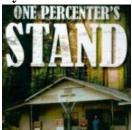
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Free All Brothers Behind Bars... Editor: Mike Davis...

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

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

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!!!

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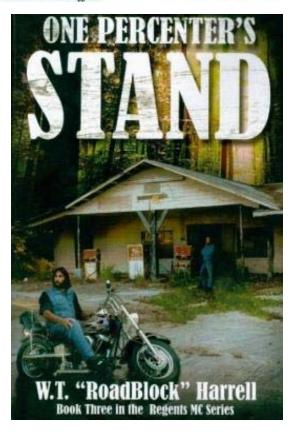
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One Percenter's Stand - Jan 2015 - *Florida / U.S.A.* - By W.T. "RoadBlock" Harrell – Book 3 in the Regents MC Series Large Trade Paperback (6" X 9") - 380 Pages Signed by the Author – \$16.99

What happens when bikers, rednecks, hippies & redheads collide? Joe Wilson is bound to be in the middle of it all. When 2 old enemies clash too close to home, his new patch demands that he make another hard choice: follow his own sixth sense to rescue an innocent woman from a monster's path, or repay a one-percenter's debt of honor that goes against all he believes in.

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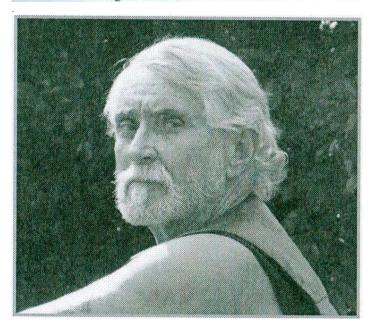
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## ONE PERCENTER'S STAND

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#### About The Author:

W. T. "Roadblock" Harrell grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. An admitted adrenaline junkie in his early years, he raced on NASCAR-sanctioned tracks in Florida and Georgia with many of the great drivers from that era. Fast cars led to fast motorcycles, and RoadBlock joined a 1%er motorcycle club in 1971. In the years to follow, he lived the high-speed 1970s biker lifestyle of sex, drugs, and rock and roll. That way of life ended abruptly when RoadBlock was sent to federal prison for thirty years.

The world raced forward during that time, but because of his long confinement, RoadBlock remembers the towns and events as they were: before cell phones, personal computers, the internet and bumper-to-bumper highways. His untarnished--and unvarnished-memories proved to be a great resource for this fiction series about the adventures of Joe Wilson and the notorious Regents Motorcycle Club. RoadBlock provides the reader with an authentic look at a long-gone era.

#### Acknowledgements:

This book series would not have been possible without my wife, my family, and the many friends, individuals and clubs from the biker community who were there for me through a dark period in my life and are still there today.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped make this series a success. A special thanks goes out to Van & Sam Evans of the Crab Creek Café, Blake Fincher of RSMC, PigPen of RSMC, Wayne & Dawn Smith of Angel City, Roy Dove of Mind Ride Cycles, Willie Jones of Willie's Tropical Tattoos, Biker Lawyer Steve Murrin, COC Attorney Ralph Buss, Attorney John Cauley, Web-site Guru Len Parker, ABATE of Georgia, Missy of Adamec Harley-Davidson, Linda McNabb of Ft. Myers Harley-Davidson, Mary Beth Dudich of Tampa Harley-Davidson, Chuck of Tallahassee Harley-Davidson, John Malik of Gator Harley-Davidson, Marta Rose of Panama City Beach Harley-Davidson, Scott Maddux and the staff at Smoky Mountain Harley-Davidson, Suburban Harley-Davidson of Milwaukee, American Legion Post 9, Boomer & the US Military Vets MC Florida Chapters, Spanky & the US Military Vets MC Georgia Chapters, Uno & the Vietnam Vets MC Keystone Chapter, Beverly & Tom Roberts of Flash Productions, Pam Johnston of Da Ragin' Cajun Bar & Grill, Howie & Lynn of The White Eagle Saloon, Roy & Wanda Wammock, Eileen & Dwayne Blake, Michelle & Travis Chauncey, Ginny Stottman, Sharon Mays, and Deanie Gibson.

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W.T. "RoadBlock" Harrell

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"New Orleans Revenge" - Book 2 in the Regents MC Series - PaperBack (6" X 9") - 421 Pages - \$16.99 Signed by the Author

When a biker war escalates through the ancient French Quarter streets & down dusty swamp roads, the local underworld of gamblers, whorehouse madams, & tattoo artists are forced to choose sides, knowing there's no going back for anyone.

"The Probate" - Book 1 in the Regents MC Series - Paperback,  $(6" \times 9")$  - 340 Pages - \$14.99 Signed by the Author

Flash Back to 1970: From New Orleans to Jacksonville to Atlanta, a menagerie of bikers, hippies, rednecks & Cajuns do business together when they're not trying to eliminate the competition.

Our Christmas Message for You– Dec 24, 2014 – U.S.A. – By Outlaw RoadBlock; http://freeroadblock.us - When I finally took a breather - just about impossible this time of year - I realized this was my 5th Christmas spent at home with family & friends. My wife reminded me of the pure hell of visiting a loved one in prison during the holidays: driving all night to stand in line for hours to get maybe 30 minutes in bedlam. The worst part was watching the kids say goodbye to their fathers when it was time to leave. If that didn't make a man decide to change careers, nothing would. With all the bad nationall news lately, it's easy to forget that a lot of people are fighting their own private battles without making the news. Some of you ask for prayers, often for someone else, but you never whine — even with a child or elderly parent in the hospital, stacks of bills that can't be paid, the loss of a job, or just One More Thing that comes along & knocks your feet out from under you. My wife & I would like to take a moment to recognize & offer our respect to those of you determined not to give up as you deal with life's challenges this holiday season. Your refusal to admit defeat or be a "victim" shows your personal courage & strength. These days, that's worth a lot. When the dust settles & the big shots are on to their next headline, you'll know who your true friends are, & what you are capable of surviving due to your own grit & resolve. You are the example for your loved ones & friends, not the politicians. We wish all of our friends peace & resolve this holiday season & throughout 2015... RoadBlock &

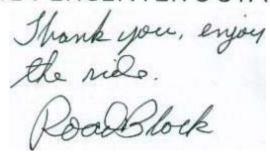
Something I Would Like To Share – Dec 31, 2014 – *U.S.A.* – By Outlaw RoadBlock; <a href="http://freeroadblock.us">http://freeroadblock.us</a> - I would like to share with you one of the things in prison that helped to keep me up-to-date & focused. This was the "Brothers Behind Bars News Letter." This is my letter of appreciation to the man that made it possible. Mike Davis 1%er, Sons Of Silence MC.

Dear Mike, I finally got my third book published, & have a chance to relax. It's been a unique experience to have my own business after 3 decades in prison (despite the best efforts of law enforcement to limit my success.) One of the things that has kept me motivated is the encouragement from the many incarcerated MC members who have read my books. Coming from these men who have lived the lifestyle I write about, their opinions & commentary are valued greatly. I thought you'd be interested to know I have dedicated my third book, "One Percenter's Stand," to the MC members still in prison.

**The dedication reads**: This book is dedicated to the many Motorcycle Club members in prison who put their dignity & self-respect above anything the Gov't could offer.

I want them to know they are not forgotten, & their efforts to maintain their personal honor against all odds is indeed understood & respected. I've been home 5 years now, but remember how difficult the Holiday Seasons were for us. Sometimes it seemed like family & friends forgot about us. Some of my fellow inmates didn't even have family. Once the BBB Newsletter was established & started reaching prisoners, it was all the outside contact some inmates had for the holidays. So I wanted to thank you for all you have done to bring current news & articles & jokes that we could appreciate to those behind bars. Best wishes for a great New Year. Thank You, RoadBlock 1%er

ONE PERCENTER'S STAND



Outlaw Flapper on the loss of 2 of his Brothers – January 2015 – Wisconsin/Arkansas/Kentucky – Outlaw Chip got his Outlaw Nation patch in Milwaukee, 1970. Some years later he moved down to our Louisville chapter. He found a good road partner & Louisville member, J.T. They road & partied together for many years. As the years passed on, Chip moved back to his roots in Arkansas. Last week we laid J.T. to rest in Louisville. It was just a few days later we got word that Chip had also passed away. It was almost like they knew their time had come to go together to the Outlaws Forever Chapter. O.F.F.O.

William "Outlaw Chip" Wagner, 68, of North Little Rock, died Jan 23, 2015. Born Sept 24, 1946 in Highpoint, North Carolina, he was the son of William F. & Betty Welch Wagner. A retired trucker, he was a well- respected member of the Outlaw MC for many years. He was dearly loved by his club Brothers & the many friends he made throughout his time here. Chip will be missed and, although he is gone from this earth, he will never be forgotten. Preceded in death by his parents, he is survived by his son Tommy (Brandy) of North Little Rock; brother, Steve Wagner (Mary); sisters, Lee Wagner Bell (Richard) & Penny Wagner Hagerstrom (Ed); granddaughter, Tapanga Howard; several nieces & nephews & his Motorcycle Club family. Visitation at Griffin Leggett Rest Hills Funeral Home, North Little Rock. Graveside services at Rest Hills Mausoleum.

