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Editor: Mike Davis...

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In Memory of Sons Of Silence *Wes* from *Colorado* who passed away in October... R.I.P. Wes...

In Memory of *Bandido Johnny* who passed away on October 8th while still at FCI Beaumont, *Texas*... R.I.P. Johnny...

Congratulations to *Thunderguard Justice* on your release...

Congratulations to *Devils Dicile Lighting* on your release...

Congratulations to *Pagan Wicked* on your release to a 1/2 way house...

Congratulations to *Bandido hangaround Joka8* (Bandido Gimmi Jimmy's son) on his release this month...

Welcome *Vago Shane* to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Welcome *Devils Dicile Chief & Devils Dicile Big Dave* to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Good News (Sept 12, 2014): The *Maryland Confederation Of Clubs Attorney Mitch Greenberg* approached the Ocean City Police yesterday Thursday Sept 11 to address the NO COLORS policy stated on the Chief of Police Bike Week Rules And Regulations page on the OCPD website. The matter was brought to a quick and friendly close including a personal call to Mitch from the Chief of Police Ross Buzzuro who assured Mitch that all Clubs and Colors are welcome in Ocean City. Mitch in turn assured Chief Buzzuro that the leaders of each Club share his hope for a Safe and Incident-Free week. The OCPD also assured Mitch that the "No Colors" language will be removed as soon as possible and that Colors are welcome in Ocean City public areas.

Mitch's Address: Mitchell Greenberg - Greenberg Law Offices; 6 East Biddle Street; Baltimore, MD 21202

I would like to Thank *SteelHorse Riders MC* member *Cappy* for his continued Support of this Newsletter... I just received a \$ 300.00 check from him for a 7th year at \$ 25.00 per month... The one thing we can do to ensure this newsletter continuing is Thanking our sponsors, so please thank *Cappy* at: *SteelHorse Riders MC*; Box 182393; Shelby Twp., MI 48318-2393...

I would like to Thank *Sons Of Silence* Supporter *Knucklehead Fred* for her continued Support of this Newsletter... I just received a \$ 200.00 via PayPal from her for the 2nd year at \$ 20.00 per month...

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

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

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...

News Article Sources: All News Articles contained in this NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter, unless source is specified, are obtained from the following 3 Web Sites: **Road Scholars**(Wolf From Atlanta), Outlaw Biker World, White Trash News & Becky Cakes...

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 Sons Of Silence MC Retired

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

Outlaws Case Finally Over - Sep 30, 2014 – Georgia – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Last Thu, a Fed judge named Richard W. Story finally put an end to a ridiculous Fed indictment filed against 3 men named Larry McDaniel, Howard Brown & Sean King. Judge Story dismissed Counts One & Three of an indictment filed on April 24, 2013 that accused the men of "corruptedly obstructing, influencing & impeding an official proceeding." The official proceeding was an undercover investigation & entrapment by the FBI intended to catch members of the Black Pistons MC & the Outlaws MC doing something illegal. Count Two of the Indictment was dismissed May 19.

Official Proceedings: Count One accused the men of conspiring to obstruct an official proceeding. Count Two accused the men of aiding & abetting each other in the alleged obstruction. Count Three accused the men of obstructing "a Fed grand jury investigation into criminal offenses investigated by the FBI, said FBI investigation involving D.B.S. acting as an undercover informant & Michael Griffin, a/k/a Griff, a L.E. officer, acting in an undercover capacity." The 3 accused men are now free until the FBI manufactures another bogus charge against them. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled 13 months ago, on Aug 14, 2013, that FBI investigations are not court proceedings under the Fed statute criminalizing obstruction of justice. That ruling applied to another MC case involving the Hells Angels. That case accused 3 men named Gary Ermoian, Stephen Johnson & David Swanson of obstructing justice by warning a 4th man that he was the subject of a Fed investigation. The Supreme Court has not yet overturned that 9h Circuit ruling so it has seemed clear for more than a year that the GA investigation was without legal standing. Nevertheless, U.S. Atty Sally Quillian Yates continued to use the accusation to punish the men by forcing them to defend themselves.

Back Story: When the FBI began investigating presumed illegal activity by the Black Pistons, Outlaws & other clubs in Georgia, McDaniel was the Regional Pres of Outlaws chapters in Georgia & Alabama; King was an Outlaw from Gordon, Georgia & Brown was the Georgia Pres of the Black Pistons. The 3 men learned that a member of the Georgia Black Pistons, identified in public documents as D.B.S., was a paid C.I. working for the FBI & that an undercover cop named Michael "Griff" Griffin had also infiltrated that club. Consequently McDaniel told Brown & King to "shutdown" the Black Pistons' Cleveland, Georgia chapter. They did & they also collected "all Black Pistons & Outlaw MC vests, known as 'cuts,' patches, belts, rings, t-shirts, & other paraphernalia identified with the Black Pistons & Outlaw MCs from those present at the clubhouse." According to FBI case agent Mark Sewell, "My 15 years of FBI investigative experience has proven that individuals, whether sworn officers or L.E. employees, are often referred to as inside sources...traditionally sworn & uniformed officers, often maintain close & unprofessional relationships with members of outlaw motorcycle gangs. This is an unexplained phenomenon & continually comprises (sic) OMG investigations across America. With the popularity of current TV programs that glamorize the OMG culture, the desire for some L.E. officials to maintain close, unprofessional & sometimes criminal relationships with OMG members will not easily disappear. As an example, this investigation has previously uncovered 3 L.E. officials that are maintaining close, unprofessional relationships with subjects of this referenced North Georgia OMG investigation. It is through these close & unprofessional relationships that OMG members often gain information that is obstructive to FBI investigations & dangerous to the safety of FBI Informants."

Hello Larry: After the chapter was shutdown a conversation between McDaniel & one of the paid snitches in the case went like this: Larry McDaniel: Hello. Informant: Hey man.

McDaniel: What's up? Informant: What's going on.

McDaniel: Well, we had info given us, given to us that is pretty much telling us to close that down & info saying.... You know anybody named Mark Sewell? Informant: No! I don't! Who....

McDaniel: Huh? Informant: Who is that?

McDaniel: I have no idea. It's saying...that's a name...that you have something to do with the Feds & that's your contact name."

Affiant's Name: Subsequently case agent Sewell formally complained to a judge: "McDaniel is in possession of your affiant's name. Furthermore... the Outlaws MC is in possession of CI-1's real name & the info that he is, in fact, a FBI Informant. It is clear to your affiant that the OMC has shared the identity of CI-1 with McDaniel.... Furthermore, it is clear that the OMC has shared with McDaniel the name of your affiant to validate their accusation to McDaniel that '...there is a Fed in the Black Pistons house' Your affiant's 15 years of FBI investigative experience, which includes having achieved successful prosecutions in 2 public corruption investigations, leads your affiant to affirm that this investigation has a public corruption leak that is relaying sensitive information to the OMC. Furthermore, this leak is obstructing the FBI's formal investigation into the OMC by hindering the ability of CI-1 to safely assist the FBI in the investigation of the Outlaws & the criminal activities of their members. Your affiant's experience indicates that the name of your affiant, who is also 1 of 2 Contact Agents for the CI & the name of the CI are closely held secrets within the FBI. Only via direct contact with FBI agents or FBI documents can a public corruption leak gain the names of the Contact Agent and/or the CI. While the name of the Contact Agent may occasionally be used in non-sensitive FBI documents, the real name of the CI is closely guarded & can only be accessed by people with direct FBI computer access or direct access/overhear to FBI employees. All of the facts listed in this paragraph serve to strengthen your affiant's allegation that there is a public corruption leak that is effectively obstructing this investigation." McDaniel, Brown & King actually went on trial on the charges last Tue & the trial continued for 2 days before the case was dismissed.

Alto man sees imaginary Bandidos, shoots up neighbor's home – Sept 30, 2014 – *New Mexico* – By Elva K. Osterreich; www.RuidosoNews.com - An Alto man forced his way into a neighbor's home & started shooting at non-existent Bandidos on the roof late Sunday, according to court documents. Lincoln County Sheriff Robert Shepperd said around 9:30 p.m. 911 calls started coming in from the Alto area about shots fired. Then came a 911 call from a neighbor saying the owner of the bike shop had gained entry into their house & was armed & shooting. "He gained entry claiming the Bandidos (an outlaw motorcycle gang) were after him," Shepperd said. "He shot 6 times inside the residence while the home owner & daughter had retreated into a bathroom & locked the door." In the end Keith Ditmore, 61, of Alto, is in jail facing multiple charges & a \$71,000 bond. Shepperd said Ditmore is charged with 1 count of aggravated burglary; 2 counts of aggravated assault; 1 count of shooting at or from a motor vehicle; & one count of possession of controlled substance. "After a brief standoff he (Ditmore) was talked out of the house & taken into custody, & transported to jail," Shepperd said. According to the statement of probable cause, even after Ditmore was in custody & kneeling on the sidewalk in front of the house, he was asking to be removed from the sidewalk because "people were on the roof." Deputies had checked the area &

found no other subjects. Ditmore's vehicle was found still running in a ditch in front of the residence, according to the statement. There was a bullet hole in the rear fender. Bullet holes also were found in the glass of the back doors of the residence & the garage door. According to the statement, the resident's daughter had opened the door slightly because she thought someone might be hurt outside & Ditmore forced his way in, carrying a rifle & began to yell that Bandidos were trying to kill him. The resident called 911 & he & his daughter went into the master bedroom's bathroom, locking doors behind them. After being taken into custody Ditmore was taken to the hospital to be examined, then taken to jail. According to the statement, when he spoke to the deputy after he was arrested Ditmore said around 4 p.m. the same day he had noticed tactically dressed individuals with guns on his property, who he confronted, then called police. The sheriff's record indicated he had called & deputies responded but could find no evidence supporting his claims. Ditmore further told the deputy around 9 p.m. Ditmore saw 2 people standing on each side of his door wearing tactical clothing with bullet proof vests & military style rifles. He remembered opening the door & asking what they were doing & to identify themselves. When they did not respond to him, Ditmore went & got his AK 47 & found a loaded magazine. According to the statement, Ditmore remembers entering his garage area where he saw a subject sitting on the floor & he fired one round, striking the subject in the back. He said the subject sat there for a few seconds then slumped over. Ditmore remembers shooting at a Latin female. Ditmore, according to the report, then admitted to injecting meth & taking about 6 Xanax. He claimed the Xanax belonged to a friend who lives in Texas. "Based on the investigation," the report says, "Mr. Ditmore's account of being attacked by armed subjects & shooting at least 2 of the subjects is completely unfounded & not supported by any evidence." Shepperd said, in addition to the Sheriff's Dept, the Ruidoso P.D. & state police responded & assisted on the Alto call.

NCOM - National Coalition of Motorcyclists: On Jan 27, 1986, leaders of various motorcycle groups from across America met in Las Vegas to discuss a "coming together" & the overwhelming need for a national voice to protect our lifestyle & right to ride. The National Coalition of Motorcyclists was born.

NCOM is not another association, but rather a bringing together of existing motorcycle groups for the purpose of mutual exchange of information, legislative strategy & the combined strength to fight all that is adverse to the freedom of the road. NCOM has grown to over 2,000 member organizations representing hundreds of thousands of motorcyclists nationwide.

The goal & purpose of NCOM is to assist all motorcycle organizations & individual riders with legal, legislative & other motorcycling issues. The Coalition will not dictate to any organization, but will be available to assist NCOM member groups through such FREE services as legislative assistance, nationwide information network, public awareness programs, safety projects, loan program, biker anti-discrimination legal & legislative assistance, etc.

