they attempted to enter the front gate of the fair, & AIM lawyer Jerry T. captured the entire event on film with a videographer, which was a pivotal reason the Fed lawsuit was settled out of court. “This settlement is a great day for all MC members, not only in the state of Florida, but across America,” said Jerry T., “We sent a message that our people will not be discriminated against in a public forum.” After the lawsuit, the no-club-colors signs were replace by a posted policy stating that the fair may turn away or eject people who are disruptive or who display behavior associated with “criminal gang membership.” That cleared the way for bikers to attend subsequent fairs.

***More Motorcycles Equals Safer Roads:*** According to the Motorcycle Industry Association, an increased number of motorcycles on the road results in a lower rate of serious accidents. When 10% or more of vehicles on the road are motorcycles, mopeds or scooters, there is a proportionate reduction in rider fatalities, says Steve Kenward, CEO of the MCIA, a motorcycle trade association in England. Japan has 98 bikes per 1,000 vehicles (9.8%), & for every 1,000 bikes on the road, the country has 0.8 motorcyclist fatalities per year. In Europe the ratio of bikes to cars is lower, at 73 per 1,000 (7.3%), & the rate of motorcyclist fatalities is higher, at 1.52 per 1,000 bikes. In the USA, the ratio of bikes to cars is just 27 per thousand (2.7%) & the motorcyclist fatality rate is much higher, at 5.32 per thousand bikes. Kenward told how “volume breeds safety” at the recent National Safer Roads Partnerships’ Conference, where police forces, local authorities, Gov’t officials & academics meet to discuss road safety. There is also a growing body of evidence that those who start their motoring career on motorcycles make better car drivers. With congestion on the rise, Kenward explained that getting more motorists on motorcycles would result in a “virtuous circle” leading to better road users. According to their research, an increase in motorcycle use has also been proven to keep traffic flowing. A study which models traffic for one of the busiest roads in Europe concluded that if just 10% of drivers swapped to powered 2 wheelers (PTWs), congestion would be reduced for all road users by 40%. Increase that number to 25% & congestion is eliminated entirely.

***Sikhs Denied Exemption from Ontario Helmet Law:*** Motorcycle-riding Sikhs in Ontario, Canada will not be exempted from the helmet law, Premier Kathleen Wynne has ruled. The Canadian Sikh Association received a letter from Wynne stating the Liberal Gov’t, for safety reasons, will not allow Sikh motorcycle riders to wear only turbans as 2 other Canadian Provinces currently allow. The Ontario Highway Traffic Act requires all motorcyclists to wear a helmet. This poses a problem for those of the Sikh faith, whose turbans don’t fit under most helmets. “After careful deliberation, we have determined that we will not grant this type of exemption as it would pose a road safety risk,” Wynne said in her letter dated Aug. 14. Wynne said safety trumps religious freedoms in this case. “As you know, the issue of balance between religious accommodation & public safety has been considered by the courts in Ontario which, on this issue, have found that Ontario’s mandatory helmet law does not infringe on the Charter of Rights & Freedoms, nor the Ontario Human Rights Code,” she said. In 2008, an Ontario judge ruled against a human rights challenge launched by a devout Sikh who was fined \$110 in 2005 for not wearing a helmet while riding a motorcycle. NDP MPP Jagmeet Singh (Bramalea-Gore-Malton) said he was “deeply disappointed by Premier Wynne’s decision not to grant an exemption to motorcycle helmet laws for turbaned Sikhs. Similar exemptions already exist in the United Kingdom, Manitoba & British Columbia, & here in Ontario the idea is supported by members from all 3 caucuses.”

***MSF Motorcycle Safety Study to Improve Countermeasures:*** The Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) has announced that the data-acquisition phase of the MSF 100 Motorcyclists Naturalistic Study is now completed, & preliminary results are being shared at various transportation safety venues around the world. The MSF partnered with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute on this world’s first, large-scale, naturalistic motorcycle riding study. The 3.5-year study began by collecting data from instruments installed on motorcycles owned by study participants as the bikes were ridden in normal day-to-day use. Sensors & video cameras

recorded all motorcycle operator inputs such as steering, acceleration, braking & lean, as well as recording all motions of the motorcycle, current riding conditions & the actions of surrounding traffic. The motorcycle instrumentation was designed to be as inconspicuous as possible, so that participant-riders would forget their rides were being monitored. “The MSF 100 study is being conducted to support motorcycle safety research, with particular emphasis on results that offer ongoing guidance in rider training,” said MSF’s Director of Quality Assurance & Research, Dr. Sherry Williams. “The study utilizes a naturalistic methodology that provided researchers with information captured by instruments installed on one-hundred motorcycles ridden for a combined nine-thousand-plus hours by real riders in real riding conditions.” The MSF 100 Study, which tracked participants in Virginia, California, Florida & Arizona, is expected to be a rich source of insight for years to come on a wide range of questions & points of interest for an international array of safety professionals generally, but riders & rider safety professionals specifically. All 100 riders on their equipped motorcycles have completed the data acquisition phase of the study, & the analysis phase is now yielding preliminary results.

***NSW Australia Legalizes Lane Filtering:*** This summer the state Gov’t of New South Wales legalized lane filtering, which allows motorcyclists to legally ride between 2 lanes when traffic is stationary or slow moving. The idea behind legalizing lane filtering was to reduce traffic congestion & queuing at intersections. There are strict conditions attached, which include heavy fines & 3 demerit points for motorcyclists caught moving between traffic at more than 30 kilometers/hour, under a new offense called lane splitting. It is also illegal for motorcyclists to lane filter next to a curb, next to parked cars or in school zones. Police say that early indicators show the new legislation is working, but many motorists are still unaware of the new rules. Other road users (motorists, cyclists & pedestrians) are advised by the Roads & Maritime to “check twice” for motorcyclists & follow regular road rules.

***Biker Profiling:*** New demographics prepared by the Motorcycle Industry Council show the median age of California motorcycle owners was 45 years old in 2012 -- having risen from 33 years in 1990, 38 years in 1998 & 41 years in 2009. Statistics show that the median income for motorcyclists in the Golden State was \$64,130 in 2012, more than double what it was in 1990. More than 60% reported their annual household incomes at over \$50,000, with almost 20% reporting incomes of over \$100,000. Almost 3/4 of them were employed. About 14% were retired.

***California Side X Sides Under New Jurisdiction:*** Good news for offroaders as ABATE of California Lobbyist James Lombardo has announced that AB 988 was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown on Aug 25th. AB 988 is Assemblyman Brian Jones’ bill that puts Side X Sides (Rhinos, Razors, etc) under the jurisdiction of the new Motor Vehicle Board & as such will allow Side X Side owners with grievances to take those grievances to a non-binding arbitration hearing instead of having to spend money on hiring an attorney to represent them.

***Electric Motorcycles to Help Reduce Air Pollution in Iran:*** Nearly half a million electric motorcycles will be manufactured to help reduce Iran’s Tehran Air Pollution. The Iran Fuel Conservation Company has a plan to get 400,000 motorcycles that use gasoline off the road & to replace them with 400,000 electric motorcycles, saying, “Due to incomplete combustion, some motorcycles pollute the air 4 times as much as automobiles.

A manufacturer will receive \$300 for each electric motorbike it produces & sells. Once the plan is implemented, only electric motorcycles will be allowed on the streets of central Tehran.

**Weird News: Motorcycle-Riding Vigilante Serves Dirty Justice:** Beware litterbugs; a vigilante female biker, fed up with people brazenly tossing trash out of their vehicles, is seeking street justice. Wearing a GoPro camera on her helmet, she rides her motorcycle up to drivers who just can't be bothered to find a trash can & knocks on the window. What happens next in a video gone viral is a beautiful victory for everyone who has ever felt that little twinge of anger while watching someone lazily toss a full bag of fast food trash onto the pavement... she chucks garbage right back at the offenders before speeding away on her motorcycle! Shot somewhere in Russia, immediately after the video was uploaded it skyrocketed to the top of Reddit.com with more than half-a-million views in 24 hours; a sweet vision of revenge for all those people who can't stand littering.

**Rudest Drivers are from Idaho:** Drivers from Idaho, Washington, D.C. & New York have been judged to be the rudest drivers, according to a survey by Insure.com, an independent consumer insurance information website. Also judged to be quite rude are drivers from Wyoming, Massachusetts, Vermont & Delaware. Here's how the top 10 rudest drivers rank, based on a survey of 2,000 licensed drivers nationwide: 1 - Idaho, 2 - Washington, D.C., 3 - New York, 4 - Wyoming, 5 - Massachusetts, 6 - Delaware (tied with) Vermont, 8 - New Jersey, 9 - Nevada, & 10 - Utah. When asked what makes them most mad about other drivers, people said:

- Talking on a cellphone while driving: 47%
- Tailgating: 37%
- Not signaling turns: 35%
- Weaving in & out of lanes: 28%
- Driving too fast: 26%

Half of the respondents (49%) believe that about a quarter of other drivers should not be on the road, while twenty-one percent think half of other drivers should not be allowed to drive.

**Quotable Quote:** "Liberty is the right to choose. Freedom is the result of that choice."  
Pierre-Jules Renard (1864-1910) French author

**Knoxville Outlaws Serve DA** – Aug 14, 2014 – *Tennessee* – By The Aging Rebel; [www.AgingRebel.com](http://www.AgingRebel.com) - A Tennessee lawyer named John P. Cauley, acting on behalf of the AOA of Knoxville, served the Knox County District Atty yesterday with a legal petition demanding the return of property seized during a punitive raid on a New Year's Eve party almost 5 years ago. The case has always exemplified the extent to which American police can unconstitutionally & extrajudicially punish people simply because some cop thinks they should be punished. For the last 5 years the case has been an open sore on the American ideal of rule by law. If the demands in the petition are not granted, it will be proof beyond a reasonable doubt that might makes right & that the Constitution isn't worth the paper it is written on.

**The Infiltration:** During what police described as a 14-month-long "undercover investigation," a Knox County Deputy named Joseph Linger prospected & attempted to join the Knoxville chapter of the Outlaws. Linger got his job as a deputy as a reward for agreeing to try to infiltrate & get something on the Outlaws. On Dec 23, 2009, when Linger was discovered to be a policeman, chapter Pres Kenneth Foster & a club regional officer named Mark Lester stripped Linger of his colors & told him to get lost.

Police characterized the seizure of the colors as a "kidnapping" & a "theft." Eight days later, on New Year's Eve, Linger applied for search warrants for the Knoxville clubhouse & Foster's home. The warrants authorized the seizure of: "Controlled substances & controlled substances paraphernalia, one 2XX leather vest...indicia of ownership, dominion, or control over premises to be searched such as rental receipts, mortgage receipts, mortgage payments, utility bills, photographs of any persons involved in criminal conduct, all financial records pertaining to the disposition of the proceeds of the violation of the criminal laws specified above, & any goods or instruments used to facilitate or constituting proceeds from the violation of the criminal laws specified above, & any evidence or items which would be used to conceal the foregoing or prevent its discovery; together with any Outlaw paraphernalia with insignia, including but not limited to vests, patches, flags, banners, tshirts (sic), & jewelry." That night a platoon sized force of militarized police raided the Knoxville clubhouse at 9 p.m. while a New Year's Eve party was in progress. The raid was clearly intended to be punitive.