J.T. Rutledge Jr. - January 2015 – Kentucky - Rutledge, J.T. Jr., 67 was born Oct 3, 1947 to the late J.T. & Iva T. "Blondie" Smith Rutledge & passed away Jan 20, 2015 in his Bullitt County Home with his loving family by his side. Mr. Rutledge was born on Vim Drive at his grandparents' home in Louisville. He moved to Brooks Hill Road as an infant & attended Bullitt County Schools. He learned the construction trade from his father & uncles & went on to own & operate Rutledge Construction. JT's last place of employment was Robards Construction. At the age of 21, he joined the Outlaws MC. Among those who preceded him in death include his sons, James Wesley & Jake T. Rutledge, infant brother, JW; brothers, JC "Red" Rutledge & Edwin Taylor; & his parents. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 27 years, Cindy Rutledge; daughters, Robin Ashbaugh (Tommy) & Shannon Napier; sons, Joseph D., John Cody & J. Dylan Rutledge (Lauren); sister, Joan Ruhle; brother, J.B. Rutledge (Kathy); mother-in-law, Mary Alice Ellison; 7 grandchildlren, 4 great grandchildren, a host of other family & friends. Funeral service will be held the chapel of Schoppenhorst Underwood & Brooks (Preston Highway at Brooks Road & use John Harper entrance. Friends may pay their respects at Schoppenhorst. Interment in Ferguson Cemetery on Brooks Hill Road after a celebration of life at the Louisville Outlaws MC Clubhouse.

**Obituary for Donald T. Robinson** – January 2015 – *Minnesota* - Donald T. Robinson, age 73 of Richfield died on Thu, Jan 8, 2015 at the Fairview Univ Medical Center in Minneapolis. A memorial service will be held on Sat, Jan 17, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Wanamingo Lutheran Church in Wanamingo with Pastor Christopher Culuris officiating. Visitation will be on Sat for one hour prior to the service at the church. Donald Thomas Robinson was born on March 28, 1941 in Elk River, MN to Theresa (Mulder) & Leonard Robinson. His childhood was spent in NE Minneapolis, before his family settled in Howard Lake on his dad's farm. It was there at age 11 that Don got his first motor scooter & his love for motorcycles began. On Nov 18, 1978, after meeting 8 months & 2 days earlier on a blind date, Don & Ruth Ann Hegseth were married at Wanamingo Lutheran Church. They made their home in Richfield & Don worked for the Paper, Clamenson & Co. for many years. Don & Ruth spent many vacations & weekends touring the country on his Harley. He was a hard core rider & throughout his life he belonged to a number of motorcycle clubs. He was most recently retired from the Sons of **Silence**, but continued to ride with them any chance he could. In his earlier years. Don also enjoyed fishing, camping & being outdoors, even doing yardwork. His love for his wife, cat "Max", family & Club Brothers along with riding his Harley brought a true joy in his life. Don is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Ann; children, Robin (Steve) Madsen of New Brighton, Steve (Vicki) Robinson of Milaca, Dan (Gwen) Flaherty of Coon Rapids, Tim (Julie) Flaherty of Zimmerman & Kevin Flaherty of Payton, CO; 7 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law & sister-inlaw, John & Nancy Hegseth of Wanamingo; nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews & many cousins. Memorials are preferred to the American Cancer Society.

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Thinkers, Doers, And Difference Makers...

**Every accomplishment** starts with the decision to try...

The End Is Near: By the Washington Post - The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer & in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Dept yesterday from Consulafft, at Bergen, Norway. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters & explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions & hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the Gulf Stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth & stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals & no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring & smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds. Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise & make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

*I must apologize*, I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, 1922, as reported by the AP & published in The Washington Post - 93 years ago.

**Even Duct Tape** can't fix Stupid; But it can Muffle the Sound...

Judge orders HA held in 'vicious' beating - Dec 30, 2014 -Massachusetts - By Julie Manganis; www.salemnews.com - A Marblehead woman & Lynn public schools administrator tried but failed yesterday to convince a judge to let her brother, a reputed Hells Angels gang member, live with her while awaiting trial on charges in what the judge called a "vicious, unprovoked, brutal" "I think he made some poor choices," said Karen beating. Twomey, when asked by a prosecutor about the injuries to 2 men. including one who required plastic surgery to sew his lower lip back together after the Dec. 19 encounter between the men & her brother, James Costin, outside a Route 1 restaurant. Costin, 50, of Lynn, a former state auditor's office employee & reputed "sergeant at arms" of the Salem HA chapter, is facing 2 counts of assault & battery with a dangerous weapon, a large ring the victim & a witness told police Costin was wearing during the incident. He's also charged with assault & battery after allegedly pushing a woman down a flight of stairs after the confrontation at the Fat Cactus in Lynnfield. Costin is dating a woman who until about a year ago was married to one of the men, who is from Manchester. During what appeared to be a heated verbal exchange between Costin & his girlfriend's ex-husband, another man approached & asked if the Manchester man was OK. Costin then allegedly turned on the other man, punching him repeatedly, & then punching the Manchester man as he tried to intervene. "I am fully satisfied that this defendant poses a danger to the victims & to the general public," said Salem District Court Judge Robert Brennan at the conclusion of the 2-day hearing. Brennan suggested that Costin's behavior is "unpredictable." Defense lawyer Mark Miliotis argued that the incident was not planned, but a "spontaneous" reaction when Costin was approached by someone he didn't know. But prosecutor Lynsey Legier called Costin "a brutal, violent, dangerous man" with a history of attacks on both police officers (he served 6 months of a 15-month jail term for the beating of an off-duty officer in 2004) & civilians (a 2001 case-charged with repeatedly smashing a man's face into a car, charge-later dropped). Brennan said he "couldn't agree more" with Legier's characterization of Costin. Twomey testified in support of her brother despite warnings from both Brennan & a lawyer appointed to speak with her that she could put herself in jeopardy of prosecution. That's because during a phone conversation with her brother, who is being held at Jail, she allegedly told him where the children of a police investigator testifying in the case attend school. Asked by both the prosecutor & Costin's own lawyer why that info came up at all. Twomey testified that she mentioned it because she thought it was "ironic" that the investigator's children attended the same school where Costin & Twomey's sister is a teacher. Twomey, who has degrees in English & school counseling, is a guidance counselor at Lynn English H.S. & also runs an alternative education H.S. program for the school Dept, she testified. Brennan said that he would have liked to hear the actual recording of the phone conversation, to listen to the overall tone, but in his findings concluded, "I find (a) clear attempt to intimidate." Prosecutors asked for a court order to the jail to release the recording of that & other calls between Costin & others, including a discussion with his girlfriend, the ex-wife of the Manchester man, about whether he would cooperate with the prosecution. Legier told the judge that prosecutors want to hear those tapes as well before determining whether there is evidence to support witness intimidation charges against anyone. pretrial hearing is scheduled for Jan. 27. Costin will remain in custody for up to 120 days. Miliotis asked Tue for a trial to be scheduled ASAP.

Undercover agent's conduct appropriate in Fed drug cases against bikers, judges rule – Jan 3, 2015 – California – By www.MacroInsider.com - Two Fed judges on Fri refused to dismiss drug cases against former Vagos motorcycle gang leaders for the reason that of outrageous Gov't misconduct by the lead undercover agent. In a single case, U.S. District Judge Andrew Gordon rejected the findings of U.S. Magistrate Judge Cam Ferenbach & ruled that the agent, Agostino Brancato, did not violate the rights of defendant Jeremy Halgat throughout alleged 2012 cocaine transactions in an undercover investigation of the motorcycle gang.

In the other case, U.S. District Judge Jennifer Dorsey also located Brancato did not commit misconduct in an undercover sting at a Searchlight airstrip in March 2013 in which Halgat & a different gang leader at the time, Anthony McCall, had been recruited to serve on a protection team for what they believed was a 10kilogram shipment of cocaine becoming flown into Southern Nevada. Both Halgat, 36, a former Vagos sergeant-at-arms, & McCall, 56, the former president of the Sin City Vagos chapter, have to now stand trial on drug & weapons charges.

Gordon & Dorsey held a rare joint hearing in Nov to examine evidence of probable Gov't misconduct in the 2 circumstances. Brancato, a deputized agent with the ATF, was the star witness in the course of the 3-day hearing. "At this stage, the evidence presented during the hearing on Halgat's motion convinces me that the Gov't did not engage in outrageous conduct," Gordon wrote in his selection.

In July, Ferenbach sided with Halgat's defense lawyer, Melanie Hill, & issued a written recommendation concluding outrageous Gov't had occurred against Halgat. Ferenbach blamed the wrongdoing on Brancato, a Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy who had infiltrated the motorcycle gang on behalf of the ATF. Ferenbach concluded that Brancato manufactured the cocaine case against Halgat, even though Halgat had no criminal record & repeatedly told the agent in secretly recorded conversations that he did not want to site visitors drugs. Ferenbach did not hold an evidentiary hearing prior to deciding that the cocaine trafficking case needed to be dismissed. Gordon reached a unique conclusion immediately after hearing the evidence in court. He identified that Brancato did not do anything improper through his lengthy undercover role & that Halgat was a willing participant in the drug transactions. Gordon mentioned he located no evidence that Brancato "exerted heavy pressure" on Halgat or "coerced" him into participating. "Rather, it seems that Brancato raised the problem, Halgat agreed to make introductions & Halgat at some point decided to take the bait & involve himself in the transactions," Gordon wrote. "There is practically nothing outrageous about such conduct." Dorsey stated she came to the same conclusion in her case. "Brancato repeatedly told the defendants that the selection was theirs," she wrote. But Dorsey said she "clung to no illusion" that the airstrip ruse took drugs off the street, & she "questioned the wisdom" of the Govt's use of "reverse-sting operations." "At best, the operation may perhaps have prevented the defendants from delivering or continuing to deliver their armed protection solutions in a real-life drug courier transaction, & it took guns out of the hands of McCall, a convicted felon," Dorsey stated. "Whether this result was worth the effort the Gov't put into this elaborate ruse, I can't say."