NCOM is managed by bikers for bikers. Through its Board of Advisors comprised of motorcyclists' rights leaders representing 11 regions in North America, & a Legislative Task Force that includes 4 elected state legislators & one United States Senator plus many other experienced legislative advocates from across the country, we have the talent & expertise to serve the motorcycling community whenever called upon to do so. Each NCOM member

group can have one representative on the National Council, a nationwide communications network to facilitate the flow of information from & to NCOM. Unlike other associations, NCOM is not supported by membership dues & does not solicit funds from member groups or individuals. All operating costs are paid through the Aid to Injured Motorcyclists nationwide network of attorneys who are the sole financial support for NCOM. A.I.M. attorneys contribute a significant portion of their legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into motorcycling by providing all the funding for NCOM...a way of recycling money from motorcycling back into motorcycling! All motorcycle groups are invited to join the National Coalition of Motorcyclists regardless of what they ride, the patch they wear or the motorcyclists' rights organization they belong to. If your club or organization is interested in joining NCOM call 1-(800)-525-5355 for further information or join by email.

National Sport Bike Association: Mission Statement: The National Sport Bike Association is a national organization whose primary goal is to unite all sport bike riders for the purpose of exchanging information & combining strength to fight all that is adverse to bikers riding freedoms & biker discrimination. The NSBA along with the National Coalition of Motorcyclists will join together to fight all legal & legislative issues on all levels of Gov't. From local ordinances to Fed laws if our rights as riders are being violated NSBA & NCOM will be there as biker rights advocates. **Purpose:** The NSBA is the sport bike division of NCOM. The development of NSBA was necessary as to have a clear & unadulterated voice directly from the Sport Bike Community on issues that directly affect them. With NCOM's 25 years of wisdom fighting for bikers rights & with NSBA galvanizing sport bike riders to a common cause the result can only be a stronger dynamic force to fight for our freedom of the road rights & to fight ALL discriminatory motorcycle practices.

Goal: The goal of the NSBA is to assist all sport bike clubs & individual sport bike riders with legal, legislative & other motorcycling issues. The NSBA will not dictate to any organization, but will be available to assist its members through FREE services such as;

1. Legislative assistance
2. Nationwide information network
3. Public awareness programs
4. Safety projects
5. Loan program
6. Biker anti-discrimination
7. Legal & legislative assistance, etc.

Unlike other associations, the NSBA is not supported by membership dues & does not solicit funds from members or individuals. All operating costs are paid through the A.I.M. nationwide network of attorneys who are the sole financial support for NSBA. A.I.M. attorneys contribute a significant portion of their legal fees from motorcycle accidents back into motorcycling by providing all the funding for NSBA...a way of recycling money from motorcycling back into motorcycling! All sport bike riders along with any sport bike organization are invited to join the NSBA regardless of what type of sport bike they ride, the patch they wear or the motorcyclists' rights organization they belong to. For more information, please contact: Sharon "Lady Ninja" Cancel; Executive Coordinator / Media Relations 347-276-2774 ladyninja@gmail.com

A young wife (Kari) calls her mom (Linda): "Mom, I had another big fight with my husband. So, I am moving to your house to live with you. I can't stand Mike another day!" Thinking about this, after a few moments her mom replied: "No Honey, Mike must pay for his mistakes." Daughter: "Thank you so much Mom! What's your idea?" Mom: "I am moving to your house to live with both of you. Mike will pay, never you fear."

The great bikie defection – Sept 30, 2014 – **Australia** – By Dylan Welch; www.DailyAdvertiser.com.au - The Hells Angels in Sydney have secured what may be the greatest mass defection in the history of the Australian outlaw clubs, recruiting at least 50 members from rival gangs. Police fear the defections - involving at least 3 Bandidos chapters in NSW - may lead to a new war between bikie gangs. It could be the most significant event since the Comanchero split of 1982, which led to the Milperra massacre 2 years later when 7 people, including a 14-year-old girl, were shot dead. "We've had small numbers move around before but this number is unheard of," a senior L.E. source told The Sun-Herald. The underworld has been abuzz since a deal, apparently months in the making, was cemented 11 days ago. Between 50 & 60 men left the Bandidos & joined the Hells Angels. It is understood the deal was organized by Felix Lyle, a rising force within the Angels & a former Bandido. Offers to defect & join the Angels were also made to other clubs. Leaving one club for another is considered the most serious of transgressions & often leads to outbreaks of violence. It is believed the main motive for the deal was to bolster Angels numbers to provide a strong front against the Comanchero. It may also be in response to the establishment of a chapter of another traditional Angels foe, the Mongols, on the central coast. The clubs have been feuding since a Hells Angels tattoo parlour was firebombed by the Comanchero in 2008. The fatal airport brawl of March 2009 & subsequent shooting of Hells Angels member Peter Zervas were allegedly results of that. It is understood Bandidos were paid to defect & all were granted full membership, which usually takes at least a year. Some got Harley-Davidson motorbikes as a reward. Last week the Bandidos announced on their website: "Chapter Parramatta is no longer part of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club Australia!!!" The defection rumors were confirmed on Friday when Strike Force Raptor officers watched 20 to 30 former Bandidos meet at a Parramatta restaurant. Wearing Hells Angels T-shirts & other club gear, they were joined by several senior Hells Angels. A L.E. source who has investigated outlaw clubs for decades said: "If it was just one chapter that would be one thing but what's strange here is it's bigger than that." Police are concerned that the move also mirrors recent action in Europe. Last year 80 Bandidos defected to the Berlin Hells Angels. The defections are indicative of a remarkable morphing of Australia's outlaw clubs. They have moved up several notches to form formed links with international syndicates suspected of organized crime. Some bikies are also involved in multimillion-dollar property developments with loans from Australia's top banks. The Hells Angels have at least doubled their size overnight. With at least 110 members they are now the third-largest outlaw club in NSW, after the Comanchero & the Rebels. In June police asked the NSW Supreme Court to declare the Hells Angels a criminal organization. But a source said the defectors "couldn't care less. What do you think they really think about - getting a shitload of money or worrying about the cops arresting them in a week?" The Pres of the new Hells Angels Parramatta chapter, former Bandido Mostafa Jouayde, was refused bail in Parramatta Local Court yesterday for allegedly breaching bail conditions that he not enter the Parramatta CBD except to work at his tattoo shop.

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Sushi – Still your best bet for Intestinal Worms...

Caution: Tequila will make your clothes fall off...

Say No to Drugs... That way, you'll have more time to Drink...

It's all about the Bitches...!!! By the American Kennel Club...

Remember that guy that gave up? Neither does anybody else...

Judge upholds 27-yr sentence in Stafford murder case – Oct 1, 2014 – *Virginia* – By Keith Epps; <http://news.Fredericksburg.com> - A judge Wed upheld the 27-year prison sentence a jury recommended in July for a man found guilty of 1st-degree murder. William J. Hughes, 45, was convicted in Stafford County Circuit Court for his role in the July 2007 slaying of Jason Shane Plaster. Plaster's remains were dug up in March 2013 at 881 Belle Plains Road in southern Stafford. Prosecution witnesses said that Hughes orchestrated the slaying & fired one of the 2 shots that entered Plaster's body. Eyewitnesses Dennis Benzie, who owns the property where the remains were found, & Stuart Sullivan testified that Hughes was mad at Plaster for making passes at his wife & daughter. Following a brief sentencing hearing Wed, Judge Michael Levy said he saw no reason to give a lighter sentence than the jury recommended. Levy, who could not increase the sentence, pointed out that the state sentencing guidelines called for a minimum penalty of 40 years in prison. Prosecutor Ed Lustig said Hughes was fortunate to get only 27 years considering the "death, uncertainty & devastation in his wake." The only witness to testify Thu was Marvin Hughes, the defendant's father. The elder Hughes said that although his son has had his issues, he helped a lot of people & families during his life. "There is another side to this guy," the father said. Plaster, 31, had been missing for 6 years when police went to Benzie's home in March 2013 to arrest him on drug & firearms charges. It was during that time that Benzie told police about the July 2007 incident in which he, Hughes & Sullivan carried out a plan to kill Plaster & bury his remains on the multi-acre rural tract. Police also got Sullivan's confession, then spent about a week digging in the area the codefendants had pointed out before uncovering the remains. They said they lured Plaster into the woods under the pretense of digging up some buried firearms. Hughes then shot him with a Derringer & Sullivan shot him in the back of the skull with a 9mm weapon. Sullivan said he barely knew Plaster, but shot him because Hughes told him to & he feared repercussions from Hughes & his associates. Hughes was a leader of the Warlocks motorcycle gang, according to testimony. Hughes continues to deny any involvement in the slaying & said he had no idea why Sullivan & Benzie—two men he considered friends—implicated him in the slaying. Sullivan pleaded guilty to second-degree murder & is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 24. Benzie was not charged with murder, but has a trial on multiple drug charges set for Nov. 6. Hughes' atty, Christopher Feldmann, filed a motion Thursday asking that his client's guilty verdict be set aside. Feldmann wrote that the jury heard evidence they shouldn't have during the 4-day trial, such as Hughes' motorcycle gang connections & allegations of uncharged acts of violence attributed to Hughes by prosecution witnesses. A hearing on Feldmann's motion was set for Oct. 17 in Stafford Circuit Court.

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Change is inevitable... Struggle is an option...
I really need a day between Saturday & Sunday...
Don't give up on your Dreams... Keep Sleeping...
No one can make you feel inferior without your consent...
A day without laughter is a day wasted! - Charlie Chaplin...
Don't die a Virgin, Terrorists are up there waiting for you...
My teacher thought that I was smarter then I was.... So I was...
He whom many fear, has himself many to fear... Publilius Syrus
He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. - Paul Keating
Remember that sometimes silence is the best answer.-Dalai Lama

NSW bikie brawl injures innocent man – Oct 1, 2014 – *Australia* – By www.9News.com.au - A brutal bikie brawl in the driveway of a home in Sydney's west has left an innocent bystander in hospital & 5 men with a court date. The fight started after 6 men arrived in 2 cars at the front of a house on Hassall St, Parramatta, on Tue afternoon. As soon as they stepped out of the cars, the gangs allegedly began punching & kicking each other, police said. A 50cm metal pole is also believed to have been used as a weapon. An uninvolved 7th man, who was walking past the house when the bout began, was chased down the street & hit in the back of the head. The 28-year-old was taken to hospital in serious but stable condition with a fractured skull & a cut to the back of his head. Police broke up the fight & arrested the 6 men who have links to the Hells Angels Outlaw MG. Two of the men involved in the melee also received head injuries & were treated at the scene by paramedics. Five men were charged with affray & other charges, & will all face Parramatta court in the next 2 weeks. The sixth man was released pending further inquiries.