**The Raid:** It was, according to court documents, "a dynamic raid, using concussion, flash grenades thrown into the midst of the party, without any knocking or 1st announcing their presence... (and) entered the residence & Club House with great physical force, injuring several" of the party goers who "were all forced to the ground with violence & threats & those that did not get to the ground quickly enough were kicked, stomped & slammed to the ground..." In order to conceal their identities the militarized police wore hoods. After all the revelers were in chains the police continued to point guns at their heads & threatened "to 'blow their heads off' if they moved or said anything." The cops then proceeded to wreck the place. They "broke furniture, destroyed windows & window frames & smashed in doors with a battering ram after they had already secured entry, when all they had to do was open the unlocked doors." Cops seized "every item that had any Outlaw Club reference including even gravestone markers of Club members who had died." And, after putting the partiers in chains the police "took all items of value from the premises" & from individual detainees "such as flat screen TV sets, video equipment, cash money & jewelry." Then, just so there was no misunderstanding about who was in charge & who didn't matter, the cops ate all the food.

**Tha Newz:** Prior to the raid, police "contacted the local television networks & newspaper media & invited them to come to the residence & clubhouse to video tape & report on the raid." Then police "allowed & encouraged the news media to come inside the residence & photograph the interior of the building & videotape a press conference held inside the residence." The next day the Knoxville News Sentinel reported: "The Knox County Sheriff's Office dropped a different kind of ball on the heads of a notorious motorcycle gang on New Year's Eve, sending at least 2 of them to jail for allegedly threatening an undercover officer & stealing his vest last month. "A SWAT team armed with concussion grenades & assault rifles raided the clubhouse of the Outlaws MC's Knoxville chapter off Western Ave," the News Sentinel continued, "swiftly handcuffing more than a dozen leather-clad bikers & at least 2 women as they were celebrating with booze, sandwiches & vegetable plates, authorities said." "These guys are a menace to society," said Knox County Sheriff Jimmy 'J.J.' Jones. 'Everything they stand for is illegal.'" "They're involved in every illegal activity known to man. Prostitution, methamphetamine," Jones told local television station WVLT. The State of Tennessee let Mark Lester sweat it out for a year before dismissing the criminal complaints against him. Four

months later the state dismissed all criminal charges against Kenneth Foster. But the state never returned what it stole from the Knoxville clubhouse & from Foster's home.

**What Was Stolen By Police:** According to the petition served on the Knoxville DA yesterday: "The Knoxville County Sheriff's deputies involved in the search removed everything inside the (club) house & outside of the house that bore the Outlaws club logo, jewelry, lawfully possessed firearms, surveillance equipment, all financial records, thousands of dollars in membership dues, televisions, framed memorabilia, shadow boxes in memory of dead club members, commemorative tombstones, & many other items." Police also stole "items bearing the club logo, records of regional dues paid by club members through their chapters, thousands of dollars in regional dues, lawfully possessed prescription medication & other miscellaneous items" from Kenneth Foster's home. Apparently nobody knows where all this loot went. Some of it was "turned over to" the ATF. There has never been a state or Fed forfeiture suit filed. There has never been a state or Fed accounting of what was seized. The police simply stole it during what could truthfully be described as a home invasion robbery.

**Abandoned:** Almost 2 years ago, on Sept 7, 2012 Sheriff Jones obtained an ex parte court order declaring that the stolen property had been abandoned. An ex parte order is a kind of secret order that did not require the Sheriff to notify his victims that their stolen property hadn't really been stolen but rather abandoned because nobody had yet found where he had hidden it. A lawyer named Mike Whalen got an injunction that Nov that prevented Jones from destroying what he had stolen. Twenty months later none of the stolen items have yet been returned. The petition served on the Knoxville District Atty yesterday demands "the return of all seized property," demands that the victims of these home invasions be compensated for the costs of all this avoidable legal action & demands that the victims be awarded unspecified "general relief."

**Attorney for Hells Angels members says "Operation Red Harvest" charges dismissed** – Aug 15, 2014 – *South Carolina* – By [www.CarolinaLive.com](http://www.CarolinaLive.com) – Atty John Hilliard, who represents 17 of the people charged in connection with Operation Red Harvest in 2012, says 107 of the charges against them have been dismissed. Operation Red Harvest was an 18-month investigation into what Horry County police called illegal activity by the Hells Angels MC. "There was never any credible evidence against any of my clients, a fact that I have repeatedly pointed out to the prosecution since the time of the original arrests," defense atty John Hilliard of Georgetown said in a news release Fri afternoon. Hilliard says his clients have faced financial hardship following their arrests. "It has taken a lot of time, energy & resources to defend against what have proven to be baseless charges. That was all time, energy & resources that my clients would otherwise have used to pay family bills," Hilliard said. "This has all been a real financial hardship on everyone who was arrested in this police sweep. My clients were required to pay for surety bonds in excess of \$1,000,000.00 in this case," he said. Members of the club are now deciding whether to pursue civil action, according to Hilliard's release, including removal of their names & that of the Myrtle Beach Chapter of Hells Angels from the criminal gang registry. 15th Circuit Solicitor Jimmy Richardson confirmed that charges against Hilliard's clients had been dismissed but said other charges related to Operation Red Harvest are still pending. According to data provided by the solicitors' office charges are still pending against 10 people.

**Motorcyclist accused of firing at vehicle on Hwy 41 near Miller Park** – Aug 18, 2014 – *Wisconsin* – By Ashley Luthern; [www.JSOnline.com](http://www.JSOnline.com) – A felon on a motorcycle fired at least one gunshot at a car on southbound Hwy 41 near Vliet St. early Mon in what Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke Jr. described as a road rage incident. The interaction between the car's driver & the motorcyclist began as they took the Lisbon Ave. ramp onto Hwy 41 about 7:30 a.m. Mon, authorities said. "Apparently there was some disagreement as to who was going to be able to get on the freeway 1st," Clarke said. Witness said the motorcyclist quickly accelerated behind the car before pulling alongside it, drawing a gun & firing at least 1 shot that passed through both the passenger & driver windows of the car, "right in front of the victim's head," the sheriff said. The motorcyclist - identified by deputies as James Norman, 35, of Milwaukee - continued on Hwy 41 after the shooting & crashed into a median wall at the Stadium Interchange. West Milwaukee police officers were 1st on the scene & found Norman walking away with a pistol in hand, the sheriff said Mon afternoon at a news conference. Norman, who has a lengthy criminal history that includes a felony drug conviction, tossed the gun into a median & officers arrested him at gunpoint. Deputies took Norman, who was combative, to Froedtert Hospital for a blood draw for suspected drunken driving after smelling an odor of alcohol on him. He also was treated for minor injuries to his leg & arm from the crash. The driver of the vehicle suffered minor injuries from broken glass, authorities said. Investigators are seeking charges of attempted homicide, possession of a firearm by a felon & drunken driving, Clarke said. Deputies also continue to investigate Norman's possible ties to the "Sin City Disciples," a decades-old MC that has been linked to criminal activity after finding the club's name stamped on the motorcycle. The motorcycle was registered to Norman, though he did not have a valid operator's license, said Clarke, who stopped short of calling Norman a member of the Sin City Disciples. "It is a sinister MC," Clarke said. "Their motto is 'Death before dishonor.'" The incident shut down part of southbound Hwy 41 at I-94, tying up traffic for several hours near Miller Park, according to the state Dept of Transportation. The lanes were cleared around 10 a.m. Investigators could be seen on the highway along with the motorcycle, which was parked off to the side, & the bike eventually was loaded onto a truck & hauled away. The Milwaukee Fire Dept had been called for a report of road-rash injuries & a man with a bloody face, but the patients were transported by private ambulance, according to a fire official. The incident occurred less than a month after a shooting on I-43 north of Milwaukee that caused traffic to back up on the busy interstate for several miles. The July 22 shooting on I-43 occurred after a crash involving a minivan & a car. After the minivan ended up in the ditch, the person in the car got out, pulled a handgun & fired several shots before fleeing. That incident isn't thought to have been road rage, & the occupants of both vehicles knew one another before the shooting, sheriff's officials said. The I-43 shooting investigation remains under investigation, a spokeswoman for the Sheriff's Office said Monday.

**The Lord Is My Shepherd:** A Sunday school teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone & said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, & that's all I need to know."

**Bandidos' boss arrested after alleged bashing** – Aug 18, 2014 – *Australia* – By Krisian Silva; [www.BrisbaneTimes.com](http://www.BrisbaneTimes.com) - The national sergeant-at-arms of the Bandidos MC has been arrested after a Brisbane strip club bouncer was allegedly bashed & a female worker was spat on. Police allege the sergeant-at-arms, 39-year-old Beenleigh man Christopher Barrett, “king hit” a bouncer before threatening to bring more club members to the scene. Police were called to Tony’s on Brunswick in Fortitude Valley about 2am on Mon following reports of the fight. Police allege the fight began when Barrett allegedly spat at the female worker. Barrett & 39-year-old Eagleby man Eric Hartnett, whom police believe is an associate of the club, then allegedly attacked 2 bouncers including one who was left unconscious & needed to be taken to hospital. Barrett & Hartnett were then arrested by police at the scene. Taskforce Maxima Detective Inspector Brendan Smith said Barrett was currently out on bail over a large brawl outside a Gold Coast restaurant last Sept. Inspector Smith said the fact the venue operators in Fortitude Valley called police & were not intimidated by the men was a sign attitudes towards criminal motorcycle gangs were changing. “Six to 12 months ago, this sort of thing would have gone unreported,” he said. “To use a colloquialism, it was a king hit...It was an unprovoked punch to the head that knocked him clean to the ground. “[Barrett] clearly articulated he is the national sgt-at-arms. This is a very senior position within the organization & this is the way their office bearers behave. What does that say for the rest of them?” Barrett was charged with 2 counts of assault, making threats & affray. Hartnett was charged with affray & assault. The pair faced Brisbane Magistrates Court on Monday afternoon & Barrett was remanded in custody. Barrett will return to court on August 22, while Hartnett is scheduled to face court on Sept 8.

**Trial for Hells Angels members quickly approaching** – Aug 20, 2014 – *Illinois* – By Rebecca Klopff; [www.WREX.com](http://www.WREX.com) - The trial for members of Hells Angels MC in Rockford is quickly approaching. It was set to be one the largest criminal trials in Winnebago County in years, but it won't be as big as first thought. Winnebago County planned to try the original 14 defendants together in one courtroom in front of one jury. But now, the number of defendants facing those charges is shrinking because 4 took plea deals. Bradley Wilhelm, Earl Murray, Curt Lambert & Neal Resendez all plead guilty to lesser charges. The remaining defendants have all pleaded not guilty. Although there are now 9 defendants, there are only going to be 8 at this upcoming trial because the judge served Alysius Balice's case. He's going to be tried separately. The charges stem from an incident last July when Rockford police arrested more than a dozen members of Hells Angels. They allegedly beat up a man & held an 11-year-old victim hostage at the time. They faced a list of charges including aggravated battery, armed robbery & kidnapping. Their arrest came right before the national Hells Angels rally was set to take place in Winnebago County.