But the judge stated she was confident that the Govt's conduct in the course of the sting did not violate the "universal sense of justice." Brancato was the lead undercover agent in Operation Pure Luck, a 3-year joint investigation led by the ATF into drug & illegal weapons dealing by members of motorcycle gangs, mostly the Vagos club. The investigation was launched in April 2010 with the secret assist of a Vagos gang member, & 2 years later Brancato became a full-fledged member of the Vagos club even though functioning undercover. Extra than 2 dozen motorcycle gang members were charged with drug & weapons trafficking in a series of Fed & state indictments in 2013 in the high-profile investigation...

Passer-by wounded in biker shootout – Jan 7, 2015 – Germany - By www.TheLocal.de - A street battle between the Hells Angels & Bandidos biker gangs in Düsseldorf on New Year's Eve left a passer-by gravely wounded by a bullet in the chest. Police said on Tue that Hells Angels bikers tried to storm a club whose bouncer was connected to their sworn enemies, the Bandidos. The shots appear to have been fired by someone inside the club, & wounded one of the Hells Angels as well as the passer-by. Now police are searching for a 40-year-old bouncer on suspicion of attempted murder, but he has gone to ground. The weapon used has also disappeared. Fearing reprisals by the Hells Angels, around 150 officers were deployed around central Düsseldorf & 46 restraining orders issued banning suspected bikers from the area over the weekend. Police also noted that 2 men, one of them a Hells Angels biker, were stabbed in nearby Oberhausen on New Year's Eve. They fear that a gang war may be set off by an increased number of Bandidos moving from the Ruhr region, their traditional stronghold, into the Rhineland, which the Hells Angels see as their territory.

Man due for sentencing Friday in Newhall bar stabbing – Jan 8, 2015 - California - By Jim Holt; www.SignalsCV.com - A biker who last month admitted stabbing a father & son outside a Newhall bar in April is expected to be sentenced to 7 years in prison Friday, a spokesman for the Los Angeles County District Atty's office said. Santa Clarita Valley sheriff's deputies arrested Kevin James King, 38, in June on 2 counts of attempted murder. King entered a plea of no contest to 2 felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon, a knife, on Dec. 17, one count for each victim, said District Attoy's spokesman Ricardo Santiago. "And he admitted one allegation of great bodily injury," Santiago said. King is scheduled to appear Friday in San Fernando Superior Court, where he is expected to be sentenced to 7 years in state prison, Santiago added. He was described as an affiliate of the Vagos MC, which the FBI identified in its 2011 Nat'l Gang Threat Assessment as an outlaw motorcycle club with chapters in California, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island & South Dakota. The stabbings occurred about 12:30 a.m. April 19 outside The Vu bar in Newhall, investigators reported. One man was detained after the stabbing, but 2 months later, in June, investigators said he was no longer a suspect & arrested King. The victims' identities were not released. The son was stabbed in the arm, chest & abdomen, while the father was stabbed in the chest & back & suffered a punctured lung. Investigators said the son fully recovered but the father's recovery was much slower.

**The Gov't** is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end & no responsibility at the other.

- Ronald Reagan

**SQ** officer charged with assault – Jan 8, 2015 – *Canada* - By James Foster; <a href="www.CJAD.com">www.CJAD.com</a> - A Sûreté du Québec officer has been charged with assault after video showed him roughing up the head of the Rock Machine biker gang during his arrest. Bruno Landry will appear in court on Feb 9. On Oct 5, Rock Machine leader Jean-François Émard was arrested during a routine traffic stop when patrol officers found methamphetamine in his car. A cellblock surveillance video shows Émard being punched multiple times after an exchange with the officer. Landry was suspended from duty with pay after the incident. If convicted he could be dismissed from the SO.

Nanaimo conviction lays out inner workings of HAMC – Jan 8, 2015 - Canada - By Kim Bolan; www.VancouverSun.com -Robert (Fred) Widdiefield was part of the plot to strong-arm his former business partner & close friend into handing over money & property, including a yacht called Dream Chaser, Justice Robin Baird said in the ruling, released Fri... Some of the inner workings of the Nanaimo Hells Angels have been laid out in a B.C. Supreme Court ruling convicting one of the gang's original members of extortion & theft. Robert (Fred) Widdiefield was part of the plot to strong-arm his former business partner & close friend into handing over money & property, including a yacht called Dream Chaser, Justice Robin Baird said in the ruling, released Friday. The former friend, identified only as J.H. in the ruling, went to police in 2010 after being repeatedly threatened by another Nanaimo Hells Angel named Rajinder Sandhu. Sandhu was tried separately, as were 2 others involved - Robert Lajeunesse & Jeff Benvin. Baird heard that J.H.'s problems with the bikers stemmed back to an unpaid 1993 \$62,000 loan he had gotten from a Nanaimo woman who later moved away without providing any forwarding address. For years, he heard nothing about the debt until Sandhu came knocking on his door in early 2010. "It quickly became clear that this was not a social visit. Sandhu got right down to business & told J.H. that he had come to discuss a pretty major problem," Baird wrote. Sandhu told J.H. that he would have to repay the loan, as well as "a 'stupid tax' for his alleged unauthorized use of the club's name & reputation." Sandhu told J.H. that he was acting on behalf of the HA & demanded an immediate payment of \$100,000. "He said that he was not supposed to explain things to J.H.; his instructions had simply been to demand the money & to administer a beating. He warned J.H. to pay up & not to talk to anyone about the matter or 'it would be bad for me & worse for you," Baird said. J.H. denied he had used the HA name, but "knew from the beginning that the matter was serious & that if dire consequences were to be avoided, he was going to have to pay up," Baird said. Because he didn't have enough cash, he offered to sell the boat he had purchased for \$137,500 in 2007. "After this meeting, Sandhu kept J.H.'s feet to the fire by intermittently sending him threatening & abusive text messages, telling him essentially to pay up or else," Baird said. "He said in those messages, amongst other things, that he guessed J.H. would no longer be dropping Widdifield's name." Sandhu told J.H. that his 'wannabe' gangster days were over & that "he should pay his debts & 'get the f-ck out of town.'" But Sandhu also warned that if J.H. moved to Kelowna, "a member of the club in that city had been briefed & would be waiting for him." "Not surprisingly, J.H. began to think that he was in imminent danger of harm at the hands of Sandhu or some other member of the Club. He contacted the police, not to lodge a formal complaint, but to report what was going on in case something happened to him. He also bought a recording device with which he surreptitiously

recorded 5 of his later conversations with Sandhu. These recordings were produced in evidence & played in court," Baird noted. Inside the Wellington Pub in March 2010, Sandhu was almost apologetic & "claimed to be unhappy with the errand that the club had sent him on." Sandhu told J.H. that the HA knew he had threatened to sic Widdifield on the woman he borrowed from if she didn't back off. J.H. eventually turned his yacht over to Sandhu who advertised it for sale. Widdifield was present both when the buyer went to see the boat & when the deal went through. "It is extremely significant, as well, that on 2 separate occasions, Widdifield accompanied Sandhu to J.H.'s boat while Sandhu was in the midst of efforts to sell it. On the second visit, of course, the sale was actually completed, & Sandhu received a large sum of cash for it in a bag. Widdifield & Sandhu left together, I find, & I consider it inconceivable that they would have done so without taking the bag full of money with them," Baird said. While J.H. thought the debt was repaid, he continued to be harassed & threatened by Lajeunesse, who told him he still owed the original money to the former Nanaimo woman. J.H. eventually contacted both Sandhu & Widdifield but not before letting the RCMP know his problems were continuing. In Oct 2010, J.H. attended a meeting at Widdifield's house where he had hoped to get help with Lajeunesse. Instead Widdifield called Sandhu, who showed up with Lajeunesse, who threatened & punched J.H. in the face. "Lajeunesse ordered J.H. to confirm, in front of Widdifield, that he owed more money. J.H. agreed, saying that he just wanted to 'get the heck out of there.' He said to Widdifield, 'I owe \$140, 000.' Lajeunesse snarled, 'It's \$160,000,' & forced J.H. to agree to the higher figure." Lajeunesse & Benvin showed up at J.H.'s house to take a second boat as the victim was at the hospital getting his jaw treated. Police arrested the pair the same day & the 2 Hells Angels a few days later. Baird said Widdifield was guilty despite not being directly involved in the key events. "I do not believe that Sandhu & Lajeunesse would ever have dared to enter onto Widdifield's property & to threaten & assault his very old friend & associate if Widdifield had not been part of the unlawful common enterprise alleged," Baird said. "It is unlikely that Sandhu, who owes Widdifield a debt of loyalty & respect that comes with his membership in the club, would have acted against J.H. without Widdifield's authorization or instruction."