Bikies find police bugs in clubhouse – Oct 1, 2014 – *Australia* – By Grant Taylor; www.au.News.Yahoo.com - The ability of police to spy on WA bikies has been dealt an embarrassing blow after members of the Rebels discovered a network of miniature cameras & microphones hidden in their Rockingham clubhouse. Rebels State Pres Nick Martin confirmed yesterday that several tiny devices had been discovered in the walls & ceilings of the Hurrell Way property last Wed & sweeps were now being conducted on other club facilities looking for more devices. WA Police would not confirm yesterday if the bugs belonged to them, but Mr. Martin said that within hours of his members finding them, the clubhouse was raided by gang crime officers who took the equipment away. "We were wondering who owned it & we were all waiting for something to happen and, sure enough, we got raided the very next day," he said. "Their warrant said it was under the Misuse of Drugs Act, but all they took away was the cameras & stuff." The Rebels are WA's biggest bikie gang & have been the target of a national operation that has resulted in more than 700 members & associates being charged in the past 2 years. Sources have told-The West Australian-that the discovery was likely to be a major setback for investigators in their continuing efforts to disrupt the gang's activities. Gang members were now likely to become more security conscious & cautious about talking on phones or inside buildings because of the fear that they were being watched. Martin said his members had come across bugs before, including inside their homes, but he had not seen anything matching the sophistication of the equipment discovered last week, including tiny optic-fibre cameras about the size of a pin head. The discovery was made by chance when a gang member digging a trench outside the clubhouse found an unusual electrical cable that appeared to be running towards the building. The cable was followed to an outside air-conditioning unit & into the walls & ceilings where the cameras & microphones were found. Martin said the equipment was barely visible. "We have always thought that they (police) are watching us, but there is a big difference between thinking & knowing," he said. "Now we actually know. It just goes to show there is no such thing as privacy in this country. "Who is to say they are not watching me even when I'm at home in the bedroom?"

I heard you got a brain transplant & the brain rejected you!
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Bitchcraft: The art of pissing people off while smiling sweetly...
I heard that you were born; your father threw rocks at the stork..

Imaginary Crimes And Organic Chemistry - Oct 2, 2014 – U.S.A. – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The press releases that announce the apprehension & prosecution of biker gangsters usually read like fiction – bad fiction – or the ravings of a drug addled lunatic. Four cases spring immediately to mind: The Zach Tipton murder in Jacksonville Beach in June after which the confessed shooter was set free because his MC has branded itself as “law abiding;” the Georgia Outlaws case in which 3 men were indicted, for all practical purposes, because they refused to be entrapped; the recent murder conviction of a strange & pathetic man named Caius Veovis – who did not own a motorcycle & who probably couldn’t fit a helmet over his skull implants – but who prosecutors said murdered in hopes of becoming a Hells Angel; & another Angels fiasco called “Operation Red Harvest” in which 34 people were hit with 226 criminal complaints that eventually turned out to be almost entirely imaginary. That is not mention the limitless racketeering prosecution of the Mongols MC, many of whose members were convicted of “crimes” such as being a club officer, legally possessing ammunition or posing with a gun in a photograph that was reproduced in a book. Or the never ending questions of prospective jurors in biker cases about whether those good citizens understand that the television show Sons of Anarchy is a work of fiction. So in that context it might be realistic to wonder how the United States Dept of Justice intends to twist the strange tale of Keith Ditmore’s very bad day into a predicate offense in some future prosecution of the Bandidos MC.

Busted: Ditmore, the owner of a motorcycle shop in Alto, New Mexico was arrested Mon & charged with aggravated burglary, aggravated assault, shooting from a moving vehicle & possession of a controlled substance after defending himself against an unknown number of imaginary Bandidos. Ditmore told police that the Bandidos were dressed like Swat. His strange ordeal began about 4 Mon afternoon when he noticed people dressed like Swat members on his property & called police. Lincoln County Sheriffs responded but were unable to find the intruders.

Ditmore Tries To Escape: Five hours later Ditmore saw 2 more Swat intruders with assault rifles standing outside his door. He confronted the 2 men who refused to answer him. So, Ditmore loaded his AK-47 & killed a Swat Bandido in his garage then shot at a woman who seemed to be accompanying Ditmore’s tormenters. In a panic, he tried to escape, crashed his truck into a ditch & shot at a Swat Bandido perched on his rear fender before running to the nearest house. “He gained entry claiming the Bandidos were after him,” Lincoln County Sheriff Robert Shepperd said in a report. “He shot 6 times inside the residence while the home owner & daughter had retreated into a bathroom & locked the door. After a brief standoff he was talked out of the house & taken into custody & transported to jail.” After being convinced to leave the house, Ditmore told Sheriffs that Bandidos were on the roof of the house & wanted to kill him. Sheriffs found the engine of Ditmore’s truck still running with a bullet hole in the rear fender. Additional bullet holes were found in the rear of the house in which Ditmore had sought refuge. According to the Sheriff’s statement, Ditmore admitted injecting methamphetamine & taking 6 Xanax before he realized he was being attacked.

Jeremy Halgat Case Continues - Oct 2, 2014 – Nevada – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Using trickery & deceit, the Dept of Justice continues to torment a Vago named Jeremy “Maniac” Halgat with a spurious prosecution. Halgat was targeted for prosecution during a much ballyhooed L.E. stunt called Operation Pure Luck in Las Vegas. The Gov’t declared

victory on June 27, 2013 & if Halgat or his lawyer had more cooperatively played their parts he would have taken a bad plea deal. He did not. One of the dirty tricks our Gov’t has used against Halgat is to charge him & make him defend himself in 2, parallel Fed prosecutions called USA v. Wickham et al. & USA v. Halgat et al. The idea was simply to provide prosecutors with a second chance to ruin Halgat’s life if they lost one of the cases. It is increasingly common prosecutorial game that has the added advantage of making it unreasonably difficult for the press, & hence the people, to make sense of what is going on in the courthouse. One of the unavoidable deceptions in Halgat’s cases was that a cynical Los Angeles Sheriff’s Deputy named Agostino Brancato, who is an experienced casual employee for the ATF – the ATF calls these clowns Tactical Field Officers – simply lied to make a case against Halgat. He lied more than 2 years ago. Prosecutors have known for more than a year that Brancato lied. He didn’t simply strew his victim’s path with banana peels in hopes he would slip. He lied.

I Can’t Help: This is exactly what happened, although for the sake of narrative brevity this is not all the unethical & possibly illegal things Brancato & the ATF did: Brancato patched into the Vagos MC in Vegas & for 2 years he tried to entice the Vagos & members of other clubs like the Mongols to do something more illegal than speeding. After 2 years the ATF had so much invested in the case that they had to justify the investigation lest all their precious, \$200,000 a year careers be ruined. In Aug 2012 Brancato tried to entice Halgat into trafficking cocaine and, on tape, Halgat replied, “I can’t...I can’t fucking, I can’t help.” Eventually in that conversation, Halgat reluctantly told his club brother he might know a guy who knew a guy. He said, “the only thing I can contribute is, hey this is my home boy, I trust him. This is my home boy, I trust him, whatever you do, & if it fucks up....” More than a month later, on Sept 19, 2012, Halgat agreed to introduce Brancato to Udell Wickham, his future co-defendant in one of his cases. Wickham sold Brancato an ounce of cocaine & was recently sentenced to 5 years-probation. Unfortunately for the ATF, Wickham was not a Vago & the whole point of the undercover investigation was to charge Vagos. So that night, during a tape recorded debriefing, Brancato proposed just lying about what Halgat had done.

Like As Far As I’m Concerned: “This is what I’m thinking,” Brancato mused. “Like as far as I’m concerned fucking Maniac sold me this fucking ounce, Bro. I mean, really. Yeah. Well, that’s what I’m thinking. Well, this is what I’m thinking, Bro is that on the QP, we do it the same way. Let Maniac...I give Maniac the money, he goes in there, brings it back to me, da, da, da. And then on the next one, I’m like hey, Bro, can I just go to him direct & I’ll still give you the money & now I have a sale of QP with him. You know what I’m saying? With Udell, without him, so now, he owns one & then this guy & Maniak owns one. Well, alright, so we may need a little bit more. We maybe have to do a little bit more. That’s...which is perfect. Yup.” Brancato then discussed how he would falsify his Report of Investigation. Anecdotal evidence suggests that what Brancato did is standard operating procedure in ATF investigations. What makes Brancato unique is that most ATF employees aren’t so stupid or sloppy as to audio record themselves when they decide how best to frame some guy.

Outrageous Gov’t Conduct: Eventually Halgat’s lawyer, the esteemed Melanie A. Hill, moved for a dismissal of the charges against Halgat on the grounds of “outrageous Gov’t conduct” & a Fed Magistrate Judge named Cam Ferenbach recommended the

dismissal of the indictment against Halgat in Wickham. And, since the 2 cases against Halgat were basically the same a dismissal in Wickham should lead, everywhere but Wonderland, to the dismissal of the 2nd case titled Halgat. But Ferenbach was not the presiding judge in either case. Those cases are being heard by 2 District Court Judges named Andrew Gordon & Jennifer Dorsey. And of course due process must be followed, particularly when due process works to the advantage of the prosecution. And the prosecutors both objected & stalled. Finally Tuesday, Gordon & Dorsey held a joint status conference & agreed to hold a joint evidentiary hearing to determine whether both cases against Halgat should be dismissed. That evidentiary hearing is scheduled for Nov 5th, 6th, 7th & 13th before both judges. If the judges do not dismiss the cases against Halgat then he will stand trial on the charges in Jan.

Outlaw bikies aiming to ride with Clive Palmer's Senate inquiry into the Newman Gov't – Oct 2, 2014 – *Australia* – By Greg Stolz; www.CourierMail.com.au - Outlaw bikies are celebrating Clive Palmer's politically motivated inquiry into the Newman Gov't, thanking the billionaire for taking up their fight. As the State & Fed Gov'ts weighed in yesterday – describing the inquiry as “revenge” & a “rort” – Mr. Palmer & Senator Glenn Lazarus found unlikely allies in some of the state's most prominent bikies, who have been smashed into submission by the state's historic anti-gang laws. Both Mr. Palmer & Senator Lazarus have emerged as heroes of the violent motorcycle gangs that police have spent years battling to bring under control, with bikies thanking Palmer for his honest, accountable approach. Senior Rebels bikie gang member & United Motorcycle Council of Queensland spokesman “Little Mick” Kosenko said the Senate probe into the “jackboot Gov't” was sorely needed. “This Gov't has made itself judge, jury & police force,” he said. “They've forgotten about the separation of powers & taken matters into their own hands without any judicial advice. They have gone a long way past what Bjelke-Petersen ever did with some of the laws they've introduced. “Everyone I speak to is in disbelief about what this Gov't has been doing in terms of sacking people, rorting the system & putting innocent people in solitary confinement. “They've got so much push behind them & so much power they think they can do whatever they like.” His message for Mr. Palmer was: “Thanks for trying to bring some honesty & accountability into politics.” Senator Lazarus yesterday said the Newman Gov't's tough bikies laws had been a prompt for the inquiry. “A lot of people will say that (the laws) was a good thing but there are a lot of people I've spoken with that say that was a bad thing,” he told the ABC. Gold Coast criminal lawyer Campbell MacCallum who has represented bikies, including one convicted of viciously bashing a Gold Coast lifeguard, also praised the decision to call the inquiry saying it was “absolutely needed”. MacCallum's clients include violent Black Uhlan bikie Liborio Di Vita, who was convicted in January of bashing a Gold Coast lifeguard, & Bandido Josh Downey who boasted “We run this town” after the anti-bikie laws were introduced. The lawyer said the “oppressive & ill-advised” anti-bikie laws were rushed through. “We'll be interested to see who advised the Gov't & what their agenda was,” MacCallum said. “They clearly had input from the police. The laws have been misused & targeted not only bikies but any person who seems to be in company with another person with no link to any criminal organisation.” The UMCQ has helped bankroll a \$1 million High Court challenge to the State Gov't's Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act & other laws brought in after last year's bikie brawl & police station siege on the Gold Coast. Kosenko said the laws were a “smoke & mirrors” exercise to crush

Queenslanders' rights. “The inquiry will help bring everything to the surface,” Kosenko said. “Hopefully, it'll expose the smoke & mirrors that have been used. “We're especially pleased that the inquiry will look at human rights because that was a big part of the High Court challenge.”