**Former Member of Hells Angels Motorcycle Gang Pleads Guilty to Meth Trafficking** – Aug 20, 2014 – *New York* – By <http://Rochester.TWCnews.com> - A former member of the Hells Angels MC has admitted to distributing meth across Western NY. Richard Riedman, 40, of Webster pleaded guilty in Fed court to conspiracy & possession of methamphetamine. The guilty plea was announced Wed by prosecutors. Riedman admitted to selling the drug from 2004 to 2010. Sentencing is set for Nov.

**A man asks a trainer in the gym:** “I want to impress that beautiful girl, which machine can I use?” The trainer replied; “Use the ATM outside the gym!!!”

**Man Arrested, Strip Searched for Photographing Cops Gets \$125K** – Aug 26, 2014 – *New York* - By Daniel Taylor, Esq; <http://blogs.FindLaw.com> - A man who was arrested & strip searched after taking photographs of New York City P.D. officers has reached a \$125,000 settlement with the city. Dick George filed a Fed lawsuit against the city for police misconduct after being arrested for disorderly conduct in 2012, reports the New York Daily News. According to the lawsuit, George was arrested for documenting the officers' “stop-and-frisk” search of 3 youths. Why was George's arrest likely a violation of his civil rights? Right to Videotape, Photograph Police on Duty. Courts have generally found that citizens have a 1st Amendment right to videotape or photograph police activity occurring in a public place. Furthermore, police generally cannot confiscate or demand to see your footage or photographs without a warrant. In this case, George claims that he was in his car when he saw 3 young people being searched by NYPD officers. He began taking pictures with his cell phone from inside his car. After the officers had finished searching the youths, George claims he instructed the youths to get the officers' badge numbers next time they were searched. Overhearing this, the officers allegedly pulled George from his car & arrested him for disorderly conduct. The officers also allegedly deleted the pictures on George's phone. False Arrest, Police Misconduct Lawsuits: Lawsuits against police for false arrest & other incidents of police misconduct are generally filed under the Section 1983 of the Civil Rights Act. Under Section 1983, a victim of malicious or unlawful police action can bring a lawsuit in Fed court for deprivation of a constitutional right. Although these lawsuits can be brought against individual police officers, they often name the city as a party as well, since the P.D. itself cannot be sued directly. However, before a lawsuit is filed, victims typically must first file a tort claim to give the Gov't entity a chance to respond. If you believe you have been the victim of police misconduct or false arrest, an experienced civil rights attorney can help explain your legal options.

**Las Vegas MC Leader sold testosterone drug, prosecutors say** – Aug 27, 2014 – *Nevada* – By [www.ReviewJournal.com](http://www.ReviewJournal.com) - The Pres of a Las Vegas MC was indicted Wed in connection with illegally selling a testosterone drug more than 2 years ago. Anthony McCall was charged with selling testosterone enanthate in July 2012. Prosecutors said McCall was the Pres of the local chapter of the Vagos MC, an outlaw gang started in San Bernardino, Calif., in 1965. District Judge Linda Bell set bail for McCall, who was not in custody, at \$20,000.

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**Ida & The Frog:** An older lady named Ida was somewhat lonely since her cat died & decided she needed another pet to keep her company. So, off to the pet shop she went. She searched & searched. None of the pets seemed to catch her interest, except this ugly frog. As she walked by the jar he was in, she looked & he winked at her. He whispered, ‘I'm lonely, too. Buy me & take me home. You won't ever be Sorry.’ Ida figured, what the heck! She hadn't found anything else. So she bought the frog. She placed him in the car, on the front seat beside her. As she was slowly driving down the road, the frog whispered to her ‘Kiss Me & you won't be Sorry.’! So, Ida figured, what the heck, & kissed the frog. Immediately the frog turned into an absolutely gorgeous, sexy, young, handsome prince. The prince then returned Ida's kiss. Suddenly Ida felt herself transforming from his kiss. Now can you guess what Ida turned into? Come on Guess! . . . . . She turned into the first Holiday Inn she could find!!! She's old..... Not Dead!!! Old Ladies Rock...!!!

**Grain Valley prepares for outlaw biker club rally – Aug 27, 2014 – Missouri** – By Leslie Collins; [www.BizJournals.com](http://www.BizJournals.com) - This year, Grain Valley is a prime gathering spot for Labor Day weekend – for a biker gang, that is. The Bandidos MC is hosting a national rally in the Eastern Jackson County suburb over the holiday weekend. The Bandidos are a one-percenter MC — a name supposedly dating to a quote that 99 percent of motorcycle riders are law-abiding citizens — that dates back to the 1960s & was founded in Texas. The club is based primarily on the West Coast, but is looking to grow their organization, said Grain Valley Police Chief Aaron Ambrose. “They’ve never had a presence in Missouri,” Ambrose said. “That’s why they’re looking to start a chapter up here in Missouri. They’re utilizing this run (in Grain Valley) to help with the process.” Why Grain Valley? Ambrose said one of the Bandidos members lives in the area & most likely identified properties that would suit their needs for the national rally, he said. This weekend will mark the 1<sup>st</sup> time Grain Valley has been home to a Bandidos rally. L.E. isn’t taking the rally lightly. Local, state & Fed L.E. are revving up security in the Kansas City metro, especially in the Grain Valley & Blue Springs area. The Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision also posted a notice to law enforcement requesting that offenders, such as those on parole or probation or ex-felons, be restricted from traveling to the Kansas City metro between Aug. 29 & Sept. 1. Restricted counties include Jackson, Cass, Johnson, Lafayette, Clay & Platte. According to the notice, the rally is expected to attract Bandidos members from at least 18 states. Ambrose said it’s not unusual for the Interstate Commission to make this type of request in connection with a rally. The Grain Valley P.D. has already notified the Grain Valley & Blue Springs chambers of commerce & drafted a letter to send out to the business community, with information about the rally & how to plan for increased foot traffic. Ambrose said the police Dept did not suggest that businesses shut down for the weekend. However, 2 bars, Badlands Country Nightclub & Charley’s Roadhouse, have chosen to remain closed over the weekend due to the rally, he said. Although a number of residents are still leery of the rally, some in the Grain Valley business community have begun to embrace the event. “A lot of businesses are pretty eager about the influx of people in town. They’ll take it,” said Zachary Pross, executive director of the Grain Valley Chamber of Commerce. “Originally, everyone in town was nervous: ‘Oh, my god, they’re going to take over.’ Now, mostly everyone’s eager. ... I think the business community has come around to embrace it.” According to a source who recently talked to the Bandidos’ president, the rally is expected to attract 2,000 attendees, Pross said. “This is new territory to us,” Pross said. “I’d like to be optimistic & hope it’s a successful venture.” The P.D. doesn’t anticipate having any issues, Ambrose said, & added that Bandidos will visit the town, “do what they do & hopefully leave without incident.”

**Reputed leader of motorcycle gang returned to Pa. to face charges** – Aug 27, 2014 – *Florida / Pennsylvania* – By Paul Peirce; <http://TribLive.com> - The former Westmoreland County leader of the Pagan’s motorcycle gang - who has been on the run since 2008 - was extradited from Florida & arraigned here on Wed on 33 criminal charges for allegedly running a local drug ring, dealing stolen motorcycles & running a corrupt organization. Raymond E. “Pete” Overly, 43, a former Belle Vernon resident who allegedly ran the Greensburg Pagans chapter out of his now-defunct PRA Racing motorcycle shop in Mt. Pleasant, was ordered held in the county prison on \$1 million bail by Norvelt District Judge Roger Eckels. Overly is charged with illegal distribution & possession of drugs, receiving stolen property, criminal conspiracy & racketeering. A state grand jury seated in

Allegheny County alleged in a 2009 presentment that Overly controlled the local outlaw motorcycle gang. Overly was arrested on May 15 in Lake City in central FL by a H.P. man who discovered he was wanted in PA, according to court records in FL. Overly, who lived in Middleburg, FL, near Jacksonville, was apprehended about 60 miles from his residence. He was charged with resisting arrest. The FL H.P. in Lake City reported that the officer was off on Wed & unavailable for comment. According to the 2009 presentment, Overly oversaw the Pagan’s local distribution of marijuana, cocaine & methamphetamine, allegedly supplied from Mexican dealers in Atlanta, from the early 2000s thru Nov 2008. The presentment alleged the Pagans had built a permanent national headquarters on Duvall Road in Fallowfield in Washington County, & had 4 local chapters in Pittsburgh, McKeesport, Fayette City & Greensburg. A 3-year undercover operation by state police focused on the Greensburg chapter overseen by Overly, now 43, from the PRA Racing storefront, according to the grand jury. Two undercover troopers, who subsequently joined the Allegheny County district atty’s office, used multiple informants. The trooper who filed the complaint could not be reached for comment. Witnesses told the grand jury they attended monthly chapter meetings, which they referred to as “going to church,” the presentment said. They said they generated income for the gang by selling drugs & stealing & rebuilding motorcycles. If they refused to participate in the drug sales, Overly ordered other members to beat them, according to the grand jury. Overly disappeared in Nov 2008 just before a bond revocation hearing for allegedly snorting cocaine, shocking a Rostraver couple with a stun gun, smashing the woman’s foot with his boot & brutally beating the man with a metal baton while he was on parole, court records show. He was sentenced to 4 to 9 years in prison for the assault, which stemmed over a dispute about motorcycle parts, according to records.

**Hells Angels are a ‘danger to social fabric,’ author of new book warns** – Aug 27, 2014 – *Canada* – By [www.CTVNews.ca](http://www.CTVNews.ca) - The Hells Angels gang isn’t just “long-haired bikers with beer guts,” but a wealthy multinational business with all sorts of product lines determined to do anything to protect its business, warns the author of a new book, “Angel Dust.” The Angels are a “clear & present danger to our social fabric,” says Alex Caine, a retired “professional infiltrator” who offers an insider’s view of one of North America’s most notorious organized crime syndicates, documenting its brutal violence & meteoric growth. Caine, who spent 30 years working for organizations such as the FBI & RCMP, told CTV’s Canada AM that Canadians ought to pay closer attention to how the gang targets children. “You hear about how [a 14-year-old] shot another 14-year-old,” he says. “Who bought the guns for them? Who supplied the drugs they’re dealing? It’s all one step back, & it’s all the Angels.” The former undercover agent also says the Angels have moved beyond drugs, prostitution & pornography into more legitimate businesses, including real estate, currency exchange & online gambling. They also target mom & pop shops, demanding a cut of profits. And they don’t let oceans stand in their way: members were involved in human smuggling in Germany & procuring ingredients to make methamphetamine in Australia. While Caine says police have had some success making arrests, accused gang members have the money to hire top lawyers, so they don’t always end up behind bars. “In Montreal they released [31] of them,” he says, “because everybody has a right to a speedy trial.” Caine is a Vietnam War veteran from Quebec. He previously wrote “The Fat Mexican,” about his experience with the Bandidos MC, whose members & associates were convicted in 2009 for the murders of 8 bikers in Ontario, & “Befriend & Betray,” also about the Angels.