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**Tyrone**: None of his classmates liked him cause of his stupidity, especially his teacher, who was always yelling at him, "You're driving me mad, Tyrone". One day Tyrone's mom came to school to check on how he was doing. The teacher told his mom honestly, that her son was simply a disaster, getting very low marks, & never had she seen such a dumb boy in her entire teaching career. The mom was shocked at the feedback & withdrew her son from school & moved out of Detroit, relocating to Cleveland. 25 years later, the teacher was diagnosed with an incurable cardio disease. All the doctors strongly advised her to have heart surgery, which only one surgeon could perform. Left with no other options, the teacher decided to have the operation, which was successful. When she opened her eyes after the surgery she saw a handsome doctor smiling down at her. She wanted to thank him, but could not talk. Her face started to turn blue, she raised her hand, trying to tell him something but eventually died. The doctor was shocked & was trying to work out what went wrong, when he turned around he saw our friend Tyrone, working as a cleaner in the clinic, who had unplugged the oxygen equipment in order to connect his vacuum cleaner! Don't tell me you thought Tyrone became a heart-surgeon.

Another Motorcycle Checkpoint Bill - Jan 9, 2015 – *U.S.A.* – By The Aging Rebel; <a href="www.AgingRebel.com">www.AgingRebel.com</a> - A bill with bipartisan sponsorship has been introduced in the United States Senate to prohibit the use of Fed funds for motorcycle-only checkpoints. The bill is sponsored by Democrats Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire & Joe Manchin of West Virginia & by Republicans Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Susan Collins of Maine & Ron Johnson of Wisconsin. Shaheen, Manchin, Ayotte & Manchin introduced a similar bill last March. Republican Representative Jim Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin introduced a companion bill in the House in May, 2013. The "Stop Motorcycle Checkpoint Funding Act" would forbid the Sec of Transportation from issuing "funds to any Gov't entity for a program to check helmet use or to create checkpoints for an operator of a motorcycle or a passenger on a motorcycle."

AMA And MRF: The American Motorcyclist Association & the Motorcycle Riders Foundation have lobbied on behalf of the Senate bill. In a press release, AMA VP for Gov't relations Wayne Allard said, "Motorcycle-only checkpoints are discriminatory, forcing riders & their passengers to do something not asked of other citizens, simply because we choose to travel on 2 wheels, or 3, instead of 4. The AMA believes the money used for these operations could be better spent supporting programs that conduct rider education, reduce distracted driving & encourage motorist awareness of motorcycles." Jeff Hennie, VP of Gov't relations & public affairs for the Motorcycle Riders Foundation said, ""We are excited to work on this most important issue. It is imperative that we end the discriminatory act of motorcycle only checkpoints."

Checkpoints: Motorcycle only checkpoints, often described as "safety checkpoints," have skirted around the 4th Amendment to the Constitution for years. That Amendment forbids unreason-able searches but it is gutted by a legal theory supported by case law called the "special needs doctrine." The doctrine is used to justify "sobriety checkpoints," for example. Georgia has set up motorcycle only checkpoints to detain, question & search bikers on their way to Bike Week in Daytona Beach. In 2011, police set up a checkpoint in Northern Virginia to harass bikers on their way to the Rolling Thunder patriotic rally in Wash. Calif, Louisiana, Missouri, NC & Virginia have outlawed motorcycle only checkpoints. Illinois & NH allow the checkpoints but forbid the use of Fed funds to pay for them. Eleven more states, Alaska, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Minn, Oregon, RI, TX, Wash, Wisc & Wyoming forbid all checkpoints.

'Gangland Undercover' to Premiere Tue, Feb 24 on History - Jan 9th, 2015 – *California* - By Sara Bibel; Zap2it - History goes for a Ride in Gritty Fact-Based Drama Series... History is taking viewers inside a covert operation in the new fact-based drama series, Gangland Undercover, which chronicles meth dealer turned ATF infiltrator Charles Falco's mission inside one of America's most notoriously violent outlaw motorcycle gangs. Giving a rare look inside this historically Infamous organized crime gang through of the eyes of an undercover investigator, the 6-episode series premieres on History Tue, February 24 at 10 pm & is based on Falco's 2013 memoir, "Vagos, Mongols, & Outlaws: My Infiltration of America's Deadliest Biker Gangs."

**Gangland Undercover** follows Falco's 3-year mission living a double-life as an ATF informant planted inside the one of the most historically dangerous motorcycle gangs, the California-based

Vagos — a criminal group involved in drug trafficking, arms smuggling, money laundering & murder. Falco initially took on the assignment out of self-preservation, to avoid 20 years in prison on drug charges, but his outlook soon shifted, becoming a quest to achieve justice. Operation 22 Green, as it was known, ended in March 2006 with the arrests of 25 gang members. Drawing on the wealth of material from Falco's book, along with broader documented historical research of inter-gang rivalries, the series will capture the reality of outlaw biker counter-culture: a world in which freedom is equated with the right to carry guns & trade drugs with impunity, a world in which respect can be earned through fear.

*Gangland Undercover* is produced for History by Cineflix Productions in association with Shaw Media & in association with Stephen Kemp (Paranormal Witness, After Armageddon).

These everyday angels were Hells Angels – Jan 12, 2015 – *California* – By <a href="www.CharlotteObserver.com">www.CharlotteObserver.com</a> - In the early 1960s, my wife, Anne Sarsfield Martin; our 3-year-old daughter, Leslie Jane Marshall (who now lives in Oregon); & I drove from San Francisco & across the Golden Gate Bridge to see the giant redwoods in Muir Woods. There was little traffic, especially on the side roads. We were passing through an isolated area when we had a flat tire. And when I opened the trunk, I discovered the spare was also flat. We waited for more than 2 hours, & no cars came by. Finally, we heard a rumbling noise approaching. It was a group of about 15 Hells Angels on their Harley-Davidsons. They pulled over and, needless to say, I was quite apprehensive. We were sitting on a fallen tree, & they all joined us there.

Two of the ladies riding with them asked whether we had eaten. I told them no, so one of them opened a saddlebag & brought us sandwiches & juice. The guys asked if I needed help in changing the tire & I explained the spare was flat. They told us not to worry, & 2 of them took the tires, somehow strapped them to the back of their bikes, & roared off. The rest stayed with us & seemed to have a good time playing with our daughter, who loved all the attention.

About an hour later, the 2 returned with both tires repaired. When I got up to help put the tire back on the car, they told me to just relax. In no time at all, they had one tire on the ground & the other stored in the trunk. I tried to pay them for the garage bill & their time, but they refused to accept anything.

After handshakes & some back-slapping, they drove off. I know that the Hell's Angels, as well as other motorcycle groups, get bad publicity, but you will never hear any of that from us. We would never call them gangs. Now, whenever I pass a group of bikers, I make it a point to wave. You never know who will be your angel. Jerry & Anne Martin, Charlotte

## Man's Random Thoughts:

- *The wife's back* on the warpath again. She was up for making a sex movie last night, & all I did was suggest we should hold auditions for her part.
  - *I've accidentally* swallowed some Scrabble tiles. My next crap could spell disaster.
  - *My sister-in-law* sat on my glasses & broke them. It was my own fault. I should have taken them off.
  - *I spent a couple of hours* defrosting the fridge last night. (Or "foreplay" as she likes to call it).

Weapons, drugs allegedly found - bikie raids - Jan 12, 2015 -Australia - By Kristian Silva; www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au -Police say an alleged member of the Mongols bikie club tried to keep a stash of drugs hidden by stuffing them inside a shoe in his garage. More than 80 grams of ice & a .45 replica pistol were found in the man's house, according to detectives from Old Police's anti-bikie squad Taskforce Maxima. The man was one of 10 people charged with a range of drugs, weapons & driving offences, following arrests over the weekend implicating members & associates of 5 outlaw clubs. The Mongol member & an associate first raised suspicions of police when they were pulled over for a traffic check in Wellington Road in East Brisbane, Acting Detective Inspector David Cove said. They allegedly found ice, cannabis, pills & about \$11,500 cash. "When the patched member of the Mongols first stepped out of the vehicle we will allege he deliberately dropped a 30 gram bag of ice & attempted to conceal it with his foot," he said. A bag of the drug ice seized by Old Police. A bag of the drug ice seized by Old Police. Police said they made other arrests in Brisbane, the Gold Coast, Beerwah & Chinchilla, with those charged either members or associates of Bandidos, Rebels, Hells Angels & Odin's Warriors clubs. In total \$70,000 worth of the drug ice, cannabis, cash, 4 replica handguns, knuckledusters, a taser, extendable batons, flick knives & a crossbow were allegedly found. "Looking at the sort of weaponry these people had...you don't have to be a detective to know that normal, law-abdiding people don't carry these weaponry around with them," he said. Acting Inspector Cove said the Odin's Warriors member was a 60-year-old, who was found with a knuckleduster & a baton. Three of the arrested men were expected to face court on Mon.

Former bikie-turned-candidate acknowledges 'colorful past' – Jan 13, 2015 – Australia – By Hayden Johnson; www.FraserCoastChronicle.com.au – He doesn't want to be a politician but it's something former Outcast MC member Russell Wattie says he has to do. Mr. Wattie, who spent 2-and-a-half years in prison in 1994 for importing the drug LSD, will stand as an Independent for the seat of Maryborough. Despite his convictions, Mr. Wattie is legally able to stand for parliament & while the former bikie admits his past may turn away voters, he urged them to listen to his ideas. "You'll have the people who are glued on, calling me a criminal & listen to anything Campbell Newman says," he said. "Yes I have had a colourful past - that's just one brief period of my life." Wattie noted his other life experiences including learning to read law during his time in prison, being a farmer & now driving trucks.