Overblown Bust In Plaquemines Parish - Oct 3, 2014 – *Louisiana* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - A strange case is unfolding in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, a little southeast of New Orleans, that reads like the plot of a Coen brothers film & has attracted much more attention than it would have if the headlines didn't say Bandidos MC. The connection to the Bandidos is minimal. 2 & possibly 3 of 6 people arrested on a variety of charges are members of a Red & Gold club called the LA Riders. And when the case was made public a Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office spokesman named Eric Becnel said details had been withheld about the case because his Dept was sharing “information on the Bandidos” with state & Fed agencies.

Mojo: The merde tempête began when the unnamed nephew of LA Riders Plaquemines Parish chapter Pres Gregory Blanchard was helping a man David Bruce, who may or may not ride with the club, work on a car. Bruce confronted the kid about being high on Mojo, which some older readers might not know is a synthetic cannabinoid. When Bruce told the unnamed nephew he was going to tell his uncle Gregory about it, the intoxicated teenager called the police. Bruce, Blanchard & chapter Sgt at arms Michael Hahn returned before police arrived, escorted the kid to a barn & slapped him around. When sheriff's deputies did arrive Bruce told them they must have the wrong address. Reportedly, the 3 men were dismayed that the nephew was not only stoned but had called police. According to the police statement, “After the deputies left, Mr. Bruce went back to the barn where the victim was tied up in a chair with a rope, & Mr. Bruce actually strangled the victim, allegedly until he passed out.” But of course the deputies were aware the men belonged to a MC so they decided to investigate further. When one entered the barn, according to Becnel, “The 3 suspects informed the deputy that he had actually suffered a seizure from the drug intoxication.”

Clandestine Drug Lab: The deputies then searched the house shared by Blanchard, his wife Amanda, Hahn, Lyndsey Fannin & another teenager named Brandon Franklin. Police found small amounts of the ingredients – including 1 cold pack & 1 gallon of Coleman Camp Fuel – used to produce small amounts of meth implementing the so called “shake n' bake method.” Police & the press in New Orleans have characterized the ingredients as a “clandestine drug lab.” The Sheriff's Office press release said, “Agents also seized 4 firearms, which included 2 pistols & 2 assault rifles, one of which was sawed-off.” The weapons might be more accurately described as an automatic pistol, a small caliber revolver, an M 16 carbine & a lever action rifle with a slightly shortened barrel. The release did not elaborate on the identity of the “agents.” Agents & deputies also seized LA Riders indicia. Blanchard & Hahn were charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment, second-degree battery, operating a clandestine methamphetamine lab & possession of a firearm with a controlled dangerous substance. Hahn was also charged with possession of a sawed-off shotgun. Bruce was charged with second-degree battery. Fannin was charged with operating a clandestine meth lab & possession of drug paraphernalia. Franklin & Mrs. Blanchard were charged with operating a clandestine meth lab.

I think you should live for the moment.
But after that, I doubt I'll think so...

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Miscellaneous Motorcycle Laws:

1. State Funded Rider Education
 - Available for all eligible applicants.
 - Required under age 18.
2. Eye Protection
 - Required unless equipped with wind screen.
3. Passenger Seat
 - Required if carrying a passenger.
4. Passenger Footrests
 - Required if carrying a passenger.
5. Helmet Speakers
 - Single earphone only.
6. Mirror
 - Left & right required by law.
7. Periodic Safety Inspection
 - Required by law upon title transfer.
8. 65 MPH Speed Limit
 - In effect on designated rural interstate highways.

Anti-Discrimination Law: Discrimination on the Basis of Clothing or Club Membership is Illegal...

According to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 49B, Section 8, titled Discrimination by persons, businesses, etc., licensed or regulated by Dept of Licensing & Regulation; "It is unlawful for any person, business, corporation, partnership, co-partnership or association or any other individual, agent, employee or association or any other individual, agent, employee, group or firm which is licensed or regulated by the Dept of Licensing & Regulation... to refuse, withhold, deny or discriminate against any person the accommodations, advantages, facilities, privileges, sales, or services because of the race, sex, creed, color, national origin, marital status, or physical or mental handicap of any person."

The Supreme Court ruled in the case of Cohen v. California, 403 U.S. 15 (1971) that individuals have the constitutional right under the First Amendment to wear clothing which displays writing or designs. In addition, the right of an individual to freedom of association has long been recognized & protected by the United States Supreme Court. Thus, a person's right to wear the clothing of his choice, as well as his right to belong to any club or organization of his choice is constitutionally protected, & persons or establishments who discriminate on the basis of clothing or club membership could be subject to lawsuit Any person has a right to prosecute a civil action for injunctive & other appropriate equitable relief, including the award of compensatory monetary damages.

Talk is cheap...except when Congress does it...
Your mouth is getting too big for your muzzle...
When you talk, other people get hoarse just listening...
We can always tell when you are lying. Your lips move...
If I said anything to you that I should be sorry for, I'm glad...
They say no woman ever made a fool out of you. So who did?
Your conversation is like the waves of the sea. It makes me sick!

Hells Angels case: 4th judge recused – Oct 3, 2014 – *California* – By Leah DeAnda; www.Record-Bee.com - A 4th judge recused himself from the Hells Angels trial on Wed citing potential biases in a more than 3-year-old case. Lawyers for the defense also filed 3 motions on Wed, one of which requests dismissal of charges while accusing District Attorney Deputy Art Grothe of using the criminal proceedings to wage a campaign against Lake County Sheriff Frank Rivero. After discussing the motions filed by atty Michael Clough, who is representing Hells Angels member Nicholas Carrillo, Judge Robert Crone explained his long-term friendship with Judge Richard Martin as the reason for his recusal. Judge Martin had previously abstained from presiding over the case in March 2013 as his son, Brian Martin, was running for election as sheriff at the time. Judge Stephen Hedstrom declined to preside over the case in 2012 without hearing any of the case. He gave the reason that he had a discussion about the case with someone outside of the court, according to Clough. Judge Andrew Blum also recused himself from the case in May, 2013. Blum had presided over a hearing on a motion by Carrillo to obtain discovery of impeachment evidence in the confidential personnel files of Rivero. However, upon Blum's finding that there was no information to disclose to the court & following advice from the District Attorney's Office of info regarding Rivero's status on the Brady List, the defense filed a renewed Pitchess motion to review Rivero's personal files. While Judge Martin denied the motion before recusing himself from the case, Judge David Herrick agreed to conduct a second review of Rivero's files & found some material to be discoverable, ordering it to be disclosed to the defense counsel. Subsequently, Blum recused himself from the case, although he denied holding a bias, according to Clough. Coincidentally, one of the motions Clough brought before Crone on Wed was a motion to dismiss Carrillo's charges on the basis that his rights to have his case heard by a fair & impartial judge had been violated under the circumstances surrounding Judges Blum & Martin's involvement. Clough's motion criticizes Blum for holding "Carrillo to answer on felony charges even though DDA Grothe failed to present any evidence or argument to support his office's decision to charge him & (defendant Josh L.) Johnson with a felony violation Penal Code section 186.22(A) until after he (was) prompted by Judge Blum to suggest that they might be held to answer on aiding & abetting."

According to Clough, following the altercation between the defendants (Carrillo, Johnson & Timothy Bianchi) & a member of the Vagos MC, Carrillo & Johnson were only charged with misdemeanors but were subsequently charged with a Penal Code section 186.22 felony violation for their mere involvement in a gang. However, to receive such a gang-related felony, the charge must be related to another felony charge, rather than a misdemeanor. Clough said Grothe could have originally charged Carrillo & Johnson with felonies for aiding & abetting, but his failure to do so "creates a strong presumption that he didn't believe they committed a felony to begin with." Furthermore, Clough's motion accuses Blum of sharply responding when defense counsel raised questions about relevant evidence he believed was in Rivero's files. Clough's other 2 motions concern the return of evidence seized from Carrillo in 2011 & a second request for dismissal of Carrillo's charges with a lengthy argument showing how Grothe & the DA's Office have improperly used the trial to conduct a smear campaign of Rivero as he approached re-election. The evidence taken from Carrillo's home in 2011, which includes computers, cell phones, a rifle & Xbox, has been held past the 120-day warrant used to seize it. According to a letter provided to Clough Wednesday morning by John Gregore of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, some

examinations of the evidence had not been conducted at all & there did not appear to be any information relevant to the investigation on the evidence that was searched.

In the final motion, Clough asserts that “under the guise of fulfilling their prosecutorial duties to disclose so-called Brady material involving Sheriff Rivero & correcting false testimony,” Grothe & DA Don Anderson have “deliberately & in bad faith” waged a political & possibly personal campaign against Rivero. According to Clough, Rivero became involved in the case after a deputy had investigated the altercation between the defendants & Vagos MC Members at Konocti Vista Casino & closed the case without filing charges. Rivero reportedly initiated a disciplinary procedure against the deputy, went to the casino & acquired some of the security camera footage of the fight. Throughout the case, Clough claims Grothe & Anderson have taken “a series of bizarre actions.” While it represents the prosecutors, the DA’s Office has been in communication with the defense council multiple times, providing information on Rivero’s Brady List status, Clough stated in his motion. Rivero was placed on the Brady List in 2013 by Anderson after providing varying statements during a shooting investigation in 2008, meaning his credibility issues must be disclosed during any court case that calls upon him as a material witness. Another example Clough provides in his argument details the first day of the case’s preliminary hearing in March 2012 when Grothe called Rivero to testify but on the second day, advised the defense that Rivero had falsely testified about the timing of a contact he had with Tribal Chair Tony Jack. Grothe then called one of Rivero’s deputies to establish that his boss’s testimony was false concerning the “relatively immaterial issue.”

However, in Jan 2013, more than a year after Grothe began facilitating the disclosure of Rivero’s info, Grothe & Anderson asserted that Rivero was not a material witness & they did not intend to call him to testify at trial, Clough’s motion continues. Clough summarizes that a “competent prosecutor” would have never called Rivero to testify at the preliminary hearing & would therefore, not have had an obligation to disclose any Brady material to the defendants.

In May 2013, Grothe permitted the defense to reopen the preliminary hearing & cross-examine Rivero, an offer that Clough describes as “absurd.” Clough describes Grothe’s filing on Feb. 5 of a Motion in Liminie, which requests that the court exclude certain evidence or information from the trial, as “possibly the most bizarre action” taken by Grothe. The motion asked the court to order the defense be precluded from introducing a two-page list of information, including alleged evidence of a vehicle collision between Rivero & a pedestrian in Middletown, evidence of any allegations of sexual assault, alleged evidence of Rivero monitoring of LCSO employee emails, evidence regarding any of the facts or law relating to Rivero’s personal grooming or lack of compliance with LCSO personal grooming policies & evidence of Rivero’s alleged false claim of veteran status. “Given the facts of this case & the timing of the motion, the most plausible reason it was filed was to air a laundry list of potentially damaging allegations & innuendo about Rivero just as the campaigns for Lake County sheriff & DA were beginning to heat up,” Clough concludes. “Grothe could not have conceivably believed that the defense had any intention of introducing evidence related to most of the items on this list.” “The motion has no legal basis, nor does it have any factual basis,” Anderson said in response. “We don’t prosecute based on any ill feelings between the sheriff & myself. It’s our position that the Hells Angels is an outlawed, criminal street gang & that’s why it’s being prosecuted.” In

addition, Anderson said Rivero was called in during the early states of the trial “mainly because the Hells Angels was saying he was a material witness.” He was dismissed from being a material witness by the prosecutors because all Rivero did was obtain videos of the assault & through other sources & a subpoena of the casino, the DA’s Office was able to obtain the same information.