**One man pleads, another sentenced in Fed meth indictment** - Aug 27, 2014 - *Missouri* - By <http://DailyJournalOnline.com> - St. Louis - Another local man has pleaded guilty to a Fed meth distribution charge while another has been sentenced. On Thu, Howard "Bud" Pyatt of Bonne Terre pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute meth. Sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 13. Also on Thursday, Alan Adler of Bonne Terre was sentenced to 57 months in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute meth. The charges stemmed from a 25-person indictment in Sept of 2013. The case was a joint operation of the FBI, DEA, ATF, MO State H.P., St. Charles & Jefferson County sheriff's offices, St. Louis Metropolitan P.D. & multiple local L.E. agencies including the St. Francois County Sheriff's Dept. It involved several members of the Saddle Tramps MC. The case also involved a murder investigation. 2 of the 25 - Brent Bouren, publisher & editor of Full Throttle Midwest Magazine, & Melvin Scherrer of St. Francois County - have been charged in connection with the murder of tattoo artist Sam Francis, his body found in a septic tank outside Bonne Terre. Bouren has already pleaded guilty to his Fed charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine & conspiracy to distribute meth. A sentencing date has not been set. Arvil B. Matthews, 50, of Imperial, who has been identified as the president of the Saddle Tramps MC, was sentenced to 96 months in prison followed by 6 years of supervised release. Amber Marler Scism, formerly of Bonne Terre, was sentenced to 30 months in prison followed by 2 years of supervised release. Mark Abney of Bonne Terre pleaded guilty on Thursday to conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance -- meth. Sentencing is scheduled for Oct. 15. Jorge Lopez, of Corinth, Texas, has been sentenced to 10 years in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute meth. Jerami Westenberger of Arnold has been sentenced to 12 months in prison & fined \$200 for distribution of a controlled substances. Terri Fox of St. Louis was sentenced to 70 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release for conspiracy to distribute meth. Amy Horrell Plass of Bonne Terre has been sentenced to 27 months in prison & one year of supervised release & fined \$100 for withholding information about a crime.

**Bandidos bring bikes & raise eyebrows in Grain Valley** - Aug 28, 2014 - *Missouri* - By Donald Bradley & Eric Adler; [www.KansasCity.com](http://www.KansasCity.com) - A woman eating in a Grain Valley cafe said she didn't understand all the fuss about a bunch called the Bandidos coming to town this weekend. She'd never heard of them. So she asked her daughter who they were. "Mom," the daughter told her. "Just stay home." On Thu, the Bandidos exited I-70 & roared down Grain Valley's main drag. L.E. certainly knew who they were. Each group of motorcycles tended to have a police SUV or patrol car following along through the old downtown, past the antique shops, Old Paths Baptist Church & the Grain Valley Historical Society. The Bandidos MC, which is holding a holiday weekend rally in the eastern Jackson County city, is what authorities refer to as an OMG — outlaw motorcycle gang. The group even says of itself: "We're the ones your parents warned you about." An estimated 2,000 or so members & affiliates are expected to congregate in Grain Valley at Thunder Valley Sand Drags, a racing facility adjacent to Valley Speedway, an oval dirt track. The road leading to the gathering buzzed with police vehicles Thursday. The Bandidos are not big on media relations, but Jeremiah Britt, who identified himself as president of a local chapter, told The Star on Thursday at the site that police & locals were overreacting. "We're getting together to visit, tell stories & catch up," Britt said. "It's like a family reunion." He then said of police, "They have a job to do. I just think their perception is off." The FBI's perception is that some members of

the Bandidos MC are involved in drug trafficking, guns & violent crime. From the bureau's website: "In the 1980s, organized criminal enterprises like the Bandidos motorcycle gang became targets of FBI operations. The Little Rock Division was a central participant in a nationwide investigation that led to the arrest of more than 80 gang members in 1985." An Internet search quickly turns up many recent arrests of members all over the country. Britt shrugged at that. "You can make any group look bad with a few stories about a few members," he said. "Look at the NFL." But the Bandidos' own website calls them a "1 percent club" — a reference to the adage that 99% of motorcycle riders are good, law-abiding citizens. Authorities in Grain Valley are not taking chances. Sgt. Collin Stosberg of the Missouri Highway Patrol said Grain Valley police would be assisted this weekend by troopers, Jackson County sheriff's deputies & Blue Springs police. Also, the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision put out a plea to probation & parole officers across the country, asking them to restrict travel to the Kansas City area this weekend. "The Bandidos OMG motorcycle gang has scheduled a rally & are expecting members to arrive from at least 18 different states," the memo said. Link Mills, who helps his wife run JJ's Bar & Grill in Grain Valley, said some businesses, bars mainly, planned on closing this weekend. "They're scared," he said. "People here are scared of this bunch. A lot of people don't want them here." JJ's will be open. "We got bills to pay," Mills said. "We'll take their (Bandidos) business, you betcha." Britt pushed the rally's economic impact. "Say 2,000 people spend a hundred dollars," he said. "That's \$200,000 to the businesses around here. They can use that, don't you think?" He added that any leftover food & aluminum cans would be donated to charities. Mayor Mike Todd of Grain Valley said he is hearing from both sides. "I have people who are upset it's happening," Todd said. "I try to explain it's on private property. It's a private event. They can do it without us doing anything. On the other side, I'm hearing from people who are happy they're coming & who think we're overreacting by bringing in extra law enforcement." Todd wanted to dispel a rumor that the owner of the speedway, Dennis ShROUT, invited the Bandidos because of a long-running feud with the city. Todd said he has known since late June that the Bandidos were coming, weeks before the city revoked ShROUT's permit to operate the speedway. For years, ShROUT fought complaints that his track generated too much noise. In July, about 100 people jammed City Hall in support of the track only hours before the city's Board of Aldermen voted unanimously to revoke the permit, effective Oct. 1. This month, ShROUT filed suit against the aldermen. Jeffrey M. Sieg of Independence actually owns the Sand Drags adjacent to the speedway. On Thu, he told The Star that ShROUT suggested to him the idea for the Bandidos rally. Sieg said he didn't know much about the Bandidos. "Really, the only thing I've heard is that towns are horrified when they arrive & then want them to come back after they leave."

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**José & Carlos are beggars.** They beg in different areas of town. Carlos begs for the same amount of time as José, but collects only about \$8.00 or \$9.00 a day. José brings home a suitcase full of ten-dollar bills every day. He drives a Mercedes, lives in a mortgage-free house, & has a lot of money to spend. "Hey, amigo," Carlos says to José, "I work just as long & hard as you do, so how come you bring home a suitcase full of ten dollar bills every day? José says, "Look at your sign, what does it say?" Carlos reads his sign: "I have no work, a wife & 6 kids to support." "What's wrong with that?" Carlos asks him. "No wonder you only get \$8.00 or \$9.00 a day!" says José. Carlos says, "All right, what is on your sign?" José shows him: "Need Only \$ 10 More to get back to Mexico"...

**Police keeping an eye on visiting MC** - Aug 29, 2014 – *Missouri* - By Haley Harrison; [www.KMBC.com](http://www.KMBC.com) - 2,000 bikers in Grain Valley for rally... Tensions are rising in Grain Valley, Mo., where 2,000 members of the Bandidos MC are coming face to face with police. KMBC's Haley Harrison reports there's a police presence on almost every block up & down Main Street. The parade of bikes has become a spectacle in town. "With this many cops around, I'm not worried at all, they're doing their job," one resident said. Police are stopping Bandidos members caught breaking the law. Harrison saw some stopped on Interstate 70 in Blue Springs, Mo. "We're all hands on deck," Grain Valley Mayor Michael Todd said. "No one is off this weekend & it's all mandatory overtime." A group of bikers from Texas were also arrested in Olathe, Kan., on drug charges. The FBI says the Bandidos are an outlaw motorcycle gang. "It's not the people from Missouri or Kansas that worry me, it's the ones that aren't vested in our community that may be coming from out of state," Todd said. The weekend rally is happening on private property outside of town. Harrison asked Bandidos members for comment, but were turned away. For L.E., tensions are running high ahead of a possible gathering on Sat with rival MCs. Concerns aside, the Bandidos are helping the local economy in Jackson County. \$9,000 has been spent by members at the Independence Costco, & hotels are packed through Lee's Summit & Blue Springs. City leaders said the bikers didn't have to get permission to hold their event in town because it is on private property. Many bars are banning bikers from wearing club badges & vests this weekend.

**Twin Falls Man Arraigned For Pioneer Club Shooting** – Sept 2, 2014 – *Idaho* – By Jarred Aslett; [www.KMVT.com](http://www.KMVT.com) - A Twin Falls man was arraigned in court Tue with a \$1 million dollar bond for allegedly shooting 3 people outside a Twin Falls bar Fri night. 51 year-old Juan Manuel Sanchez is charged with 3 counts of felony aggravated battery & 2 counts of aggravated assault. According to court records, 2 of the victims are members of the Brother Speed MC. Witnesses claim Sanchez opened fire after he was escorted from the Pioneer Club. Sanchez claims he shot in self-defense after multiple members of the MC chased him outside of the bar following a fist fight.

**'Outlaw Motorcycle Gang' rolls into Florence County Thu** - Sept 3, 2014 - *South Carolina* - By Ken Baker; [www.WMBFnews.com](http://www.WMBFnews.com) - A known motorcycle gang is bringing more than 200 people to Florence County. The MC, called "The Warlocks," will hold its Nat'l conference in Florence County starting Thu. "To paraphrase one of my favorite philosophers, [Tyler Perry's] Madea, when people try to tell you who they are, you need to listen to them," said Major Michael Nunn with the Florence Sheriff's Office. According to the motorcycle gang's web page The Warlocks are a "one percent club pledged to brotherhood." According to Major Nunn, in the 60s, the AMA said 99 percent of the group's riders & members are law-abiding citizens. "These groups like The Warlocks & others specifically advertise themselves as the one percent exception to the law-abiding motorcycle rider, so you have to take people at their word, so we do," Major Nunn said. According to the FBI'S 2013 National Gang Assessment, The Warlocks are considered to be an "Outlaw Motorcycle Gang." The report went on to say that Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs are "highly structured criminal organizations whose members engage in criminal activities such as violent crime." The Warlocks' website says 13 American Navy sailors started the MC back in the 60s, & now the group has grown to be international. "The Warlocks MC has indicated from Thu until Sun, they will hold a national meeting here in the

Florence area," Major Nunn said. What's being discussed at that meeting is not clear. The Sheriff's Office says as usual, it will keep an eye on our area. "We don't expect any problems over the weekend with regards to this event, although we are prepared in the event that there is a problems," Major Nunn said. According to the Sheriff's office, The Warlocks held this same type of meeting here in Florence County about 7 years ago –and there were no criminal problems then.