An opponent to the Newman Govt's controversial bikie laws, Mr Wattie said they had affected him & his family. "My wife & 2 daughters cannot go to Station Square Shopping Centre legally (due to association laws)," he said. He left the Outcast club in Sept 2011 & said while some members had committed offences, the club was not a criminal group. "I was never expected to perform any criminal act," he said. But Member for Maryborough Anne Maddern said the bikie laws were making Queensland safer. "Law-abiding bikers have nothing to fear from these laws because they clearly target serious criminal activity," she said. "Maryborough residents will remember the burning down of the 3 shops in town which was related to criminal gangs." As for his plans for the Heritage City, Wattie said the creation of jobs & opportunity was a focus. "Maryborough has a real jobs crisis, yet all the LNP has done for jobs in the last 3 years is destroy 20,000

public service jobs & oversee an increase in Queensland's unemployment figures to record highs," he said. "Now they have the cheek to campaign on a platform of creating jobs." The man who said he would bring "real life experience" to parliament asked voters to consider him. "The electorate of Maryborough deserves better than the representation of the last term of parliament," he said

Why do I want to be a politician? I don't...! This is something I have to do, not something I want to do. Over the last few years the various media outlets have written much about me & my past, yet like always they only tell part of the story. I know that there is much more to me than what they have told, so here follows a few parts of my past that have not been reported. When I was 11 vears old I completed my first year piano exams at the Melbourne Conservatory of Music passing with credit. The only practice I had the 2 weeks prior to the exams was my 2 half-hour music lessons, my parents said I would regret giving up the piano, of course they were right. I trained Aussie Rules Football for 3 teams over 5 years, getting to play one game for each team. I wasn't much good at football, but after moving to Queensland as a 17 year old took up water polo. That year I played In the Queensland state water polo championships, (I wasn't much good at water polo either, but it looks good on the resume). Having been raised by a father who was a farm fencing contractor, I can build a good fence, but don't like doing it. My stepfather was born & bred on his property so working not only on his farm as a youngster, but a lot of work on local farms in the district. I've driven tractors in ever diminishing circles, mustered sheep & cattle, worked in a local piggery & did a couple of years of sheep shearing. I've worked as a truck driver, over the years I've carted livestock, general, produce, express & road training out in the Great Victorian Desert of South Australia, sat on the side of the road during the 1988 Yass blockades, got involved in the politics of road transport at the time. Other jobs I have worked at include, but are not limited to, boilermaking, fitting, ran my own engineerIng business employing 13 people, been a supervisor, superintendant, union representative for the AMWU, a member of the AWU, TWU & the Federated Ironworkers Union.

For 8 years I was an active member of the Wangaratta Branch of the Victorian Liberal Party, during which time I served as branch V.P., male delegate to state council & membership officer. I attended many fundralsers & poitical gatherings in that time, having met many of the luminaries of the Liberal Party including Australia's current Prime Minister & the then serving PM John I have been a member of other great political organisations, like the Moyhu Kindergarten Parents & Citizens Committee & the Moyhu Football Club Committee. Most people would scoff at mention of Kindergarten P&C as a political organisation - all I can say is go & serve on one & tell me there are no politics involved. Obviously I am a family man being involved in kindergarten P&C. I have 3 girls of my own & 2 boys & a girl from my wife of 25 years, & a stepdaughter from my previous marriage - yes, a real life Brady bunch. As you can see from the above I have participated in a broad range of Australian life, including the things the mainstream media will want to focus on - my former membership of one of the "Declared Criminal Organisations", & time spent many years ago in jail.

The consequence of my life experience is that I can bring to parliament real life experience, that unfortunately in today's climate of career politicians' Is sadly lacking In our leaders.

Maryborough has a real jobs crisis, yet all the LNP has done for jobs in the last 3 years is destroy 20,000 public service jobs & oversee an increase in Queensland's unemployment figures to record highs. Now they have the cheek to campaign on a platform of creating jobs. Sorry but the LNP record shows the opposite effect of their policy's to date. The LNP are thought by Queensland voters, to be the best at managing Queensland's economy. Where does it make economic sense to "lease not sell" assets that produce income for the Gov't? They say now that if the figures don't add up that it won't happen, yet have stated in the past that if the voters of Queensland re-elect them they will take that as a mandate to privatise via "lease".

So what is it Newman, do the figures have to add up, or will you have a mandate to privatise assets currently owned by the people of Queensland? The LNP have used what I like to call true lies", to show a reduction in the crime rate. Last week Mr Newman stated a set of figures that referred to specific areas of Queensland, yet completely neglected to mention the fact these were regional figures. The implication was that they were state based, but they weren't, so a "true lie". They have mounted a vicious propaganda campaign to support the VLAD Group of laws. One recent Courier Mail article saw the QPS claim that one local motorcycle club had disbanded completely due to the VLAD laws.

**The Outcast MC disbanded** in Queensland some 14 months before the Newman Gov't was even elected, that's how good they are. On the subject of the VLAD group of laws, Queenslanders need to understand the word bikie, or motorcycle club, is not mentioned anywhere in the laws. In this Act, association means any of the following:

- (a) a corporation
- (b) an unincorporated association
- (c) a club or league
- (d) any other group of 3 or more persons by whatever name called, whether associated formally or informal & whether the group Is legal or illegal.

That, Queenslanders, means anyone of you or rather any 3 of you can be regarded as a criminal organization. Remember that when the VLAD group of law was brought in, the LNP declared the 26 clubs to be "declared criminal organisation" with no judicial process whatsoever.

You could be next; it is just the stroke of a pen. I could go on for hours about the areas of the VIAD group of laws that do not meet Queensland's own Legislative Standards Act 1992, & also international treaties that Australia is signatory to, & in April of last year the International Court in their decision in Horvath v Australia clearly shows that as far as the International Court is concerned the tenants of the international covenant on civil & political rights are taken by them to be law in Australia. For anyone that is interested to know my understanding of the position on these laws, please feel free to contact me.

**Should the people of the electorate** of Maryborough choose to elect me as their representative to the Parliament of

Queensland, I will fight to see that the Gov't of the day governs in a fair & legal manner for the good of Queensland & promote legislation that has genuine possibility of creating jobs & opportunity for the residents of the Maryborough electorate & Queensland as a whole. I will oppose asset sales under whatever terminology the Gov't tries to sell them I will fight political corruption both within the parliament & within the public service,

including QPS, at every opportunity. I will work towards fair legislation for Queensland farmers & road network users, including the transport industry. I will work to achieve a Bill of Rights to protect Queenslanders from Gov'ts who may choose to overrule them. The Electorate of Maryborough deserves better than the representation of the last term of parliament, we deserve someone who is prepared to take the Gov't of the day to task & hold them responsible for the decisions they make that affect the Maryborough electorate & Queensland as a whole.

The Lords Among Warriors MC Bust - Jan 13, 2015 -Pennsylvania - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com -Five men in suburban Pittsburgh were arrested on Fed charges vesterday in 3 separate court cases based on a single undercover investigation. The 3 affidavits that support the arrests link the men to a motorcycle club called The LAW MC. Several news outlets including television station WTAE & the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review are reporting the men are affiliated with the Lords Among Warriors MC. The Fed documents filed in the 3 cases name the club using only an acronym. Fed authorities have been intentionally misleading the local press about the case since the 5 men were arrested yesterday. Isaac Skipworth is charged in a case titled U.S. v. Skipworth. Raymond Kober, Christopher Levy & Scott Kulikowski are charged in U.S. v. Kulikowski. Levy & Kober. Those 3 men & Jason Godek are charged in U.S. v. Kober et al. WTAE reported that Skipworth was arrested after local police responded to "a call for a suspicious device" & that once inside agents of the DEA & ATF found "some sort of suspicious device." Court documents state that Skipworth has been the subject of a Fed investigation for more than 6 months. The ATF Case Agent in charge of this investigation is named Ryan Rennig & the way the case is being handled raises an obvious question: What is the Gov't trying to hide?

Snitches: Officially the 3 intertwined cases are "being investigated by the DEA, the IRS Criminal Investigations Division, the Allegheny County District Atty's Office, ATF, & the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police." According to Rennig's affidavits there are "cooperating individuals," plural, in the case. The complaints allege that yesterday, Jan 15, 2015 Skipworth committed the Fed crime of possessing a firearm as a user or addict of a controlled substance; that Kulikowski, Levy & Kober "were involved in a variety of illegal activities including but not limited to robbery & firearms possession;" & that Kulikowski, Levy, Kober & Godek "were involved in large-scale cocaine trafficking, distribution of controlled substance prescription pills, (as well as other controlled substances), money laundering, illegal firearms transfers, robbery & other offenses." The investigation that led to yesterday's 5 arrests began in "early June, 2014," when "the DEA developed a confidential informant (CS2) that agreed to cooperate with L.E. in exchange for potential consideration during the sentencing phase of his/her eventual prosecution. CS2 had previously been convicted of 2 offenses. During subsequent debriefings, CS2 provided information that was independently corroborated by your affiant's investigation. Therefore your affiant is of the opinion that CS2 is reliable & credible. CS2 identified Raymond Kober (also known to CS2 as 'Bridge' & 'Ceno') as a distributor of multikilogram quantities of cocaine throughout the Pittsburgh, PA area. CS2 confessed to investigators that he/she had been receiving packages of cocaine since approximately January 2013 from Raymond Kober. During that time period CS2 had received multiple kilograms of cocaine from Kober."