In regards to Grothe’s Motion in Liminie, the DA’s office believed the defense may have brought those issues up & as a time-saving measure, it wanted a ruling on what information the court believed was relevant to the case, Anderson said. “What we’re facing here is a lot of maneuvering that doesn’t address the basic facts of whether the Hells Angels were involved in criminal activity,” he added. Grothe did not return phone calls by press time to provide additional comment on Clough’s allegations. On Wed in court, Grothe said the defense counsel was giving “conspiracy theories.”

With the 4 judges recused from the case, & one of them being a retired judge, one Lake County judge is left available to preside over the case: Judge Michael S. Lunas. However, a separate judge is required to preside over the hearing of Clough’s 3 motions & Clough believes the judicial council will have to call in an out-of-county judge, which is likely to come at an extra cost to the county. Today the court will hold a trial readiness hearing to schedule the upcoming trial. The defense has pulled its clients’ time waivers, which means the trial now has to begin within the next 60 days. Clough said he is unsure if his motions will be heard before or during the trial.

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

City in Washington Settles Public Records Lawsuit with Bikers: The city of Kennewick, Washington has settled with a Tacoma motorcyclist & a group of motorcycle clubs who accused the city of violating the state Public Records Act. The city will pay \$45,000 as part of the settlement of 2 lawsuits & will release some of the disputed records, City Attorney Lisa Beaton recently told the city council. The city has not admitted any wrongdoing in the handling of the records requests filed by Edward Goehring & the Washington Confederation of Clubs. Both separately sued Kennewick after they claim they were improperly denied documents, including photos & videos, that Kennewick police took when they cited motorcyclists in separate incidents. Goehring was one of eight motorcyclists stopped by Kennewick police & Benton County sheriff’s deputies in August 2012 & cited for traffic violations. And in April 2013, authorities stopped some motorcyclists from the Washington COCs & cited them for traffic infractions during a gathering in Kennewick. In both cases, Kennewick police pursued information about outlaw motorcycle gangs, according to Beaton. The city, Goehring & the motorcycle club still disagree about some records. However, they agreed to have a third-party arbitrator review those records to decide which should be withheld or redacted & then released, Beaton told the Tri-City Herald. The \$45,000 will come from the city’s risk management fund. Insurance does not cover public record lawsuits, she said. About \$12,400 will go to the WA COC, & Goehring will receive the remainder. As part of the agreement, Goehring & the motorcycle clubs will dismiss their lawsuits with

prejudice, which means they can't be filed again, according to city documents. Goehring & the Washington COCs are represented by the same attorney group, Aid to Injured Motorcyclists Attorneys Marty Fox & Mike Meyers.

Chief of Police Cancels Ocean City Bike Week "No Colors" Policy: A.I.M. Attorney addresses Ocean City's No Colors Policy... Good News (Sept 12, 2014): The Maryland Confederation Of Clubs Attorney Mitchell Greenberg approached the Ocean City Police on Thu, Sept. 11 to address the "NO Colors" policy stated on the Chief of Police Bike Week Rules & Regulations page on the OCPD website. The matter was brought to a quick & friendly close including a personal call to Mitch from Chief of Police Ross Buzzuro who assured the Maryland Aid to Injured Motorcyclists Attorney that all Clubs & Colors are welcome in Ocean City. Mitch in turn assured Chief Buzzuro that the leaders of each Club share his hope for a Safe & Incident-Free bike week. The OCPD also assured Mitch that the "No Colors" language will be removed as soon as possible & that Colors are welcome in Ocean City public areas.

NHTSA Waives Buy-American Requirement for Michigan Rider Training: Because the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration determined that American makers don't offer a small & light enough motorcycle for a Michigan Rider Training Program, the agency has approved their request to waive Fed Buy-American rules to allow the state to purchase foreign-made motorcycles for their courses. The Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning will now use Gov't grant money to buy a fleet of 20 Suzuki training motorcycles, though so-called "Buy America rules" say NHTSA cannot award any funds "unless steel, iron, & manufactured products used in such project are produced in the United States." However, NHTSA is allowed to waive the rules if they are "inconsistent with the public interest" or such materials & products are not produced in the United States in reasonably available quantities or "the inclusion of domestic material will increase the cost of the overall project contract by more than 25%." Finding that "a cost waiver is appropriate for the twenty training motorcycles because domestically produced motorcycles would increase the cost by more than 25%," NHTSA awarded Michigan grant funds to improve rider training.

Virginia Cops Spied on Motorists at Political Rallies: Documents released by the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia confirm that the Virginia State Police used cameras to track motorists attending political events. Automated license plate readers (ALPR) are used by L.E. agencies throughout the country, ostensibly to fight crime by finding stolen cars. But a March 18, 2009 state police memo also documents the use of the "Help Eliminate Auto Theft" camera to identify attendees at 2008 campaign events for then-Democratic Pres nominee Barack Obama & Republican V.P. nominee Sarah Palin. It was not until 2012 that the state police chief asked for an official determination of the legality of the license plate reader program, & in a Feb 13, 2013 ruling, Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli blasted the "passive" use of recording the comings & goings of innocent drivers who are not part of an ongoing criminal investigation. "Its future value to any investigation of criminal activity is wholly speculative," Cuccinelli wrote. "Therefore, with no exemption applicable to it, the collection of license plate reader data in the passive manner does not comport with the Data Act's strictures & prohibitions, & may not lawfully be done."

Tag, You're It: In a survey of 2,000 licensed adult men & women across the country, Carinsurance.com found that half or more of

America's drivers would support the use of special license plates to identify certain drivers on the road:

- 49.4% support license plates identifying drivers older than 70.
- 57.9% support license plates identifying novice drivers.
- 59.8% support license plates identifying those convicted of texting while driving.
- 69.1% support license plates identifying those convicted of a DUI.

Anti-Pollution Rules in Spanish Capital Favor Motorcycles: New anti-pollution regulations in Spain's capital Madrid exempt motorcycles during restrictive hours. Effective the 1st day of 2015, no non-resident will be allowed in the center of the city, but these restrictions do not apply to motorcycles, which are free to roam the center of Madrid. Still the exemption is only valid between 7am & 10 pm, but it's important to note that the mayor of a big city understands that bikes are a solution in the urban clutter & not the problem.

Bikers VS. ISIS: "Netherlands Okays Biker Gangs to Fight Islamic State": The Dutch public prosecutor has announced that "motorbike gang members" who have joined Kurds battling the Islamic State group are not necessarily committing any crime. Members of the infamous 'No Surrender' MC are fighting against Islamic State militants in northern Iraq, & public prosecutor spokesman Wim de Bruin told the AFP news service, "Joining a foreign armed force was previously punishable, now it's no longer forbidden." Many countries including the Netherlands have been clamping down on their nationals trying to join ISIS jihadists who have taken over swathes of Iraq & Syria. Measures include confiscating would-be jihadists' passports before travelling & threatening prosecution should they return. "You just can't join a fight against the Netherlands," he told AFP after reports emerged that the Dutch bikers were fighting ISIS insurgents alongside Kurdish troops in the Middle East. In Nov 1965, Ralph "Sonny" Barger of the Hells Angels MC sent a letter to Pres Lyndon Johnson at the White House offering tactical support for the war effort: "I volunteer a group of loyal Americans for behind-the-line duty in Vietnam. We are available for training & duty immediately."

Snitch Alert -- Australian Biker Reward System Deemed Unsuccessful: In Oct 2013, Police Minister in the Australian state of Queensland, Jack Dempsey, announced Queensland's Crime Stoppers would be allocated \$5 million in reward funding for information about criminal gangs or bikers. But so far only \$1,150 has been paid out. Dr. Terry Goldsworthy, Bond Univ Criminologist, said the information being provided has not necessarily helped the crackdown on bikers. "[Crime Stoppers] have received about 1200 pieces of information," he said. "124 offenders have been arrested in relation to drug & property & weapon matters, but interestingly though, only 22 people can actually be able to have shown to have any links to any criminal organizations - it'd interesting to see how many of those 22 were actually bikers." Between 2000 & 2010 the Queensland police -- a separate organization from Crime Stoppers -- paid out \$900,000 in rewards, & although figures weren't available for Crime Stoppers, Dr. Goldsworthy said they'd be quite different to QPS figures. He said the reward campaign has not had the outcome the Gov't anticipated... "This reward system has been highly advertised, & to only have one successful pay out, indicates to me that I don't think it's a success."

British Police Appeal for Info on Booby Trap: Police in Totton, Hampshire U.K. are investigating after a piece of thick string was

found tied across a road at neck height, posing a distinct danger to motorcyclists. It had been tied between lampposts either side of a residential street, & “The string could have caused serious injury & even a broken neck,” according to the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG-UK). “It was spotted by a passer-by at night time, when it would have been difficult for riders to see.” Totton councilor Chris Lagdon said: “The morons responsible must be tracked down by the police & made to face the full force of the law. As a motorcycle rider myself I know how dangerous something like that can be. It was an atrocious thing to do & I’m absolutely disgusted that an incident of this sort has occurred in Totton.” Mog Morrison, head of the New Forest Motor Cycle Action Group, said: “If this was some sort of prank involving youngsters I hope the police or their parents take them to one side & educate them about the potential consequences of their actions... This sort of thing has killed people in the past.” Totton Police Tweeted following the incident on Tue, Oct 13: “Unknown persons have placed green string across Water Lane near Bagber Road. Any information?”

Weird News: Hormel Motorcycle Runs on Bacon Grease: Hormel Foods Corp. headed out on the highway with a motorcycle designed to run on bacon grease. The Austin, Minnesota-based company created a new marketing campaign in time for the International Bacon Film Festival in San Diego in late August, & rode the bacon bike from Minnesota to California. America runs on bacon, & so does this bike -- getting about 100 mpg -- & the exhaust smells like bacon! Hormel & marketing firm BBDO Minneapolis sponsored the world’s first motorcycle that runs on organic biodiesel made of refined bacon grease, & a team of 12 travelled with a rider during the trip to document the journey for a film, “Driven By Bacon,” which was shown at the film festival this year. Charlie Smithson of CSE Engineering & Taylor Bamber, Smithson’s work partner, custom designed the motorcycle based on a rare 2011 Track T-800CDI diesel model. Grease is an abundant fuel source, as hotels & restaurants in the United States generate 3 billion gallons of waste cooking oil per year, which could fill tanker trucks parked bumper-to-bumper from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. & back. Hormel representatives say the marketing push is an exciting opportunity to spread the word about Hormel’s Black Label Bacon brand & the pig-powered hog will likely be used as a promotional tool in the future. Once the film is complete, the motorcycle could be displayed at the Spam Museum.

Quotable Quote: “Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.” ~ Gov’t posters in the city of Chicago (1928) - original authorship unknown

Lakeport Fight Still In Legal Limbo - Oct 6, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - In early June 2011, a guy named James Bauman who at the time was the Public Information Officer for the Lake County, California Sheriff’s Office, issued a press release that began: “A member of the Vagos outlaw motorcycle gang has been brutally beaten by a group of full-patched members of the Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gang during a tattoo conference at the Konocti Vista Resort & Casino. “On Sat, June 4th at approximately 1:20 pm, sheriff’s deputies responded to the Konocti Vista Casino after security reported that 4 to 5 Hells Angels were involved in a physical fight. Deputies arrived within minutes of the call & stopped a group of fully patched Hells Angels who were walking out of the resort’s conference center. “As the group of Hells Angels were telling deputies that they knew nothing about a fight, resort

security personnel alerted deputies to a green SUV leaving the resort that was reportedly occupied by the victim. The green SUV was stopped by deputies a short distance from the resort. The passenger in the SUV, identified as 39-year-old Michael Anthony Burns of Lakeport, was bleeding about the head & face, his face was swollen & he had a laceration under his right eye. Burns however, denied being involved in any altercation & alleged that his injuries occurred as the result of a ‘fall.’ “Although Burns was a known validated member of the Vagos motorcycle gang, a rival club of the Hells Angels, he was released from further detention since he adamantly denied being assaulted. The group of Hells Angels also left the resort.”