**Norwegian police raid Hells Angels club** – Sept 4, 2014 – *Norway* – By [www.TheLocal.no](http://www.TheLocal.no) - Armed police ransacked a notorious Hell's Angels den in North Norway in their efforts to capture 2 wanted criminals on Wed. Police arrested a Hells Angel in the Tromsø club house, in the Arctic Circle, on Wed. The man in his twenties has been charged with attempted robbery with violence. Tromsø police informed the media the Hells Angels' headquarter in town was ransacked in connection to 2 criminal cases. Police reports that: "In one of the cases, a man in his twenties was arrested & charged for attempted violent robbery. In the other case, there was seizures of illegal camera surveillance equipment." The arrested man is thought to be a member of the Hells Angels gang in Tromsø according to police. The investigation is ongoing with questioning & looking over seized evidence. Police chief Einar Sparboe Lysnes said to NRK: "We got the go-ahead from judges to raid the Hells Angels headquarters due to suspicion of illegal camera surveillance in the area." Police were armed during the operation after previous raids of Hells Angels clubs in Norway proved dangerous. Lysnes said: "Fire arms have been found before at their headquarters. I therefore ordered an armed task force." The Hells Angels have motorcycle clubs around the world & have been considered by many as an "outlaw" group due to their reputation of criminal activity & raucous behavior.

**Police on alert as Comancheros ride through Canberra** - Sept 5, 2014 - *Australia* - By [www.CanerraTimes.com.au](http://www.CanerraTimes.com.au) - Motorcycle gang the Comancheros travelled through Canberra on Friday while on a run from Melbourne to Sydney to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Milperra Father's Day Massacre in which 4 of their members were killed. ACT Police were keeping an eye on the OMCG, noting that a number of its members & associates entered the Territory at about 5.30pm Thu. Deputy Chief police officer - crime David Pryce, said police were also liaising with their interstate counterparts. The gang members' movements throughout the ACT were monitored closely by ACT Police, & a number of traffic offences were identified. "I would encourage any resident who has any info on OMCGs to contact Crime Stoppers or if they witness illegal activity to call police," Commander Pryce said. Last month ACT Policing launched Taskforce Nemesis, in line with the national focus on & awareness of the criminal behavior of outlaw motorcycle gangs across Australia. "We recognized there was a need for a dedicated police team in the ACT to deal with this emerging issue & be pre-emptive & predictive to what is a national issue," Commander Pryce said. "When events like this occur we have the intelligence & resources to manage the situation & ensure the impacts on our community are minimal."

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**The Bible:** Did you know that... When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache. When you open it, he collapses. When he sees you reading it, he faints. Let's read the Bible every day so he keeps on fainting. Maybe one day he'll have a stroke & never wake up. And did you also know that when you are about to forward this email to others the Devil will discourage you but forward it anyway.

**Georgia man arrested in deadly Birmingham biker club shooting** – Sept 5, 2014 – *Alabama* – By Carol Robinson; [www.AL.com](http://www.AL.com) - Authorities have made one arrest in the deadly weekend shooting at a Birmingham MC. Birmingham police today announced capital murder charges against James Armstrong, 27, of Conyers, Ga. He was taken into custody while riding a motorcycle in Georgia, & is awaiting extradition. He is being held without bond. Stevens Hicks & Wilbert Hawkins were killed Aug. 31 in a gunfight outside Showstoppers MC on Birmingham's Coosa Street. Birmingham police officials earlier this week confirmed they were looking into the possibility that the Showstoppers shooting was linked to the death of a Georgia rapper killed 2 weeks ago at a MC in Columbus. Hicks, 48, was a member of Wheels of Soul MC; Hawkins, 47, a member of Showstoppers. Birmingham police spokesman Lt. Sean Edwards said today that Armstrong was taken into custody in a joint effort by the FBI & the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office. It wasn't immediately clear whether additional arrests are expected, & police have not solidified a connection between 2 biker club shootings. Rockdale County sheriff's officials said Armstrong was arrested Thu. A sheriff's fugitive investigator received a tip that Armstrong was possibly staying at a home on White Oak Court in Rockdale. The investigator spotted Armstrong leaving the home on a motorcycle. He called for backup & Armstrong was stopped a short distance away. He was taken into custody without incident. Sunday's gunfire at Showstoppers erupted, witnesses say, when members of a third group, Outcast MC, showed up on Coosa St & surrounded the building. Several women said those inside felt something wasn't right, & said the women were told to go outside. "They surrounded the place, like they were looking for somebody," said one witness, who asked that her name not be used. "They were inside & outside & then it was just shooting. We took off. I just ran. There was a lot of shooting." Hawkins' fiancée said she & Hawkins had just gotten outside when the gunfire erupted. She said Hawkins ducked behind a truck. When the shooting stopped, he came out from hiding but then the bullets started flying again & he was struck. She said he dropped to the ground, & was bleeding from the mouth. He was conscious at first, but later pronounced dead in the rescue vehicle. Hicks & his wife had just pulled up to the club & were getting off their motorcycle when the shooting started. Hicks was taken to UAB Hospital, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. "This stemmed from something that started in Atlanta 2 weeks ago," a club regular, who asked to not be named, told AL.com Sunday night. "Two other motorcycle clubs just happened to bump heads here, & they started shooting everywhere. That's why so many innocent people were shot." Birmingham police earlier this week ordered all patrol officers with motorcycle clubs on their beats to compile the clubs' names & addresses & turn them into investigators. Showstoppers is a clubhouse that doesn't usually spawn violence, city & police officials said Wednesday. Prior to Sunday night, Birmingham police were only called to Showstoppers twice over the past year, Roper said. One of those calls was minor, the chief said, & the second was an assault call where the alleged victim recanted his complaint when an officer arrived on the scene. On Tue, Mayor William Bell requested the City Council's Public Safety Committee to consider tighter regulations for biker clubs in the city. Asked Wed if he still wanted that to happen despite the lack of trouble reported at Showstoppers over the past year, Bell said he wanted more information about how many types of those organizations are in Birmingham. "For the most part, we have little police involvement with those organizations," Bell said. "Because of this one incident, this is the level of scrutiny we need to apply & see if there's something we can do. We want to be

proactive in our efforts." He said the biker clubs are organizations, not gangs. "I would not use the term gang," he said. "We don't know of any crime activities these organizations have been involved in to call them a gang, but we want to do all we can to make the public aware that we are working to make Birmingham a safer place." Authorities said Wed they were looking into the possible link in the Showstoppers shooting & the Aug. 23 death of Columbus rapper Bobby Ray Stewart, 47. Stewart, also known as "HiWay," died after being shot multiple times inside the Supper Club on Buena Vista Road. Around 11:40 p.m. that Sat, Columbus police responded to The Supper Club, formerly Club Andre's. They found Stewart wounded, & he was rushed to a nearby hospital. He had been shot multiple times, & was pronounced dead at 12:17 am Sun.

**Alleged bikie linked to car chemical haul** - Sept 5, 2014 - *Australia* – By APP; [www.TheAustralian.com.au](http://www.TheAustralian.com.au) - A Suspected Hells Angels bikie is in custody after police allegedly found drug-related chemicals in his car on the Gold Coast. Specialist officers have been called in to handle the potentially dangerous chemicals, which police believe were intended for the manufacture of illicit drugs. A 36-year-old man is being questioned over the discovery, which was made after police from the Gold Coast Rapid Action & Patrols group pulled over a car at Elanora about 8.15am. Supt Jim Keogh says the man was known to police. "Police will allege that the driver of the car, a known Hells Angels motorcycle member, was found in possession of chemicals which we believe are linked to preparing amphetamines," he told ABC radio.

**Why People Hate Class Reunions:** Cathy, Sue & Jane haven't seen each other since High School. They rediscover each other via a reunion website & arrange to meet for lunch in a wine bar. Cathy arrives first, wearing a beige Versace. She orders a bottle of Pinot Grigio. Sue arrives shortly afterward, in gray Chanel. After the required ritualized kisses she joins Cathy in a glass of wine. Then Jane walks in, wearing a faded old tee-shirt, blue jeans & boots. She too shares the wine. Cathy explains that after leaving high school & graduating from Princeton in Classics, she met & married Bill, with whom she has a beautiful daughter. Bill is a partner in one of New York's leading law firms. They live in a 4000 sq. ft. co-op on Fifth Ave, where Susanna, the daughter, attends drama school. They have a second home in Phoenix. Sue relates that she graduated from Harvard Med School & became a surgeon. Her husband, Clint, is a leading Wall Street investment banker. They live in Southampton on Long Island & have a second home in Naples, Florida. Jane explains that she left school at 17 & ran off with her boyfriend, Ted. They run a tropical bird park in Memphis & grow their own vegetables. Ted can stand 5 parrots, side by side, on his penis. Halfway down the third bottle of wine & several hours later, Cathy blurts out that her husband is really a cashier at Wal-Mart. They live in a small apartment in Brooklyn & have a travel trailer parked at a nearby storage facility. Sue, chastened & encouraged by her old friend's honesty, explains that she & Clint are both nurses' aides in a retirement home. They live in Jersey City & take vacation camping trips to Alabama. Jane admits that the fifth parrot has to stand on one leg.

**Holy Humor:** During these serious & troubled times, people of all faiths should remember these 4 great religious truths:

1. Muslims do not recognize Jews as God's Chosen People.
2. Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
3. Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of The Christian World.
4. Baptists do not recognize each other at the liquor store.