Motorcycle Club: The informants statements resulted in 6 wiretaps that led to all 3 cases charged yesterday. Accoding to Rennig, the wiretaps led to "the interception of thousands of telephone calls & text messages many of which revealed that "Kober & others were involved in a variety of illegal activities including, but not limited to, firearms possession." According to the affidavits, "Kober & his associates are known to be members of a motorcycle club (The LAW) through which they associate & in some instances engage in drug trafficking & other illegal acts together." WTAE quoted an unnamed "Pittsburgh homicide investigator" who said, "We're not talking about Pagans or Hells Angels. We're talking about a local group that gets together & rides very clean, expensive motorcycles."

Attention Vagos, Mongols, Outlaws & Jason Hervey – Jan 14, 2015 – U.S.A. – By The Aging Rebel; <a href="www.AgingRebel.com">www.AgingRebel.com</a> - So who is up for a 6 part, scripted, cable miniseries about American hero Ashley Charles Wyatt or, as he now prefers to be known Charles Falco? What about a new incarnation of Gangland? What about a new incarnation of Gangland that is a scripted miniseries about Charles Falco to air on the History Channel beginning Tue, Feb 24 at 10 p.m. & that will compete for the biker audience with Bischoff Hervey Entertainment's new reality series Outlaw Country starring Steve Cook? No. None of these questions are hypothetical. They are, like the new miniseries, "fact based." Are you hard yet?

What's That Smell: Wyatt is a former Victorville Vago who once answered to Tijuana Charles. He preferred to be called Quickdraw. Men who knew him then remember him as being "not very smart" & "obnoxiously stoned. Constantly." His personal heroes are ATF Agents Darrin Kozlowski & John Carr. Wyatt was one of 2 key informants in a mostly bogus, ATF investigation supervised by John Ciccone called Operation 22 Green. After betraying the Vagos Wyatt earned 2 degrees online in Bible Studies from Liberty Christian Univ. Reading the Bible put him so far into debt that he had no choice but to become Judas again. "The Marshals do not allow you to get out of past debt," Falco told The Aging Rebel in an interview in 2012. "So in my case I owed several thousand dollars in student loans that I still pay under Ashley. These bills are sent to Marshal mail drops, which are then sent to DC, which are then sent to my area Marshal field office, who then sends them to me. I have several of these Marshal mail drops in California & Nevada that I use. Kind of cool on how this works! I am no longer in this program, but they still forward my mail. Even after you leave the WPP you keep your new identity, since it is now your legal new name. I hope that makes sense." Wyatt paid off his Bible study loans by betraying both the Mongols & the Outlaws. His name in the Outlaws was "Chef." Then he became the author, with outlaw biker authority Kerrie Droban, of the 2013 memoir Vagos, Mongols & Outlaws: My Infiltration of America's Deadliest Biker Gangs. The miniseries is based on the portions of that book that describe Operation 22 Green.

Not Vay-Goes: The official trailer for the series is unavailable for preview. It runs just over one minute & has production values that equal those of Sons Of Anarchy. The voice narration over a montage of action, dramatic & sexual clips reads: "Before we go any further it is Vagos, not Vay-goes. The Vagos Motorcycle Gang. They're 5 times bigger than the Hells Angels. L.E. put an informant in the gang. But these things never go quite as planned. This thing, it's just getting going." The text graphics over the montage are: "Walk like them." "Talk like them." "Fight like

them." "Become them." "The true story of an infiltrator." "A 6 part special television event."

**Press Release Knowledge**: The miniseries is produced by Cineflix Productions, Inc. a division of Cineflix Media Inc. in association with A&E Networks & the History Channel. Cineflix describes itself as: "a leading international media company that brings together global broadcast & production partners, major talent, & key executives to create top quality original content produced & distributed for television & other platforms. Producing more than 250 hours per year of multi-genre television for international broadcasters, & with a rapidly expanding library of 4000 hours, Cineflix Media is a recognized leader with offices in Montreal, Toronto, London, New York, Los Angeles, & Dublin." Other Cineflix television shows include American Pickers. Canadian Pickers, World's Greenest Homes, William Shatner's Weird or What, Property Virgins, Property Brothers, My Teenage Wedding & Food Factory. According to one of the press releases, "Charles Falco is one of only 3 men ever to infiltrate 3 different outlaw biker gangs. With his savvy, expertise & immense courage, Falco has helped law enforcement bring some of America's most dangerous & feared gangs to justice. Gangland Undercover takes us deep inside the notorious Vagos operation. With a combination of interviews & high-end recreations, each episode unfolds a different step in Falco's covert investigation into their illegal activities. Working in conjunction with law enforcement & drawing on the wealth of material from Falco's book...this series captures the reality of outlaw biker counter-culture. And with Falco's assistance, the FBI finally gets what it needs to break up these feared criminal gangs." The series stars Canadian actor Damon Runyan (center of production still above) as Wyatt/Falco.

Bandido boss on the run changes his colours – Jan 14, 2015 – Australia - By Geoff Chambers & Thomas Chamberlin; www.CourierMail.com.au - A Bandidos bikie boss on the run in Thailand has adopted the colours of notorious street gang Brothers 4 Life. Brett "Kaos" Pechey – a gang president in Qld – has embraced the AK47 emblem of the murderous Brothers 4 Life gang. Links between the Bandidos & Middle Eastern gangs have sparked concern the Brothers 4 Life brand may be exported to Qld & overseas. The Bandidos – decimated by anti-gang laws in Qld - are traditionally aligned with the now defunct Muslim Brotherhood Movement. While both the Bandidos & Muslim Brotherhood feature on Qld's list of banned gangs, Brothers 4 Life was omitted. Pechey, the Bandidos' West End president, fled to Thailand last year after being involved in 2 high-profile brawls & an alleged extortion racket. Since moving to Thailand, he has launched a Soldiers of Mayhem clothing brand & has posed in BFL clothing & shown-off a BFL motorcycle. Qld Police Superintendent & Maxima Taskforce commander Mick Niland said they were monitoring all interstate organised crime groups. "Groups like Brothers for Life, we've got a monitoring brief on other active crime gangs in Australia," he said. "If we believe that they were making inroads in Qld there would be actions taken to dismantle any new crime gangs that surfaced." Supt Niland said the Nat'l anti-gang taskforce & AFP were working with Thai authorities to extradite Pechey to Australia.

#### Man's Random Thoughts:

After both suffering from depression for a while,
 Me & the wife were going to commit suicide yesterday.
 But strangely enough, once she killed herself, I started to feel a lot better. So I thought, "Screw it, soldier on!"

Onetime head of Pagan's MC, Hempfield resident appeals drug conviction - Jan 15, 2015 - Pennsylvania - By Rich Cholodofsky; <a href="www.TribLive.com">www.TribLive.com</a> - The former head of the Pagans outlaw motorcycle club, who is serving an 80-month prison sentence for drug possession, wants his conviction to be overturned, claiming it was based on an illegal search of his Hempfield home. In court documents filed this week, the lawyer for Dennis "Rooster" Katona, 48, filed an appeal in which he argued police improperly executed a search warrant in 2011 & that a judge erred when she failed to exclude evidence collected in the raid. Katona was charged in June 2011 after police searched his home & found cocaine & methamphetamine valued at about \$20,000, police said. The search turned up nearly \$4,000 & a document indicating who owed Katona money, according to court records. In Nov, Katona was convicted of drug offenses in a brief non-jury trial before Westmoreland County Judge Debra Pezze. No evidence was presented during the trial, because the defense & prosecution agreed to a set of facts that would have been presented in the case. Pezze immediately sentenced Katona to serve 40 to 80 months in prison. In the appeal, Katona contends that evidence was based on an improper search that lacked probable cause. "Specifically, the drugs in question were found in closed containers in the bedroom of Dennis & Sherri Katona on the second floor of the house," wrote defense attorney Paul Boas. "No evidence was presented as to when the drugs were placed in the bedroom & by whom." The question as to who possessed the drugs was basis for a defense request to bar from evidence the results of the search, Boas said.

Sturgis 2090 - Jan 15, 2015 - South Dakota - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - H-D announced this morning that Harley is now the "official motorcycle" of the annual Black Hills Rally in Sturgis, South Dakota. The annual rally was started by an Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company dealer in Sturgis named Clarence "Pappy" Hoel. Hoel formed the Jackpine Gypsies MC in 1936. The first Black Hills Rally was held on Aug 14, 1938. The rally was suspended in 1942 due to gasoline rationing. This year's rally will be held from August 3 through Aug 9. According to an agreement between the motor company & the city of Sturgis, Harley will be the official motorcycle of the rally through the year 2090. As part of the agreement, Harley will help fund a Harley themed plaza near the corner of Second & Main Streets. The plaza will be partly constructed with 75 bricks removed from Harley's headquarters in Milwaukee. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, "The open-air pavilion will have ample motorcycle parking & allow visitors to take their pictures with the word 'Sturgis' spelled out in stones set in the hills behind the town, above their heads."