The Prosecution: Nevertheless, because the alleged incident involved members of 2 brand name motorcycle clubs various law enforcement agencies were eager to make a case. “Deputies,” Baumann said, “reviewed footage from the resort’s security surveillance system” & “worked into the night” to find something for which they could arrest somebody. In Baumann’s version, the motive for all this dedicated police work was public safety. Although no member of the general public ever seemed to be in danger, Baumann “reminded” the world “that the Hells Angels & the Vagos have a documented history of extreme violence & retaliation. Based on that history, the Lake County Sheriff’s Office expects retaliation & further acts of violence.” The release included photographs of Vagos & Angels & Baumann told those whom he had pledged to protect & serve that “the patches depicted in the pictures are typical of these gangs. Individuals wearing these patches are members of these outlaw motorcycle gangs & should be considered dangerous.” Interestingly, the photograph of Hells Angels Baumann chose to include with his release depicted members of the club in Germany – which is very far from California.

The Story Continues: Eventually the FBI joined the investigation. Three alleged members of the Hells Angels Sonoma charter named Timothy R. Bianchi, Nicholas F. Carrillo & Josh L. Johnson were arrested & charged with battery & fighting in public & a grand drama ensued. Superstar outlaw biker authority Jorge Gil-Blanco was booked to testify at trial. Prosecutors, as is the custom in biker cases, hid potentially exculpatory evidence from defense attorneys. One of the facts prosecutors hid was that the Lake County Sheriff at the time of the fight, Frank Rivero, had a documented history of lying under oath. Defenders raised the possibility that the incident had been provoked by a Vago who was working as an informant for the local sheriff. The charges against the defendants were amended to include a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon which made possible a “gang enhancement.” Eventually the case became politically toxic. The original judge in the case, Stephen Hedstrom recused himself because, he said, he had discussed the case with someone outside the court. Because of what is practically inbreeding between judges & cops in Lake County, a judge named Andrew Blum felt compelled to quit the case in 2013. Then a judge named Richard Martin refused to hear the case when his son, Brian Martin, ran for Lake County Sheriff. Last week a fourth judge named Robert L. Crone quit the case citing his “long term friendship” with Judge Martin. But the case continues. The 3 defendants are still charged with feloniously attacking a man who refused to file charges against them. They are still stuck with a gang enhancement. There may yet be a trial. Gil-Blanco may yet testify. The obvious question would seem to be why.

I’ve just learned about his illness.
Let’s hope it’s nothing trivial. -Irvin S. Cobb

Two bikers killed execution style, & Kingsmen won't help police – Oct 6, 2014 – *New York* – By Dan Herbeck; www.BuffaloNews.com - Kingsmen not providing info to police... Daniel "DJ" Szymanski, a fearsome-looking, heavily tattooed 350-pound biker described by friends & family as "a gentle giant," showed up in mid-August for a charity event in Amherst. "Sorry I'm late," Szymanski told 2 friends. "We had some problems down in Jamestown. Another club was trying to take over our Jamestown clubhouse." Szymanski spoke that day about his devotion to the Kingsmen MC & its lifestyle. "I'm the 3rd-ranking member of our club in all of New York State," the 31-year-old Getzville man proudly told one friend. Less than 3 weeks later, Szymanski was dead. He & another Kingsman – Paul Maue, a 38-year-old father of 6 – were slain outside the Kingsmen clubhouse on Oliver St in North Tonawanda. They were killed "execution style" – shot in the back of their heads at close range, police said. The 2 men had been partying with other Kingsmen inside the clubhouse. They left the clubhouse about 3 a.m., & got into a car with Maue behind the wheel. They never made it out of the small parking area behind the clubhouse. While no arrests have been made, investigators believe the 2 were targeted for assassination because of their biker activities. Both had held leadership roles in local Kingsmen chapters. Although police say they are not yet certain of the motive, investigators told *The Buffalo News* they believe the killings may be linked to efforts by competing biker gangs to persuade other members of the Kingsmen to leave & – "patch over to" – other biker organizations. So far, the small number of bikers & biker associates who were in the clubhouse early that morning have provided little help to investigators, according to North Tonawanda Police Chief William R. Hall. "They're not cooperating, & I'm disappointed," Hall said. "There was a group of people there that night. It happened right outside their clubhouse. Obviously, someone saw what happened, but people are telling us they didn't see a thing." Alicia Bouchard, who lived with Maue in Buffalo for the past 18 years & is the mother of his 3 youngest children, said she hopes someone will come forward & help police solve the crime. "These are 2 guys who left behind a lot of friends & family members who loved them," Bouchard said. "They were good guys, fun-loving guys. I can't think of anyone who would hate them so much to do this to them."

Trying to break up bikers: The Kingsmen have been one of the region's most dominant biker organizations for 4 decades, with 6 local chapters with perhaps 100 members, police said. But other biker groups are now trying to push the Kingsmen aside, scoop up their members & take over their clubhouses, one knowledgeable police official said. And that has sparked several confrontations over the past 18 months, authorities said, "There has been some very serious stuff going on behind the scenes," said one law enforcement official. "There have been hostilities, home invasions, break-ins, beatings, fights, thefts of weapons ... Some are reported to the police, some not." In addition, some disputes have erupted within the Kingsmen organization. One incident that was reported to police happened at a Kingsmen clubhouse in Lockport on Aug. 31, 2013. At least 4 bikers broke into the clubhouse on North Transit Rd, attacking a Kingsman who was sleeping inside the clubhouse with punches, baseball bats & the butt of a gun, Lockport police said. One of the intruders pointed a gun at the victim while his cohorts stole a H-D motorcycle, several rifles & shotguns, a quantity of ammunition, a cellphone & cases of beer & liquor. The intruders also stole a video surveillance system "that would have captured the event from several camera angles," police said. The Kingsman who was attacked & beaten that night was treated for multiple injuries in a

Lockport hospital. Police said he told them he was attacked by other members of the same Kingsmen chapter. Four men were arrested & all pleaded guilty, Lockport Police said. The attackers were "old Kingsmen" who used to run the chapter, & the victim was one of the 'new Kingsmen' who had taken over the chapter," one police officer told *The News*. "This was a very violent attack," another officer added. "The thing that surprised me the most is that they reported it to the police," said Lockport Police Chief Lawrence Eggert, who has been dealing with Kingsmen in his city for 36 years. What is to be gained by one biker organization taking over the territory of another? Police say some – not all – bike club members are involved in lucrative criminal activity, including the sales of drugs & weapons. Granted, law-abiding people ride with the gangs & party with them, said Steve Cook, a police detective & biker gang expert from Kansas. "But many of the outlaw gangs & their subordinates are involved with criminal activity," he said. "Biker clubs are constantly poaching members from other clubs."

Settling things 'their way': When conflicts occur, bikers like to take care of problems themselves. Former Erie County District Atty Frank Clark, who retired in 2008, remembers bikers giving "very little cooperation" to police after 2 biker gang leaders were slain during a brawl & shootout at Lancaster Speedway in Oct 1994. More than 100 shots were fired during that a battle between members of 2 of the nation's biggest biker gangs – the Outlaws & the Hells Angels. Guns, knives, bulletproof vests, brass knuckles & other weapons of gang warfare were recovered at the race track. Dozens of people, at least, witnessed the hostilities, but no one was ever convicted of the killings. "The sense we got was that these guys did not want to help the police, even though close friends of theirs had been killed in broad daylight," Clark recalled. "The sense we got was, 'Don't worry, we'll take care of things ourselves.'" Buffalo defense atty Thomas Eoannou has represented several Kingsmen bikers over the past 20 years. "My experience with them has always been that they don't cooperate with the police. They just don't," Eoannou said. And Kingsmen have been targeted for violence before – long before the incidents in North Tonawanda & Lockport. Martin Burke, Pres of a local Kingsman chapter, was shot & killed in June 1992. Police said it was an argument over drugs in a parking lot near the Lockport clubhouse. Years later, a Kingsman from Wyoming County pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the case. Four years after that, police said a brawl between Kingsmen & rivals from the Chosen Few broke out along the State Thruway in Silver Creek. After the brawl, 3 bikers ended up in the hospital, but all 3 declined to press charges. In Sept 1997, a gun fight outside a West Seneca bar between Kingsmen & rival bikers ended with one biker being shot in the chest; he survived. In May 2005, a local Kingsman leader survived a shooting by a rival biker on Connecticut Street, on Buffalo's West Side. In May 2008, another Kingsman was dragged off his H-D in Buffalo & beaten with fists & clubs. An informant for the FBI, wearing a recording device, was riding with the attackers that night. But while police have had informants in the gangs, the gangs have had help within police Depts. Laurie Staley-Stone, a former Hamburg police detective, was accused of providing police computer information about a local Kingsman leader & his family to the rival Chosen Few. The info was wanted to plan an attack on the Kingsman, Fed prosecutors said. Staley-Stone was convicted & sentenced to 4 months in Fed prison in 2009.

Looks can be deceiving: The Kingsmen clubhouse on Oliver Street in North Tonawanda is located in a working class neighborhood near several bars, 2 funeral homes, a couple of auto

repair shops, & many middle-class homes, some just steps away from where the 2 Kingsmen were slain. Neighbors said the bikers are good neighbors, & they were not aware of any previous violence at the clubhouse. "Their reputation kind of intimidates people, but I have never known Kingsmen to cause any trouble in this neighborhood," said one man who has operated a business near the clubhouse for more than 20 years. "They're pretty nice guys," said Peter Witt, owner of Witter's sports bar & restaurant a few doors away from the clubhouse. "It's not like what you see on TV with the Sons of Anarchy. We run a \$3.99 spaghetti special on Wednesdays, & they like our spaghetti. They're good with our customers, & good with us." Witt said the Kingsmen he knew were quick to offer themselves as volunteers for neighborhood litter cleanups & charity events. He called the shootings a "tragedy," & said the crime was unsettling to him & others who live or work nearby. "It's shaken people up around here," he said. "It makes you nervous." Several sources said North Tonawanda police are making progress in the investigation, & they are being assisted by other agencies including the FBI, Homeland Security & state police. North Tonawanda police have videotapes from the Kingsmen clubhouse security cameras, obtained through a court order hours after the slayings, according to L.E. officials.

Families distraught: Barbara & Sigmund Szymanski say they don't know anything about feuding biker gangs. What they do know is their son was taken from them. "There was warmth & goodness in our son," said Barbara Szymanski, bursting into tears several times during an interview with a reporter. DJ Szymanski was a Williamsville North High School graduate who also attended classes at Canisius College & played football at both schools. Although their son was an imposing figure, standing well over 6 feet tall, weighing 350 pounds & full of biker tattoos, he was sweet & gentle with friends & family, his parents said. Szymanski could bench press 475 pounds, & he played both offensive & defensive line for his high school team, his father said. His son also was a self-taught computer wizard who worked in information technology for a company in North Buffalo, his father added. "When you looked at DJ, he scared some people because of his size, but he was a big teddy bear," he said. Sigmund Szymanski said he doesn't know anything about his son's role with the Kingsmen, but said his son loved his motorcycle & the friendships he made in the Kingsmen. "On a nice day, he'd get on his bike, head off into the country, & ride hundreds of miles. He loved riding," Sigmund Szymanski said. "He loved his friends in the Kingsmen. If one of them got hurt or sick, he'd be the first to the hospital to visit. The Kingsmen gave him a way to express his feelings." Maue was an auto mechanic who had 6 children, ranging in age from 3 to 20, said Bouchard, who lived with him. Maue & Szymanski were "very good friends" who spent a lot of time together, she said. According to Bouchard, Maue had no criminal record other than a pending driving-while-intoxicated charge. She said that, to her knowledge, neither Maue or Szymanski had any record of violent crimes. With Maue dead, she now must raise their 3 children – ages 3, 7 & 10 – by herself. Bouchard said her youngest child keeps asking her when daddy is coming home. "Paul was a quiet, fun-loving guy. If somebody had no coat, no food, he would try to help them. Last year, he was out getting donations of turkeys for the food bank at Thanksgiving," she said. "He & DJ were not horrible people. They weren't bad guys.... I keep asking myself why this would happen to these 2 guys." North Tonawanda Police wonder the same thing.