**RICO Sentences for Hells Angels-Like Pair Upheld** - Sept 5, 2014 - *Florida* - By [www.CourtHouseNews.com](http://www.CourtHouseNews.com) wrote by Jack Bouboushain - Two members of the Guardians, a Jacksonville, Fla., group modeled on the Hells Angels, who stole cash, jewelry & guns in multiple home invasions, must serve lengthy prison sentences, the 11th Circuit affirmed. "In a case of life imitating art imitating life, Maynard Kenneth Godwin was inspired by the fictional motorcycle gang in 'Sons of Anarchy,' itself modeled on the real life Hells Angels, to form his own band of brigands called the Guardians," the 36-page opinion begins. "Under his leadership, the Guardians terrorized the citizens of Jacksonville, Fla, through a steady onslaught of home invasion robberies, armed bank robberies, & other crimes." Godwin gave himself the moniker "The Boss," & nicknames for other members included "The Enforcer," "Road Captain" & "Tech." Members wore dog tags engraved with their nicknames & their rank & sported Guardian tattoos. Several also rode motorcycles or used steroids. Although not a full member, Eric Ellis participated in at least 2 of the Guardians' crimes, & received proceeds from a 3rd. Ellis assisted 2 other Guardians in beating a man "within an inch of his life," because he had allegedly been "messing up [Godwin's] trailer." Less than 3 weeks later, Ellis & 2 Guardians broke into the home of Brigg & Linda Hart, forced Linda to open the bedroom safe, & stole \$328,000 in cash, \$750,000 in jewelry, & numerous firearms. The gang committed several other home invasions, & a bank robbery, before a relative agreed to serve as a paid FBI informant. Godwin was arrested after he was recorded on a telephone wire discussing another planned home invasion. Police also arrested Ellis, & found numerous stolen weapons in his home, next to a calendar that marked the day after Thanksgiving as "Negro Friday." The 11th Circuit on Wed affirmed the men's convictions for racketeering & conspiracy to commit racketeering, as well as Ellis' 20-year sentence & Godwin's 30-year sentence. "Ellis elected to take the stand & testify in his own defense, denying that he was associated with the Guardians. Having seen & heard him testify on the subject, the jury was free not only to discredit his testimony that he was not associated with the Guardians, but also to infer the opposite, & to use that inference as substantive evidence that he was indeed an associate of the enterprise," Judge Ed Carnes wrote for a three-judge panel. There is also substantial evidence that Ellis sold his share of the stolen jewelry to the Guardians' "gold guy," according to the ruling. "The relevant question is whether he sold the diamond with the intent to promote the 'specified unlawful activity,' which was the June 2009 home invasion robbery. And under our decision in *United States v. Carcione*, the only answer that we can give to that question is 'yes,'" Carnes found. The Atlanta-based court also rejected Godwin's procedural challenges to his conviction, ruling that the trial judge did not err in removing a juror from Godwin's panel after jury deliberations began. This occurred after all 11 other jurors testified that the juror refused to comply with the court's instructions, & several reported that she had said she would not follow the law.

**Wagga police operation targets bikies** - Sept 8, 2014 - *Australia* - By [www.DailyAdvertiser.com.au](http://www.DailyAdvertiser.com.au) - Police flexed their muscle on Saturday morning in response to a poker run organized by the Mongols MC. The heavy police presence included 14 police officers & the dog squad as part of a traffic stop on the Sturt Hwy before the poker run kicked off. Inspector Peter Robertson said it was part of an ongoing traffic operation in Wagga Local Area Command. Breath-testing, license checks & ensuring motorcycles complied with Australian road rules were all part of the operation, Inspector Robertson said. Riders were also photographed as part of a data collection program. "The group

was very co-operative with us & we only found a couple of minor things wrong," Inspector Robertson said. "It was a successful operation from everyone's point of view," he said. Police issued just 1 ticket & defect notice for a minor infringement. John, Pres of the Mongols Riverina chapter, said it was just a social run with around 30 bikes participating. "We've been organizing runs for the past 15 years & there's been no incidents & no accidents," he said. He said the heavy police presence was just something club riders expected. "It's part of the routine, we expect it, but the average rider doesn't"...

**Qld's bikie brawl trial postponed** - Sept 9, 2014 - *Australia* - by AAP; [www.SBS.com.au](http://www.SBS.com.au) - Queensland's biggest bikie trial has been delayed until at least next year after new evidence from witnesses emerged. The 10-day trial of 23 accused rioters, charged over last year's notorious bikie brawl on the Gold Coast, had been set to start on Mon in the Southport Magistrates Court. However the trial was delisted on Tuesday with no new date set. Police prosecutors last week revealed they had statements from Crime & Corruption Commission "star chamber" hearings that they would use as evidence in the trial. The revelation came during an application by alleged brawl ringleader Jacques Teamo for a separate trial. Prosecutors said the statements from 11 witnesses would prove 60 members of the Bandidos bikie gang intentionally converged in Broadbeach to seek out members of the rival Finks gang. The accused have previously said they were in the area to have a "bite to eat" & that the scuffle at the Aura restaurant with Finks associates Matthew Sward & Jason Trouchet was coincidental. Magistrate Terry Duroux said during Friday's hearing that the new evidence could open a "potential Pandora's box" if transcripts couldn't be provided to defence lawyers in time for the start of the trial. On Tue the court heard the transcripts hadn't been provided by the prosecution & Duroux said he had to delist the trial in the "interests of justice". The matter will return to court for a mention on Dec 2.

**Anti-gang police raids arrest 50 people across 25 locations in Qld** - Sept 9, 2014 - *Australia* - By Thomas Chamberlin; [www.CourieMail.com.au](http://www.CourieMail.com.au) - Anti-gang police have arrested almost 50 people & seized guns, rifles, a pen gun, \$30,000 cash & drugs in statewide raids targeting networks linked to bikie gangs. Revolvers, automatic pistols, rifles, shotguns, sawn-off firearms & a pen gun were also taken by police, along with methamphetamines, marijuana, magic mushrooms & steroids. Taskforce Maxima Commander Detective Superintendent Mick Niland said the 8-day operation targeted the "broader criminal networks" of the Bandidos, Black Uhlans, Hells Angels, Odin's Warriors, Outlaws & Rebels. Four vehicles were impounded after drivers were charged with drug driving. Officers raided addresses in Redcliffe, Tara, Dalby, Nanango, Gympie, Maryborough, Hervey Bay, Avondale, Bundaberg, Bargara, Gladstone, Rockhampton, Emerald, Emu Park, Mackay, Proserpine, Airlie Beach, Bowen, Ayr, Townsville, Cairns, Port Douglas, Mareeba, Atherton, Karumba, Normanton & Winton. Police said 48 people were arrested on 134 charges which include producing, supplying & possessing dangerous drugs & keeping restricted animals (snakes). "On this occasion there have been no patched members arrested," Supt Niland said. "This has targeted the broader networks of these clubs in rural & isolated locations." He said all of the people arrested were associated with the gangs. Supt Niland said investigations in Tara were linked to the Bandidos, where police seized stolen farm machinery & 2 handguns. At Roma police investigations targeted the Hells Angels where 4 handguns were found, while in Gladstone they focused on Black Uhlans, where a semi-automatic handgun was

seized. The raids related to the Rebels & Odin's Warriors in Townsville. "In Townsville at one of the raids there they located a hidden compartment within the laundry," Supt Niland said. "They have located a pen gun, they have located a quantity of methamphetamine, they located a number of other drugs. "What we have always stated is of course in regards to patched members, there are also the associates & people working within the networks of these crime gangs. "It's important we target all those persons." He said the pen gun was only about 4 or 5 inches in length. "The bottom line is all these firearms, particularly the handguns & sawn-off weapons, they are lethal & it's just good to have them off the streets," Supt Niland said. Police found 3 large plastic kegs of marijuana at one property on the Atherton Tablelands & released a video today. Another video relates to a loaded gun found by police. Supt Niland said the gangs had large distribution networks. "It has been very important to get out into the rural & isolated areas," he said. "These crimes are not completely Gold Coast-Brisbane centric." He said police believed the gangs had always been in the rural areas & "have had their "tentacles out there". "It's a case that no matter where they are we will try to locate evidence of crime & take the appropriate action," he said. Supt Niland said the operation was a result of Taskforce Maxima working closely with regional police. "This deployment has seen the taskforce work with regional police to target the unlawful activities of criminal gangs & their networks. As seen by these efforts we will conduct operations wherever these gangs operate," he said in a statement. "The links between gangs & illegal drug distribution is clearly evident. This is why we are targeting them as their criminal activities are far reaching & impact on everyday Queenslanders." Regional Crime Coordinator of Northern Region Detective Acting Supt Cheryl Scanlon said: "The results over the past week speak for themselves in the Northern Region. While we may be in the Far North of the State, it does not mean that activities of CMG & their associates receive any less attention. I'm very appreciative of the support from Taskforce Maxima as it allows us to remain fully engaged in targeting CMG anywhere, anytime."

**Graphic testimony in motorcycle gang slaying** – Sept 10, 2014 – *California* – By Jason Campbell; [www.MantecaBulletin.com](http://www.MantecaBulletin.com) - Brandon Gann never showed up to his in-laws house alone. The 8-acre parcel in Manton – an unincorporated hamlet in Tehama County more known for its apples & the active volcano that sits to the east than the actual community itself – was more than 3 hours away from the Oakdale home that the alleged HAs member shared with his wife. And according to Teresa Boyles – Gann's mother-in-law – the odds that he would just suddenly show up out of the blue were all the more startling when she received a phone call on Aug. 15, 2011. Save for a few choice words & a hang-up the message was clear – make sure the gate is open by 11 p.m. because he's on his way & he's alone. According to Boyles' testimony Tue morning in San Joaquin Superior Court, Gann – who is on trial for the murder of 26-year-old Lathrop resident & rival MC member Daniel Martinez – arrived in the white Kia Sorrento that authorities claim that he & David John Splan, also accused in Martinez' murder, were driving the night the incident occurred on Ideal Parkway just outside of Manteca's city limits along East Hwy 120. Witness statements & preliminary police reports said that vehicle was seen speeding through a parking lot & smashing into one of 2 motorcycles belonging to Martinez & his 30-year-old brother Isaac. A fight between the men ensued & authorities allege that one of the 2 men retrieved a handgun from the car & fired 7 shots – striking both men & fatally wounding the 26-year-old full patch member of the Most Envied MC. San Joaquin Deputy District Atty Kevin Mayo showed grisly crime

scene photographs during the testimony of Sheriff's Det. Karen Sangster to recreate the scene. It included 2 of a deceased Martinez - one lying face-down on the pavement with blood pooled around him in his Most Envied motorcycle vest & 1 turned over clearly showing his face after he had died. The bulk of Sangster's testimony on Tue morning, which continued from the previous day, centered on the investigation into Gann's ties to the HAs – the most well-known of all of the OMGs - that apparently continued even after the alleged shooting of Martinez. According to Sangster, Gann was a previous full patch member of the Top Hatters – an OMG gang originally formed in Hollister with chapters in the Central Valley, South Valley, San Diego, Sierra Mountains & East Bay – before deciding to be a Hells Angels Nomad prospect. Several photos of him wearing a black leather vest with the red & white rectangular patches synonymous with the club were entered into evidence. Prosecutors said the raid on a home of a man believed to be the secretary of the local Nomads chapter in Denair produced additional evidence. But it was the testimony of Boyles - who stared at Gann between answering questions about the relationship he had with her daughter, with whom he is now divorced, & his activities with the HAMC - that painted the picture the prosecution wanted to frame for the jury. While she was "ordered" to stay in her house during those initial days that Gann spent at her home, Boyles said that she gave him bleach & a "pot that you boil potatoes in" & watched through the kitchen window as he washed the outside of the car & wiped down the interior. She said she grew increasingly concerned as she watched him take off the Pittsburgh Steelers license plate frame that her daughter loved, & peel the H-D sticker off the back window. She became emotional when she reenacted a scene she said she watched play out behind her rural home - watching Gann, apparently describing what happened to another full patch HAs member, reach back into an imaginary waistband, pull his fingers forward as if they were a gun, & act like they were fired. "It was, 'talk, talk, talk – 2 fingers, thumb up,'" she said. Gann's trial is scheduled to continue today at 9 a.m. in Dept 21 – the courtroom of San Joaquin County Superior Court Judge Seth J. Hoyt Jr.