Money: Taking photographs is now mostly free in Sturgis during rally week except for taking photographs of women dressed in paint & photographs taken from one of the 2 Main Street photo towers. Admission to the photo towers costs 5 dollars for 5 minutes. The cost to photograph women dressed in paint is usually negotiable. The rally provides a windfall for the economies of South Dakota & Wyoming as well as motel & restaurant owners located on interstate highways throughout the western United States. The city of Sturgis, with a population of 6,883 made about \$1.13 million from the rally last year. The new plaza will provide a venue for special events, concerts & weddings. "It will be a gathering point in the city. It's not just for the rally," Harley spokeswoman Jen Hoyer said.

Onward And Upward: Attendance at the rally peaked at an estimated 633,000 people in 2000. Last year about 442,000 people spent at least one day at the rally. Sturgis city public information officer Christina Steele is very optimistic about attendance at this summer's rally. "You hear a lot of estimates," she said. "Anything from 850 to 1.3 million. Who knows?" "For decades, Harley-Davidson has been the motorcycle of choice for Sturgis," Sturgis Mayor Mark Carstensen said. "Today it gives me great pleasure to solidify its importance by making it the official motorcycle of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally." "H-D riders have attended the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally for decades," Harley Pres & Chief Operating Officer Matt Levatich said in a press release. "This new agreement will help fuel many more years of freedom, independence & rebellion for this iconic gathering."

**Ex-Bandidos officer arrested** – Jan 16, 2015 – *Colorado* – By David Ibanez; www.KSAT.com - Michael Mensen wanted on felony warrant... A former Nat'l sergeant at arms with the notorious motorcycle gang Bandidos was arrested Friday morning. Michael Mensen, a convicted felon, was arrested by Bexar County Sheriff's deputies during a traffic stop. Mensen was wanted on a felony warrant for public order crimes out of Colorado, Bexar County Sheriff's Office spokesman James Keith said. Deputies found a loaded 9 MM handgun in a holster on Mensen's waist & 2 fully loaded magazines in a pouch on the other side of his hip, Keith said. Mensen also had 2 knives in his waist area & was in possession of methamphetamines & several vials of steroids, Keith said. In addition to the felony warrant, Mensen also faces felony charges for possession of a controlled substance & felony possession of a weapon, Keith said. Menson is awaiting magistration to Colorado.

Rival bike clubs start fight at Sac Convention Center – Jan 17, 2015 – *California* – By <a href="www.News10.net">www.News10.net</a> - A fight broke out at the Sacramento Convention Center between 2 rival motorcycle clubs Sat afternoon. Sacramento police said members of the Hells Angels & Vagos clubs got into a fist fight during the Easy Rider Motorcycle show. At some point during the fight a loaded gun fell to the ground, but no shots were fired. When officers arrived at the scene, they used pepper spray to subdue the subjects. Three people were arrested for assault.

Thank You for Sharing Wisdom of Maturity with the Folks!

- *Nooooh*! That can't be my weight, it's my telephone number!
- I always start my diet on the same day... Tomorrow...
- *Middle age* is when your old classmates are so grey & wrinkled & bald they don't recognize you...
- You know you're over the hill when the only whistles you get are from the tea kettle...
- An elderly couple were taking a stroll when a bird flies past & relieves himself on the woman's' head. Yech! Cries the woman. Quick get some toilet tissue... What for? The man asks. He must be a half-a-mile away by now...
- *My granddaughter* asked me what it was like to be old. So I told her; "Put cotton in your ears & pebbles in your shoes. Pull on rubber gloves. Smear Vaseline over your glasses. And there you have it: In*stant Old Age*."
- *The Aging* Process teaches you to laugh at Yourself... So don't forget to pass this to all those "Seniors" & some not there yet that you Love & Respect..... I Did...!
- Remember... "Inside Every Older Person Is A Younger Person Wondering... What The Hell Happened!" Smile for the Day...!!!

Poking holes in perspectives at Hells Angel trail – Jan 19, 2015 - California - By Leah DeAnda; www.Record-Bee.com - While the prosecution has been attempting to prove the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club's history of violence, the defense counsel has been just as busy trying to poke holes in the district attorney deputy's evidence as the trial resumed following a holiday break. The trial stems from a June 2011 fight between members of the Hells Angels & Vagos MC at Konocti Vista Casino. There were no serious injuries from the brief affair. Gang enhancement charges were applied the 3 defendants. The prosecution hopes the jury will find the 3 defendants guilty of aiding & abetting a criminal street gang, but the defense contends the club is not a gang & should not receive such enhancement charges. Although former sheriff Frank Rivero was slotted to testify Wednesday, his appearance has been moved to next week as gang expert Jorge Gil-Blanco's questioning took up all 3 trial days. A majority of District Attorney Deputy Art Grothe's questioning of Gil-Blanco revolved around a list of about 40 acts of violence that have allegedly involved Hells Angels members. Most of the altercations occurred within the last decade & involved members of the Ventura Chapter of the club, but also included incidents that took place in other states. Gil-Blanco, who has worked on or assisted in investigations concerning the Hells Angels since 1980, had complied the list over the years. In addition, he has provided expert testimony in about 40 cases, he said. Grothe & Gil-Blanco also walked the jury through a couple dozen predicate offenses of various Hells Angels members, many of which included the sale of methamphetamine. During the defense's cross-examination of Gil-Blanco, efforts to call into question Gil-Blanco's credentials, as well as credibility, consumed an equal amount of time. Attorney Jai Gohel brought up a number of the cases listed in Gil-Blanco's projected PDF to show no convictions had actually resulted in many of the incidents he included. An attorney who has represented multiple Hells Angels members at trail in the past, Gohel said he's cross-examined Gil-Blanco in at least 4 different cases. Indeed, the 2 quickly appeared frustrated with each other's approach to questions & answers. Gil-Blanco's responses fell into a pattern of dismissing Gohel's questions with his inability to recall details he might have otherwise been expected to as a Hells Angels expert, such as what the club's membership card looked like. The counsel also attacked Gil-Blanco's lack of formal training; his only degree is an associates in photography. Otherwise, his experience has been gathered from working with law enforcement. The rest of their questioning sought to show Hells Angels members partaking in normal & nonthreatening practices & philosophies, such as referring to one another as brothers, sending each other plaques to commemorate members on their anniversary with the club & donating to charities.

Expertise, Talk And Gossip - Jan 19, 2015 - California - By The Aging Rebel; <a href="www.AgingRebel.com">www.AgingRebel.com</a> - The Lakeport, California trial of the Hells Angels MC resumed last week. Technically, only 3 members of the club named Timothy R. Bianchi, Nicholas F. Carrillo & Josh L. Johnson are on trial. They are accused of beating a Vago named Michael Anthony Burns in Lakeport in June 2011. Burns has maintained since the event that he sustained his facial injuries in a fall. But Art Grothe, the minor league politician who has pursued the case is prosecuting the 3 defendants for felony aggravated assault because that is the only way he can also subject the men to what lawyers call a "186.22 Prosecution." That is the section of the California penal code that makes it a crime both "to actively participate in any criminal street

gang with knowledge that its members engage or have engaged in a pattern of criminal activity" & mandates a prison sentence for anyone who "commits a felony for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with any criminal street gang, with the specific intent to promote, further, or assist in any criminal conduct by gang members." Grothe's theory is that motorcycle club are criminal street gangs & that Burns was beaten because he was a Vago & the Vagos & the Hells Angels compete in the business of being criminals. Apparently, Grothe thinks he can convince a jury that that the 3 defendants beat Burns because there just isn't enough crime in Lakeport for the 2 "criminal street gangs" to share. Also when you use the "power words" "outlaw motorcycle gangs" & "biker gangs" & "criminal enterprise" & so on you can draw more attention to yourself than when you use words like "fist fight" or "beating" or "assault."

Passion For Narcotics: Grothe's cynical ally in this trial is "recognized outlaw motorcycle gang" authority Jorge Gil-Blanco, who is the very happy man in the photo above from 2011. Gil-Blanco has previously testified against members of the Vagos, Misfits, Soul Brothers & Hells Angels MCs including a prosecution of the late Mark Guardado. He testified for 3 days last week & his testimony included the claim that he has been investigating the Hells Angels since 1980. Some versions of his actual resume, & there are many versions, downplay that. "I started my career as a police officer in January of 1973 with the Los Angeles P.D.," Gil-Blanco states in one version of Jorge Gil-Blanco: The Man, The Myth, The Biker Expert. "After a year & half, I moved to the Sacramento Sheriff's Dept where I first started working Narcotics in 1975. Since then, (sic) my passion to work in the Narcotics field was ignited. During my career with the Sacramento Sheriff's Dept, I worked as a Narcotics Investigator, Patrol Deputy, Custody Deputy, & Court Security Deputy. After 4 years with the Sacramento Sheriff's Dept, I moved to the San Jose PD where I spent over 26 years, retiring in July 2004. During my career at the San Jose PD, I worked as a Patrol Officer, Training Officer/Instructor, FTO, Academy Instructor, Narcotic Investigator (SJPD & DEA Task Force), Criminal Intelligence Officer, Burglary Prevention Investigator, Parks Patrol Officer, & Personnel Officer (Background Investigator/Recruiter). After 2 months of retirement, I realized that I still had work to do, so I went to work for the Dixon Police Department where I was a Narcotics Investigator for one year, assigned to the Solano Narcotics Enforcement Team (SOLNET). I was then recruited to work for the Western States Information Network (WSIN), where I am currently employed as the Training Coordinator."