Wild brawl stops drugs & firearms court hearing - Oct 6, 2014 - *Australia* - By Andrew Jefferson; www.HeraldSun.com.au -

Police will examine court security footage after a wild brawl broke out at the start of a hearing for 9 men & a woman facing drugs & firearms charges. Mohammed Khodr, the Pres of the Darkside chapter of the Hells Angels, Amir Khodr, James Turner, Chris Milikouros, Chris Razos, Cuang Hoang, Michael Barbaro, Dimi Sovolos, Logo Afuie & Alyce Bertola were arrested in February, during raids by Victoria Police's anti-bikie Echo Taskforce. Thousands of phone conversations were intercepted by police & a number of undercover operatives were used during Operation Statim. Raids on garages in an industrial complex in Boronia were said to have uncovered drugs, guns, & ammunition. Four of the accused were brought into the dock at the Melbourne Magistrates' Court from custody on Mon. The other 6, & a number of imposing men, sat in court. As Amir Khodr approached his brother, Mohammed, to offer a handshake, a court security officer asked the brothers not to touch. An ugly brawl then began in the dock as one of the accused men shouted: "You're a rat." It is unclear at whom the remark was aimed. Several security officers were needed to restrain an aggressive Mohammed Khodr. Court proceedings were delayed by 30 minutes as the warring men were taken back into custody. Protective glass was placed across the dock, & a number of Protective Services Officers were stationed in the court. Two undercover police operatives gave evidence to the court via video link, having been excused from giving their evidence in person for safety reasons. Razos, Milikouros & Amir Khodr all pleaded guilty to trafficking drugs. They are expected to be sentenced on Tue. Lawyer Emma Turnbull said the 3 men were not members of the Hells Angels MC & had had no affiliation to the club at the time of the offences. Detective Senior Constable Daniel Prato is expected to give evidence against the other men today. The cases against Mr. Turner, Mr. Hoang & Ms. Bertola were adjourned to Tue.

Biker violence - Oct 7, 2014 - *N.Y.* - By www.BuffaloNews.com
Oct 1993 – Rivals throw 2 hand grenades that explode in a home owned by Buffalo Outlaws leader Walter Posnjak. A woman & 2 children sleeping in the home are unhurt.

Oct 1994 – A gun-&knife fight involving an estimated 40 bikers at Lancaster Speedway results in the deaths of Posnjak & Mike Quale, a Hells Angels leader. No one is ever convicted of the slayings; hundreds of bikers from all over the U.S. attend the 2 funerals.

July 1996 – Three bikers are hospitalized after fight between Kingsmen & Chosen Few members along State Thruway in Silver Creek. Injured bikers refuse to press charges.

Sept 1997 – Gunfight between Kingsman & Chosen Few outside a West Seneca bar; 1 biker suffers a gunshot wound to the chest. He survives.

April 2004 – Rival bikers firebomb the Lonely Ones clubhouse in Blasdell. Several people sleeping inside escape injury.

May 2005 – Police say a rival biker shoots a Kingsman on Connecticut Street on the city's West Side; he is unhurt.

Aug 2008 – Rival bikers pull a Kingsman off his Harley on a Buffalo street & beat him with fists, clubs & ax handles. An FBI informant, wearing a recording device, is riding with the attackers.

Summer 2008 – State police arrest a Buffalo biker & find 31 pipe bombs in his car. Police believe the bombs were to be used to blow up a Kingsman clubhouse.

May 2009 – A Kingsman leader & another biker are charged by police with firing 12 shots at a Chosen Few clubhouse in Depew. No one is injured.

Aug 2013 – Rival bikers storm a Kingsman clubhouse in Lockport, beating up a Kingsman, damaging the clubhouse & stealing numerous items, including security cameras.

No Harm in Blowing up Angels' Clubhouse – Oct 7, 2014 – *California* - By Reni Anguelova; www.CourtHouseNews.com - The United States need not face trespass & nuisance charges from a Hells Angel who complained that Fed agents blew up his clubhouse while serving warrants, a Fed judge ruled. Maurice Peter Eunice sued Uncle Sam in Jan 2013, claiming DEA agents needlessly blew up his clubhouse in El Cajon to show off for the media. Agents had a warrant, but Eunice claims they could have just asked him for a key, & that no one was inside when they blew it up but a frightened dog named Molly. U.S. District Judge Gonzalo Curiel on Oct. 1 this year dismissed the 2 remaining charges - trespass & nuisance - & closed the case. In his summary of the case, Curiel wrote that Eunice had been a member of the Hells Angels since 1994, that he bought the property in El Cajon, east of San Diego, in 1995, & began leasing it to another Angel in 1996 for use as a clubhouse. "All 3 buildings on the property are used solely for the Hells Angels clubhouse," Curiel noted. Eunice claimed the DEA was showing off for TV when it blew up his clubhouse on Aug. 3, 2011. "These agents held animus & ill will toward members of the Hells Angels. They wanted to punish, deter & intimidate Mr. Eunice who leased his properties to the Hells Angels to use as their clubhouse," Eunice said in his original complaint. He sought damages for intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence, trespass to land, private nuisance, & violation of his civil rights under California's Bane Act. But Judge Curiel was not persuaded. He noted in his 8-page ruling that it was a "high-risk search warrant" & that "(t)here were eleven arrest warrants & 8 search warrants related to the case." The search warrant was valid so there was no trespass to land, & the SWAT team, not the DEA, set off the "breaching charges & flash bangs," the judge said. He granted summary judgment to the Gov't & closed the case.

NSW bikie consorting laws upheld: High Court – Oct 7, 2014 – *Australia* – By Elizabeth Byrne; <http://AU.News.Yahoo.com> - The High Court in Canberra has upheld the New South Wales anti-consorting laws, which make it an offence for convicted criminals to repeatedly associate with each other. Three men challenged the laws on the grounds that they infringed the implied right to freedom of association & that they were at odds with Australia's Internat'l obligations. But the NSW Gov't argued the law served a legitimate end. Today the court found the law is valid & there was no such right to freedom of association. It also found that although the law did affect the freedom of political communication, it served a legitimate end. The court also dismissed claims the law was at odds with the Internat'l Covenant on Civil & Political Rights because that was not in Commonwealth legislation. The laws carry maximum penalties of 3 years in jail & a \$16,500 fine for people who repeatedly consort with convicted offenders after being warned by police. Two of the men behind the challenge belong to the Nomads bikie gang but the 3rd man is not a bikie & was charged with consorting with his housemate. The case is the latest in a series of High Court battles between bikie gangs & state Gov'ts.

Chambly wants Hells Angels out – Oct 7, 2014 – *Canada* - By Trudie Mason; www.CJAD.com - The mayor of Chambly on the South Shore is trying to chase the Hells Angels out of his community's industrial park. Police recently informed Mayor Denis Lavoie that a small warehouse had become a biker gang hang-out so Lavoie decided the city would not issue a business permit. La Presse reports that since then, the owner of the property has been fined \$150 a day. He is defiant, saying the warehouse is for automotive & motorcycle work & the city should not be worried about his business partners.

Rock Machine 2.0: A dark chapter re-written? - Oct 7, 2014 - *Canada* – By <http://blogs.MontrealGazette.com> - A man alleged to be a leader in a newly resurrected version of the Rock Machine motorcycle gang was arrested Sun & was charged Mon in Valleyfield with drug possession. Jean-François Emard, 38, was arrested during a routine police operation. At 38, Emard was all of 8-years old-when a bloody gang war broke out between a 20th century version of the Rock Machine & the Hells Angels. By the time the shootings & bombings had stopped in 2002, more than 160 people were dead, several of them innocent bystanders, & Quebec's police forces had finally been galvanized into recognizing the role criminal biker gangs played in Quebec's illegal drug trade & how far they were prepared to expand it. And in the end, the Rock Machine had been declared the loser of that gang war. But Emard has given at least 2 interviews to media in recent months where he has confirmed his leadership role in the MC but denied it is a rival organization to the Hells, the most powerful gang of its kind in the world. But if it isn't positioning itself for some kind of role in the gang hierarchy, what exactly is it doing here in Quebec 12 years after apparently losing its power base? We asked that question to Gazette police reporter Paul Cherry.

Go, Go, Go! – Oct 7, 2014 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The thin grey line between Fed justice & a cheesy Bruce Willis movie just got a little fainter. In a substantially redacted summary judgment, a Fed district judge in San Diego named Gonzalo P. Curiel (above) ruled last Wed that a Hells Angel named Maurice Peter "Pete" Eunice could not sue the Drug Enforcement Administration for property damage caused by a very violent raid on the Hells Angels clubhouse in El Cajon, Calif on Aug 2, 2011. Eunice owns the property & has rented it to the motorcycle club since 1996. Eunice filed 2 suits against multiple Fed & local policemen on June 29, 2012 & Jan 2, 2013. The court consolidated the 2 suits in Sept 2013. The raid seemed to be clearly intended to dramatically punish the Hells Angels charter by destroying the clubhouse on television. Although the DEA told the television crews that covered the stunt that the Agency was serving arrest warrants, the only occupant of the building at the time of the raid was a dog named Molly.

Pete Eunice's Version: In the suit filed in Jan 2013, Eunice told the story this way: "At the time that the agents blew up the doors & windows to his property, they knew that Mr. Eunice owned these properties. These agents knew Mr. Eunice's contact information & they knew how to obtain the keys to the properties. Agents knew that there were no tenants inside the building. They did not contact Mr. Eunice. They instead contacted members of the media & multiple media outlets came to the properties." "Instead of contacting Mr. Eunice, they blew up the doors & windows using multiple explosives. These agents knew that there was no reason to blow up Mr. Eunice's property. They acted out of malice in order to intimidate Mr. Eunice. These agents held animus & ill will toward members of the Hells Angels. They wanted to punish, deter & intimidate Mr. Eunice who leased his properties to the Hells Angels to use as their club house. Mr. Eunice had a due process right to be free from the arbitrary exercise of the powers of Gov't. These agents including Doe defendants made a deliberate decision to deprive Mr. Eunice of his property." "After they caused explosions & a fire at the property, causing extensive damage to the frame & foundation of the buildings, Patrick Ryan called Mr. Eunice to let him know that he should come out to the property. The explosion was of such magnitude that the City had to shut off the main pipes that run deep beneath the properties due to the damage to the pipes & water leaks. Agents Ryan, Kelly, Mervos, Watrous, Kingkade &

DOE defendants knew that three-year old dog Molly, was in the courtyard of the properties. They knew that using explosives would frighten the dog & cause physical harm to her. After the explosions, these agents let Molly out of the property & out into traffic on El Cajon Boulevard.” “After agents gained entry into the properties, they continued their destruction by smashing windows & throwing the photographs off of the walls & stepping on the faces of the people depicted in the photographs.” “When Mr. Eunice arrived on his properties, he was met with 6 to 9 law enforcement officers around the perimeter. Two officers carrying AR-15s & other L.E. officials kept him outside for approximately thirty to forty minutes as they continued their destruction inside the properties. Patrick Ryan handed Mr. Eunice a copy of the warrant. Agents told Mr. Eunice that they were turning the building over to him to deal with the destruction.”