**Bandido bikers' mass murder case being appealed** - Sept 12, 2014 – *Canada* - By Jane Sims; [www.TorontoSun.com](http://www.TorontoSun.com) - Five men convicted of murdering 8 Bandido bikers on an Ontario farm in 2006 are appealing their convictions for one of the worst mass murders in the province's history. Almost 5 years since 6 men were convicted for a plot to cleanse the Bandido ranks, the case takes centre stage again Monday at the Ontario Court of Appeal when 5 of the 6 mass murderers appeal their convictions. Their arguments for new trials & having the convictions quashed are laid out in lengthy court documents filed by their lawyers critical of the trial & the judge's instructions. An automatic right to appeal comes with first-degree murder convictions — but the question remains if there's a reasonable chance they could succeed, given the mountain of Crown evidence & the testimony at the seven-month trial, including from star witness M.H., the 7th biker who was at the farm the night of the murders. Teresa Muscedere, 28, daughter of John "Boxer" Muscedere, wonders why the men who killed her father are trying for new \_\_\_\_\_. "There hasn't been a day go by since my dad passed away that I haven't thought of him," she said. Her father was the first of the 8 to die. He laughed as former best friend Wayne Kellestine pulled the trigger to fire the fatal shot. Some see Boxer as a hero, willing to die first in hopes of saving the rest. "I feel he just wants back in the limelight," Teresa Muscedere said of Kellestine's appeal. "It really just sucks because we're giving him what he wants. If the Bandidos case stands for anything, it's "a cautionary tale to anyone contemplating such a brotherhood," said biker expert &

author James Dubro. Though discipline isn't unusual in biker gangs, what Kellestine, the main shooter, engineered with the others was "a totally irrational, crazy act," Dubro said. Since the murders, the Bandido brand has spread around the world but died in Canada. Dubro called what happened at Kellestine's farm "the last gasp of a gang that was dying." Instead, it's the Hells Angels who have a stranglehold of biker business. Killed were Muscedere, 48, Luis Manny "Chopper" Raposo, 41, George "Pony" Jessome, 52, George "Crash" Kriarakis, 28, Frank "Bam Bam" Salerno, 43, Paul "Big Paulie" Sinopoli, 30, Jamie "Goldberg" Flanz, 37, & Michael "Little Mikey" Trotta, 31. Kellestine, 65, Michael Sandham, 45, & Dwight Mushey, 46, were convicted of 8 counts each of first-degree murder. Brett Gardiner, 30, was convicted of 6 counts of first-degree murder & 2 counts of manslaughter. Frank Mather, 41, & Marcelo Aravena, 38, were convicted of 7 counts each of first-degree murder & one count each of manslaughter. Sandham, an ex-police officer-turned biker is the only one who is not appealing. Three of the accused claim they were under threat of harm or death when they killed the bikers. Kellestine claims he received little help from his lawyers & had all the blame pushed on him by co-accused who shouldn't be trusted.

**Police looking for new link to DNA evidence in 1998 slaying of George Armitage** – Sept 14, 2014 – *Illinois* – By Matt Buedel; [www.PJStar.com](http://www.PJStar.com) - George Armitage's family had put his slaying behind them, figuring the case never would be solved. More than a decade had passed since the motorcycle gang leader's frozen body was found in the living room of his Rome house on New Year's Eve day 1998, & nearly as many years had elapsed without investigators calling in updates. "Some of us totally let it go out of our minds after all those years," said Mike Armitage, the victim's brother, from his home in Elgin. "I've always wanted to find out who it was. I still come down there, & I haven't forgotten about it, but I thought no one would ever find out who did it." Then, a couple of years ago, a retired detective called with a desire to rekindle the investigation. A news article & a few opinion letters in the newspaper followed. The renewed attention confirmed some of Mike Armitage's old hunches about his brother's case: The passage of time allowed those involved in the original investigation to speak more freely about diverging perspectives on what leads to follow in the first days after the death, & divisions among detectives became apparent. The public plea also bore fruit. The Peoria County Sheriff's Office took a closer look at the case file & evaluated what evidence could be tested with technology not available when George Armitage died. "Evidence from a murder never goes away," said Lt. Tim Kenney. "We keep it forever." The tests yielded a hit: a sample of unidentified DNA left at the scene of the crime. "Just getting that DNA hit is a good start," said Det. Dave Hoyle. Armed with that test result, deputies are asking anyone with info to come forward to help identify the source. George Armitage died sometime after Christmas Day 1998, when someone — likely more than one person — came to his home at 13803 Edgewater Drive just south of Rome off Illinois Route 29. The body was found by an acquaintance Dec. 31. He was bound, his head was covered with a plastic bag, & a pillow had been placed over his face, likely to muffle gunshots from 2 weapons that killed him. A large amount of marijuana was left in the house, & police later recovered about an ounce of cocaine from George Armitage's truck parked outside. The discovery of those items makes it unclear whether the incident that led to the death started as a robbery. Police have explored whether the slaying was related to George Armitage's involvement in motorcycle gangs — he once was Pres of the local chapter of the Satan Brothers MC — & whether the brutal nature

of the killing was intended to send a message. Whoever participated could subdue a burly biker — George Armitage stood 6 feet 2 inches tall & weighed about 215 pounds. He'd spent time in prison for a robbery & beating when he was a teen in Elgin that left a victim dead, and, as his brother put it, "knew how to take care of himself." But Mike Armitage also knew a side of his brother few others saw. Underneath the rough veneer, he could be generous & caring. Even in the world of rival motorcycle gangs, George Armitage could peacefully spend time among other groups. Now George Armitage's family & police hope the other side surfaces in those who know who killed him. "If you know something about a murder, & you haven't said anything about it in 15 years, that's going to eat at you," Hoyle said.

**First Warlocks shooter goes on trial on 3 murder charges** - Sept 14, 2014 – *Florida* - By [www.OrlandoSentinel.com](http://www.OrlandoSentinel.com) - Rene Stutzman - Paul "the Dog" Smith, a biker from South Carolina, ran for Nat'l Pres of the Warlocks, an outlaw motorcycle gang, in 2010 & lost. He became an outcast, & when his new gang came face-to-face with his old gang in the parking lot of the Winter Springs VFW 2 years ago, he fired the 1st shot then a 2nd, setting off a gun battle that left 3 Warlocks dead, according to eyewitness accounts. Mon, Smith, 49, goes on trial, charged with 3 counts of 2nd-degree murder & 2 counts of attempted murder. "This is a case of classic self-defense," said defense attorney Debra Ferwerda.

**'Body collapsed in on itself'**: Eyewitnesses say Smith killed Peter "Hormone" Schlette, 50, a Denham Springs, LA, trucker who had no gun that day, Sept. 30, 2012. "Hormone, Pete, he turned his motorcycle toward me, to run toward me," Smith told Winter Springs PD Investigator Val Riddick shortly after the shootout. "I felt threatened." Smith had a 40-caliber Glock & fired a "warning shot," Ferwerda said, into Schlette's right shoulder. That knocked Schlette down, but he stood back up, saying, "Really, mother-[expletive]. You shot me," according to survivor Ronnie Mitchell. Smith then raised the pistol & shot Schlette in the face, Mitchell & other witnesses told police. He fell "straight down. It's like his body collapsed in on itself," Mitchell testified. Ferwerda gives a different version of the 2nd shot: Smith felt something - it's unclear what - hit him in the face, a bullet, "and not knowing if half of his face is blown off" squeezed off a shot as he fell backward. After that, 3 of Smith's allies opened fire on the Warlocks, & 2 members of the Warlocks returned fire, according to witnesses. 2 other Warlocks were killed: Harold Liddle, 46, of Tavares; & David Jakiela, 52, of Orlando.

**Smith beaten in 2011**: Smith had been Pres of the Florence County, S.C., chapter of the Warlocks, he told Riddick, then he ran for Nat'l Pres but lost to John "Big John" Boudreau. At a meeting of Warlocks officers Feb. 5, 2011, in Florence, S.C., Smith was beaten so badly, his face swelled & his eyes were blackened. Smith told Riddick. "I'm not going to let that happen again." He joined a breakaway group, the Philly Warlocks, a tiny MC that was headed in Florida by another Warlocks outcast, David "Tin Man" Maloney, 54, of Longwood. The day of the shooting, Smith, Maloney & other members of the breakaway group were holding a benefit ride for military veterans. Schlette was one of 5 Warlocks who rolled into the VFW parking lot, where the ride was to begin. "We already had intel that they was coming to shut us down," Smith told Riddick.

**Evidence: Gun, meat hook & more**: When the shooting began, Smith was wearing a bullet-proof vest & was heavily armed, according to prosecution records. Police had trouble finding his gun, which he had slipped inside the front bumper of a pickup,

according to prosecution records. But they found many other weapons on him: 5 knives, a set of brass knuckles, a meat hook, a homemade gun & an expandable baton, according to an evidence log. Smith has a long criminal history. For 30 years, he's been in & out of jails in S.C., N.C., Virginia & Florida, record show, mostly on drug & weapons charges. Six months before the shootout, he was arrested at a biker bar in Lake County, accused of carrying a concealed weapon after a group of bikers told a deputy that Smith had threatened to shoot them, according to an arrest report. That charge is pending. Ferwerda said Smith is not a convicted felon & has had "a few minor arrests."

**'Stand your ground'?** Smith was one of 4 Philly Warlocks arrested on murder charges for the shootout in Winter Springs. The co-defendant who killed the other 2 men, Victor Amaro, 44, of Winter Springs, was convicted by a Seminole County jury in May & sentenced to life in prison. Robert Eckert, 40, of Longwood, was convicted of 2 counts of manslaughter & 2 counts of attempted murder & was sentenced to 27 years in prison. Maloney was acquitted in April on all but one count: an attempted-murder charge. Prosecutors plan to retry him. At Smith's trial, Ferwerda said she plans to ask Circuit Judge Jessica Recksiedler to give her client "stand your ground" immunity once the state finishes putting on its evidence. She will argue that Smith opened fire because he had a well-founded fear of imminent death or great bodily injury. "I think it's absolutely the case here," she said.

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**California Innocence Project** – 2014 – *California* – By <http://CaliforniaInnocenceProject.org> - Founded in 1999 at California Western School of Law, the California Innocence Project reviews more than 2,000 claims of innocence from California inmates each year. The California Innocence Project is a law school clinical program dedicated to releasing wrongfully convicted inmates & providing an outstanding educational experience to the students enrolled in the clinic. Students work alongside CIP staff attorneys on cases where there is strong evidence of factual innocence. Our work protects the integrity of the justice system & seeks to provide justice for all.

**What Is the California Innocence Project?** The Calif Innocence Project is a law school clinical program at Calif Western School of Law dedicated to releasing wrongfully convicted inmates & providing an outstanding educational experience to the students enrolled in the clinic. Founded in 1999, CIP reviews more than 2,000 claims of innocence from California inmates each year. Students who participate in the year-long clinic work alongside CIP staff attorneys on cases where there is strong evidence of factual innocence. Together, they have secured the release of many innocent people who otherwise may have spent the rest of their lives in prison. Clinic students assist in investigation & litigation by locating & re-interviewing witnesses, examining new evidence, filing motions, securing experts, & providing support to attorneys during evidentiary hearings & trials. CIP has trained more than 200 students who have gone on to become highly successful criminal defense attorneys, criminal prosecutors, Assistant Attorneys General, & civil attorneys; all of whom, after their experience in CIP, believe in a fair & honest justice system & realize there is always room for improvement in the law.

**Submitting a Claim of Innocence:** CIP provides pro bono (free of charge) legal assistance to inmates who maintain their factual innocence in the participation of the crime(s) for which they were convicted. In such cases, new, strong evidence of innocence must exist. CIP does not limit our review process to DNA cases. CIP only accepts cases where the conviction occurred in the following

Southern Calif counties: Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, & Ventura. CIP will review a case post-conviction & post-sentencing. CIP will not provide legal assistance during the time of pre-trial or trial. In order to submit a case to CIP for consideration, the inmate must complete & sign our Case Screening Questionnaire. The questionnaire requests specific supporting documents that must also be submitted before the review process can begin. DO NOT submit any transcripts unless a CIP representative speaks to you & requests them. It is highly recommended to submit only photocopies of legal documents due to the fact that CIP is not responsible for the loss of returned mail. Completed questionnaires & supporting documents can be mailed to CIP at 225 Cedar St, San Diego, CA 92101. With pre-authorization from a CIP representative, documents can be hand delivered to the security desk at 350 Cedar Street, San Diego, CA 92101, Attn: CIP.

**Innocence Project Staff: Justin Brooks, Director** - Professor Justin Brooks has been the Dir of Calif Innocence Project since its inception in 1999. Prior to co-founding CIP, Professor Brooks taught at Georgetown Univ School of Law & Thomas Cooley School of Law. At both institutions, his teachings focused on criminal law, criminal procedure, & corrections law. Over the course of his career he has served as counsel on several high profile criminal cases & has been successful in exonerating many wrongfully convicted clients. He regularly appears in Nat'l news media programs & has been recognized several times by the Los Angeles Daily Journal as one of the Top 100 Lawyers in Calif. In 2010, Calif Lawyer Magazine awarded him the "Lawyer of the Year" award. Professor Brooks has been very involved in training Latin American lawyers throughout his career. He founded the only trial skills academy in the country conducted in Spanish & he travels to Latin America training attys, judges, & law enforcement agents on trial skills & criminal forensics. He co-founded RedInocente, an organization devoted to starting & supporting innocence projects throughout Latin America. Professor Brooks has published extensively in the areas of criminal law, clinical education, & habeas litigation. He is the author of the only legal casebook devoted to the topic of wrongful convictions.

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**Ineffective Assistance of Counsel** - Ineffective assistance of counsel, or bad lawyering, constitutes a violation of a criminal defendant's Sixth Amendment right to counsel. In too many cases defendants retain or are burdened with attorneys who lack the time, experience, or professional responsibility to zealously represent their clients. The resulting representation may include failures to investigate an alibi defense, investigate prosecution witnesses, enlist experts to challenge the prosecution's physical evidence, or even attend or stay awake for hearings. In addition, some attorneys accept cases for which they are not qualified & are thus unable to properly represent a defendant. Bad lawyering results in an unlevel playing field for the defendant and, all too often, wrongful conviction. The problems are magnified in counties where defense counsel is allotted less money than the prosecution. This inequality gives the prosecution the resources to properly try a case but denies those same resources to the defense. In Gideon v. Wainwright (1963), the U.S. Supreme Court held that states are required to provide counsel to all indigent criminal defendants under the Sixth Amendment's Assistance of Counsel clause. In most counties this means a public defender's office has been established for representation of poor people. In other counties a different scheme has been created for attorneys to accept cases on a fixed hourly fee or contract rate. Contrary to popular belief, retained attorneys, not just public defenders, have been found to provide ineffective assistance of counsel. Not all instances of poor attorney performance entitle an inmate to relief. Strickland v. Washington (1984) states a defendant must meet 2 tests in order to prove counsel's representation violated their Sixth Amendment right to counsel:

- 1) Counsel's performance was deficient; and
- 2) Had it not been for counsel's deficient performance, the result of the trial or sentencing would have been different.

An inmate who represents himself is not entitled to claim ineffective assistance of counsel on appeal. In recent developments, the United States Supreme Court, in Missouri v. Frye (2012), held the Sixth Amendment right to effective assistance of counsel applies to the consideration of plea offers that lapse or are rejected. In addition, the Court held in Lafler v. Cooper (2012) that where counsel's ineffective advice led to an offer's rejection, & where the prejudice alleged is having to stand trial, a defendant must show 3 things: (1) but for the ineffective advice, there is a reasonable probability that the plea offer would have been presented to the court; (2) the court would have accepted its terms, & (3) the conviction or sentence, or both, under the offer's terms would have been less severe than under the actual judgment & sentence imposed. Reversing a conviction based on ineffective assistance of counsel can be difficult. An Innocence Project study of the first 255 DNA exonerations showed that 81% of those cases had ineffective assistance claims denied by the courts. However, the Daniel Larsen case does provide hope. Larsen was convicted of possessing an knife in a parking lot outside a bar. Under the Three Strikes sentencing, Larsen received a 28-years-to-life sentence. CIP discovered 2 witnesses who said that Larsen did not possess the knife. Before trial, Larsen's defense counsel was told about these witnesses but never took any steps to find or interview these witnesses. A Fed

judge determined that this failure to investigate was ineffective assistance of counsel. In other wrongful conviction cases, examples of ineffective assistance of counsel have included failing to interview alibi witnesses at the defendant's workplace, deciding not to conduct DNA testing on evidence, & not reporting a conflict of interest.

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**Few in number, Washington Hells Angels 'trying to survive'** - Sept 16, 2014 - *Washington* - By Brandi Kruse; <http://MyNorthWest.com> - Members of the Hells Angels MC will meet at a Seattle bar Tuesday, a gathering that could help attract new recruits at a time when the notorious biker gang desperately needs them. "The group has basically been trying to survive," according to a Seattle police detective who specializes in gang intelligence. "Every week, the membership of the Hells Angels changes," he said. "People come & go." With just 8 known members & 10 to 12 prospective members statewide, the Washington Hells Angels have turned to a support club known as the Sons of Hell to help protect them from rival gangs. The Sons of Hell is designed as a breeding ground of sorts, from which the Hells Angels can recruit future members, said the detective, who asked to have his name withheld due to his work undercover. "The Washington Hells Angels leadership has always viewed support clubs as a weak link, which makes their sanctioning of a current Hells Angels support club in Washington all that much more telling," he said. Over the last 4 to 6 weeks, the Washington Hells Angels have recruited at least 5 to 6 Sons of Hell members. It could be construed by rival motorcycle gangs as an act of desperation. Detectives believe the Washington Hells Angels are concerned the Mongols & the Vagos, 2 well-established gangs that have been at odds with the Angels for years, are spreading to the Northwest from California. The Mongols, in particular, are believed to be establishing chapters in Idaho, Oregon, & Washington. "We know, from what we hear from people on the street, that our local HA's have some concerns that they're being overwhelmed," the detective said. "One person in particular won't go anywhere without a bodyguard because he's afraid that he's going to be attacked by members of the Mongols." Police are concerned that either gang could send members to conduct counter-surveillance at the 2-Bit Saloon in Ballard Tuesday night, where the HAs will be hosting a party with the Sons of Hell. The gathering starts around 8:00 p.m. & will feature live music & oil wrestling, according to an invite posted online. "Just don't step out of line," the post reads. Hells Angels are known to frequent the bar, which is closing its doors at the end of the month. "I'm not talking specifically about the HAs, but we've had a lot of motorcycle clubs here for events & we've never had a problem with any of them," a bar manager told KIRO Radio. The Seattle PD's gang unit put out a confidential police bulletin in advance of the gathering. According to a L.E. source, the bulletin advised officers of the potential for violence. "We're definitely going to have eyes in & around the area, making sure that everything is safe & that things stay peaceful," said the gang detective, who confirmed that a bulletin had been sent out. A source with documented ties to the gang said it is unlikely the event will get out of hand. The source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retribution, said the club isn't what it once was & members use their patches to pick up women, not to break the law. But history has shown what those who wear the club's insignia are capable of. "There's a power, there's a mystique with those vests," the gang detective said. "It's amazing what such a small number of people can do in a state like Washington, because people see (the patches) & they immediately go back in their heads to all the history they've heard about that gang. They

remember the murders. They remember the rapes. They remember the robberies, & they think every single member of that group is capable of that kind of crime." The detective fought back tears as he recalled a crime committed by a HAs associate more than 30 years ago. On Aug. 7, 1977, 24-year-old Margo Compton was shot to death alongside her twin, 6-year-old daughters & a family friend in the town of Gaston, Oregon. Compton had worked as a prostitute for a member of the HAs in Calif & a contract was taken out on her life after she testified against the gang in court. "They made Margo Compton watch as they made her twin, 6-year-old daughters, Sandra & Sylvia, lay face down on a bed with their teddy bears in their arms, put a gun to their heads & killed them in front of their mother," the detective recalled of the case. Robert McClure, who was known to hang around the HAs, was convicted of the murders & sentenced to 4 consecutive life terms. The detective said the case is an example of what the club is capable of at its worst. "When I think of the HAs, I think of those kids," he said. And there has been plenty of violence since then. The detective said Washington HAs members have been involved in a variety of criminal activity, including drug trafficking, rape, robbery, motorcycle theft, & extortion. The last major criminal case involving HAs in Washington State resulted in the local president of the club being sent to Fed prison. In 2007, 3 current or former members of the outlaw motorcycle gang were found guilty of Fed racketeering charges, with underlying crimes that included murder, extortion, & robbery. Prosecutors successfully argued that Spokane chapter president Richard "Smilin' Rick" Fabel directed other members to commit a variety of crimes, including the 2001 murder of a man who pretended to be a Hells Angel. His conviction was a major blow to the organization, which has failed to fully recover. Ron "Ronnie Cash" Arnone, a Puyallup tattoo artist who police say is the current Pres of the Washington chapter of the HAs, refused to be interviewed for this story when contacted at his home in Tacoma. Arnone told KIRO Radio he expected to attend the gathering in Ballard Tue.

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**What does STG affiliation** mean when it comes to jail...? STG affiliation (when it comes to jail) means gang affiliation (STG stands for **Security Threat Group**). Most gang or STGs you will encounter are prison gangs, jail gangs, or street gangs.

**From Security Threat Group (STG) Validation Form:**  
Association - Attach memo(s) to document that offender is frequently observed closely associating with validated STG members (walks, eats, recreates with).  
<http://www.ok.gov/doc/documents/040119aa.pdf>

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**Unanswered Prayer:** The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused & bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon." "How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.

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**U.S. Defenders:**

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

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