The Judgment: Eunice sued for intentional infliction of emotional distress, negligence, trespass to land & private nuisance. For almost 2 years, the governmental defendants whittled down the case with a blizzard of motions until the only claims that remained were for trespass & nuisance. And, in the end Judge Curiel seemed to ignore common sense by ruling that there were flaws in Eunice’s case. First, the damage was done during the service of a Fed search warrant. Patrick Ryan, the DEA agent in charge of the operation, presumably because he was serving a warrant on Hells Angels, decreed that it was a “high risk” search. And, since Eunice did not legally “challenge the validity of the search warrant,” it was a legal search. Next, Curiel made much of the fact that it was the El Cajon Police Swat Team that blew up the clubhouse, not the DEA. Eunice had argued that it might as well have been the DEA because the 2 police forces were cooperating. But Curiel wrote that, “based on the facts before the Court, there is no indication that the DEA & the Swat team worked jointly in the execution of the entry into the Clubhouse. Moreover, Plaintiff provides no legal authority or additional facts that liability can be imputed to the United States of America based on joint action. Accordingly, Plaintiff has not demonstrated that there are genuine issues of material facts as to whether Defendant United States of America can be liable....” Eunice had also argued that blowing up the clubhouse was actionable because it was legally a nuisance. But again, for the third time in his judgment, Cruel decided that the left hand & the right hand in the destruction of the clubhouse were totally independent of one another. Cruel wrote: “Again, the threshold issue is whether the DEA can be liable for the conduct of the Swat team. Plaintiff alleges that since the Swat team was under the DEA’s direction, it is liable for private nuisance based on the use of the flash bangs & breaching charges. However, Plaintiff has not demonstrated that there are genuine issues of material facts as to whether Defendant can be liable for a claim of private nuisance. The facts show that the Swat team, not the DEA, executed the flash bangs & breaching charges. Plaintiff presents no additional facts or case law that Defendant would be liable for the acts of the Swat team.” What Cruel did, after 18 months, was legitimize the DEA’s plausible deniability. “Based on the above, the Court grants Defendant United States of America’s supplemental motion for summary judgment on the 2 remaining causes of action for trespass to land & private nuisance. The hearing set for October 10, 2014 shall be vacated. The Clerk of Court shall issue judgment & close the case.” It is a judgment that will probably make official scoundrels everywhere smile. Victims of official overkill, not so much.

Sex & Calories: They say that during sex you burn off as many calories as running 8 miles. Who the hell runs 8 miles in 15 seconds?

Cops Stumped – Oct 8, 2014 – *New York* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Print & electronic media throughout New York state have been pounding the drums the last 2 days about a month-old double murder in suburban Buffalo. And, considering the officials who are publically identified with the case it is not hard to connect the dots. About 3 in the morning on September 6, 2 members of the Kingsmen MC named Daniel “DJ” Szymanski, & Paul Maue were shot outside the Kingsmen’s North Tonawanda chapter clubhouse. Reporters crawled all over the crime scene the next dawn so some details of the murder & the events that may have led to them made it into the public record. A woman named Jessica Willard who lives next door to the clubhouse told WIVB, “I was outside when I heard the shots & I come out front & I seen a bunch of people run.” “There was arguing,” she said. “There was extremely loud arguing & then right after the arguing there was the 2 gunshots & then it didn’t take the police long to get here.”

Dispute: The Buffalo News reported 2 days ago that a month before he died Szymanski told friends, “We had some problems down in Jamestown. Another club was trying to take over our Jamestown clubhouse.” The News also reported that Szymanski was the third ranking member of the Kingsmen in New York. Police have said the 2 men were both shot in the back of their heads “execution style” while sitting in the front seat of a car. Police have also speculated semi-publically that the men may have been killed as part of a territorial dispute between 2 factions within the Kingsmen or as the result of a territorial dispute with some other club. Steve Cook, who describes himself as an “Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Expert & Documentary TV Personality,” thinks another club may be trying to patch over Kingsmen & the murder may have something to do with that.

The Feds: So far police are officially stumped which explains the press blitz. The headline in the Houston Chronicle read “Cops: No cooperation in slayings of 2 bikers.” The Buffalo News screamed “Kingsmen Won’t Help,” & the New York Daily News said “Upstate bikers remain tight-lipped.” William J. Hochul, Jr., who is the United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, told WGRZ that the ATF & the FBI were both investigating the murders. “We are working with our law enforcement partners to try & assist the local police department in identifying those who killed those 2 members of the Kingsmen,” Hochul told the television station. “The case is being investigated right now by North Tonawanda police, but certainly the FBI & ATF have resources & experience in these kinds of cases.” It seems unlikely that the authorities won’t eventually find somebody to blame. This isn’t the first time Hochul (photo above) has tried to slap a Buffalo motorcycle club with a Fed indictment. In March 2009 he brought a racketeering indictment against the Chosen Few MC which has had a strained relationship with the Kingsmen since at least 1997. That indictment was dismissed in Dec 2011.

Wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services (Continued):

- **And this one** just about sums them all up The Associate Minister unveiled the Church’s new campaign slogan last Sunday: ‘I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.

- **Low Self Esteem Support Group** will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.

Did Noah Fish? A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?” “No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just 2 worms.

Australia Saved! – Oct 8, 2014 – *Australia* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - No matter how bad you think the emerging American police state is, it is worse in Australia. Yesterday Task Force Echo, the four-year-old PD formed to fight “gang violence” in Melbourne, arrested an alleged Hells Angel named Peter “Skitzo” Hewat (photo above) & charged him with 49 offenses after a car in which he was riding was stopped by the special police group. Charges include resisting police, possessing a dangerous article, handling stolen goods & possessing poison. “In the vehicle in which Mr. Hewat was travelling was an aluminum baseball bat under the driver’s seat,” Task Force Echo spokesman Detective Acting Sgt Chris O’Brien explained. Police also allege that Hewat was in possession of a blister pack of Viagra, which O’Brien characterized as a “poison.” O’Brien also said the car was stopped because it had “stolen wheels.” Police subsequently searched Hewat’s home & tow truck business & his son’s home & claimed to have found closed circuit video footage of Hewat driving while his license was suspended.

Flight Risk: At his initial hearing police asked that Hewat be held without bail. O’Brien called Hewat an “unacceptable risk.” Hewat protested, “I’ve never not turned up on bail, I’ve never ... been a flight risk.” He also told the judge “I run a business. I’m there 7 days a week.” Hewat was scheduled to have a bail hearing later today. Hewat has had previous brushes with the law & has been free on bail since last May. Police have attempted to link Hewat to corruption in the tow-truck business near Melbourne & have alleged that he is not “fit & proper” enough to drive a tow truck. At the time of that arrest Police said Hewat had stolen a tow truck & that he possessed equipment that could be used to restamp vehicle identification numbers. Hewat was also charged with threatening a police officer & possessing dangerous drugs. Under the terms of his bail, Hewat had to stay in the Australian State of Victoria, report to police 5 times a week, & stay home after 9 at night. Last Sept, Hewat was also charged with threatening & punching a woman who he believed had stolen his Shih Tzu Terrier. The woman said she did not initially believe Hewat owned the Shih Tzu & admitted to sending Hewat profanity laced text messages. The dog was later found to have been injected with a subcutaneous Radio Frequency Identification microchip that proved the dog belonged to Hewat.

Kingsmen Murder Gun Found – Oct 9, 2014 – *New York* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The Buffalo News reported last night that the semiautomatic pistol used to kill Paul Maue & Daniel “DJ” Szymanski in the early morning hours of September 6 was recovered last month. The weapon was found near Route 219 south of Buffalo. The gun was found during a search that began on September 19 & ended September 24. The Erie County Sheriff’s Office, New York State Police, FBI & the ATF are participating in the investigation. Quoting a confidential police source, Dan Herbeck of the News reports, “The gun was found by a state trooper using a metal detector, & a police dog found some other evidence.” The men were both shot in the back of the head after attending a party at the Kingsmen’s North Tonawanda chapter clubhouse. A witness said the shooting was preceded by “extremely loud arguing.” The same witness reported seeing “a bunch of people” running from the scene. Maue was a former Pres of the Buffalo chapter of the Kingsmen.

Ongoing Dispute: The News also reported that confidential sources, “believe the murders may be linked to ongoing disputes within the biker community. Those disputes include efforts by other biker clubs to recruit members to leave the Kingsmen & join other biker clubs.” The Sept 6 murders was one of at least 4

reported incidents in what appears to be an attempted hostile patch over of the Kingsmen by another club. On Aug 31, 2013 the Kingsmen’s Lockport clubhouse was damaged, a man sleeping inside was beaten with baseball bats & a motorcycle, several firearms, ammunition, beer, liquor & a cell phone were stolen. In early Aug, Szymanski reportedly told a friend, “We had some problems down in Jamestown. Another club was trying to take over our Jamestown clubhouse.” On Aug 24, an unnamed Kingsmen was attacked near the Niagara Falls Clubhouse & stripped of his colors. The man also reported that 5 rifles, a shotgun & 2 black powder rifles had been stolen from the C.H...

John Oliver Video Explains How Police Can Legally Seize Your Property – Oct 10, 2014 – *Tennessee* – By James Mazars de Mazarin & Andrew Kloster; www.DailySignal.com - What started off as a measure to hurt drug kingpins & their criminal empires by confiscation of their property has morphed into an often abused law enforcement tactic that harms blameless citizens. “**Civil forfeiture**,” as the procedure which allows police to seize property suspected of being related to a crime is called, was the subject of a funny & informative John Oliver segment on HBO’s “Last Week Tonight.” Oliver showcases some of the worst abuses that PDs have engaged in, including seizing cars in Detroit for having been driven to a “funk night” at an art institute where alcohol was being illegally served or taking sums of cash because “common people do not usually carry this much cash.” In testimony given before a citizen commission, one police chief was surprisingly frank, referring to assets seized as “pennies from heaven” & said the money acquired was sometimes used to buy “toys” that the department could not usually afford. One example of such a toy is the margarita machine bought by a Texas PD. Fed & states civil forfeiture statutes authorize law enforcement agencies to seize private property, ranging from sums of cash to cars & houses, merely on suspicion that a crime might have been committed. No hearing is held prior to seizure, which occurs abruptly without any notice or warning whatsoever. Although civil forfeiture doesn’t draw criminal charges against the owner, it does deprive him of his property without due process based solely on an officer’s “reasonable suspicion” And a portion of the assets seized typically is retained by the police departments who seized the property in the 1st place. These practices have been abused by many PDs, but people are fighting back. Americans from all sides of the political spectrum have started to expose the dangers of civil forfeiture. The Heritage Foundation held a panel to discuss Civil Forfeiture reform earlier this year, & members of Congress from both sides of the aisle in the Senate & the House have introduced legislation to reform the Fed civil forfeiture laws. Reforms of state laws have also been called for. To be sure, civil forfeiture has helped cripple organized crime, but it has been abused to deprive innocent citizens of due process & their property, violating norms enshrined in our founding documents. Certainly this is an area of the law in need of reform.

That awkward moment when you’re not sure if you actually have free time or you’re just forgetting everything...

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