No Patch, Card: Last week Gil-Blanco sparred with a defense attorney named Jai Gohel who has cross examined the biker expert in other cases. Gohel made much of Gil-Blanco lack of formal training. Apparently Harvard does not yet offer a degree in outlaw bikers. Gil-Blanco has only an Associate's Degree in photography from Santa Monica College. The implication was that the expert's knowledge is based on cop gossip & there is a legal technicality called the Harvey-Madden-Remers Rule that actually makes cop gossip, unsubstantiated by objective fact, inadmissible as evidence. At one point, Gohel asked Gil-Blanco what a Hells Angels membership card looks like & the expert said he couldn't remember. A more pertinent question might have been to ask Gil-Blanco how much he was getting paid for his testimony.

**Oh, And that little voice** inside that we call intuition? That's your soul... Trust it...!

- **U.S. Defenders Call To Action** Jan 20, 2015 *Minnesota* By Paul; US Defenders National Minnesota HF 59 "Motorcycle Profiling Legislation Your support is needed immediately to request a hearing! To all: US Defenders in Minnesota & every state. HF 59 (the Motorcycle Profiling Bill) has been assigned to committee but the Chair of said committee is resisting a public hearing. Please take the following steps.
- 1. Please send the following letter, or draft your own, to every committee member, specifically the chair, requesting a public hearing. That contact info can be found here: http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/cmte/Home/?comm=89019.
- **2.** *Please call* Representative Corish, the committee chair, & request that HF 59 (the motorcycle profiling bill) receive a public hearing. 651-296-4240 or 800-704-8525...

This is a chance for the motorcycle community to solidify the precedent against discrimination & profiling in & outside of Minnesota. Immediate action is required. For those of you outside of Minnesota, your voice needs to be heard! Help the Bikers of Minnesota win! You help them now; when the time comes....They help you in your State! Copy & paste the sample letter below.

To whom it may concern; Public Safety & Crime Prevention Policy & Finance Committee. I am writing you to request a public hearing regarding HF 59, a bill addressing the issue of motorcycle profiling in Minnesota. Motorcycle profiling is a pervasive & undeniable problem in Minnesota demanding judicial relief. The entire motorcycle rights movement is being profiled & harassed, even during political events & gatherings. Targeting a political movement violates all reasonable constitutional conceptions of free speech, association, equal protection & privacy. In 2012 & 2013, law enforcement used the bogus pretext of 3 bulb headlights to pull motorcyclists over during ABATE of Minnesota's State Rally in late August, to harass & investigate individuals based on stereotype. No riders were cited. Official correspondence validates this. In response to a letter sent by the Minnesota COC atty to the Meeker County Sheriff, the Meeker County Attorney admitted that these stops were occurring, were wrong, & promised that the officers involved had since been trained that 3 bulb headlights are legal. Although importantly this proves training is easy & cost free to implement, proper training should go beyond the legality of the pretext, in this case headlights, & deal with the underlying issue of discrimination that truly motivate these stops. The judiciary has confirmed that Minnesota law enforcement specifically targets motorcycle rights advocates & political organizations. A Minnesota court confirmed this in 2003 when they demanded that the State of Minnesota return all items seized during a bogus raid targeting the Minnesota Confederation of Clubs & its' Secretary, a member of a Christian motorcycle club. Included were meeting minutes & political strategy documents properly protected by the 1st Amendment. Hundreds of signed & dated Motorcycle Profiling Victim Statements prove that profiling is an entrenched & widespread practice embraced by many law enforcement officers & agencies in MN within the last 5 years. Motorcycle profiling law is justified based on legislative & judicial precedent. Motorcycle Profiling awareness & sensitivity training is completely consistent with the goals of this legislature. Minnesota law clearly establishes motorcyclists as a class in need of protection against discrimination. The judiciary has validated this legislature by granting judgments against public establishments that discriminate against motorcyclists. Minnesota has clearly expanded the concept of protected class status beyond limited Fed

definitions. As we all know, when a state provides more expansive rights protection then the state constitution gains preemption. MN's racial profiling laws prove that pre-textual stops based on stereotype or discrimination are unlawful & rejected by the legislature & courts. Although racial issues are evaluated at a higher level of scrutiny, the same principles behind expression, association, & equal protection are tangible & applicable to the issue of motorcycle profiling. This parallel has been embraced in MN when Equal Access for motorcyclists was passed by this legislature in 1998. In conclusion, Motorcycle Profiling Awareness & Sensitivity Training Laws are Extremely Effective & Cost Beneficial. Washington State's law has reduced profiling incidents by over 90% & the stops that do occur are being dismissed 100% of the time. Motorcycle profiling laws have zero direct budget impact & saves millions in potential civil liability. Granting a public hearing is the only reasonable & just response to an issue that impacts thousands of Minnesota citizens. Sincerely, (Your Name)....

## What you need to do in the next 72 hours:

- 1. Call the main switchboard in Minnesota. Contact the committee members. Ask for the hearing.
- 2. Copy & paste the email contained in the communication. Send immediately with your personal signature
- 3. All US DEfender Commanders, check in with the Nat'l Office & confirm this has been done. Everyone else, let Frank Ernst know you are in it to win it for Minnesota!

**Thank you** all for protecting our rights & having your voice heard! US Defenders

**Minnesota HF 59** – Jan 2015 – *Minnesota* - Status in the House for the 89th Legislature (2015 - 2016) - A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing policies to address motorcycle profiling; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of MN:

Section 1. [626.96] Motorcycle Profiling.

<u>Subdivision 1</u>. Purpose. The legislature finds that the reality or public perception of motorcycle profiling alienates people from police, hinders community policing efforts, & causes law enforcement to lose credibility & trust among the people law enforcement is sworn to protect & serve. No stop initiated by a peace officer should be made without a legitimate reason; the fact that someone rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle paraphernalia is not a legitimate reason. Law enforcement policies & training programs must emphasize the need to respect the balance between the rights of all persons to be free from unreasonable governmental intrusions & law enforcement's need to enforce the law.

<u>Subd. 2</u>. Definition. For purposes of this section, "motorcycle profiling" means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related accounterments as a factor in deciding to stop & question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without a legal basis under the United States Constitution or Minnesota Constitution.

<u>Subd. 3</u>. Statewide model policy. By Oct 1, 2015, the Board of Peace Officer Standards & Training, in consultation with the Minn Chiefs of Police Association, the Minn Sheriffs Association, the Minn Police & Peace Officers Association, & the Dept of Public Safety Motorcycle Safety Advisory Task Force, shall develop a statewide model training policy designed to eliminate motorcycle profiling from law enforcement in the state. The model antimotorcycle profiling policy must include training in:

- (1) acts that constitute motorcycle profiling;
- (2) tactics for avoiding motorcycle profiling; and
- (3) methods for peace officers & their supervisors to identify & respond to motorcycle profiling by other peace officers. *Subd. 4*. Agency policies required.
- (a) By Nov 1, 2016, the chief law enforcement officer of each state & local L.E. agency must establish & enforce a written anti-motorcycle profiling policy governing the conduct of peace officers engaged in stops of citizens. The chief law enforcement officer shall ensure that each peace officer receives a copy of the agency's anti-motorcycle profiling policy. The chief law enforcement officer also must ensure that each peace officer is aware of the policy's purpose & prohibited conduct.
- (b) The policy must, at a minimum, comply with the requirements of the model policy adopted by the board under  $\underline{Subd}$   $\underline{3}$  & require peace officers to give their name & badge number to each motorcycle operator stopped for any reason.
- (c) Each state & local law enforcement agency must certify to the board that the agency has adopted a written policy in compliance with the board's model policy.

<u>Subd. 5</u>. Compliance reviews. The board has authority to inspect state & local agency policies to ensure compliance with subdivision 4. The board may conduct an inspection based upon a complaint it receives about a particular agency or through a random selection process.

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New police radars can 'see' inside homes – Jan 20, 2015 – U.S.A. – By Brad Heath; www.USAtoday.com - At least 50 U.S. law enforcement agencies have secretly equipped their officers with radar devices that allow them to effectively peer through the walls of houses to see whether anyone is inside, a practice raising new concerns about the extent of Gov't surveillance. agencies, including the FBI & the U.S. Marshals Service, began deploying the radar systems more than 2 years ago with little notice to the courts & no public disclosure of when or how they would be used. The technology raises legal & privacy issues because the U.S. Supreme Court has said officers generally cannot use high-tech sensors to tell them about the inside of a person's house without first obtaining a search warrant. The radars work like finely tuned motion detectors, using radio waves to zero in on movements as slight as human breathing from a distance of more than 50 feet. They can detect whether anyone is inside of a house, where they are & whether they are moving.

#### **Man's Random Thoughts**:

- *The other night*, my wife asked me how many women I'd slept with. I told her, "Only you. All the others kept me awake all night!"
- My missus packed my bags, & as I walked out the front door, she screamed, "I wish you a slow & painful death, you bastard!" "Oh," I replied, "so now you want me to stay!"
- *I've just installed* strobe lights in the bedroom. It makes the wife look like she's moving during sex.

**Question**: What do you get when you mix PMS with GPS? *Answer*: A crazy bitch who WILL find you!

Meth use, sale, production drove Devils Diciples - Jan 21, 2015 - Michigan - By Jameson Cook; <a href="www.DailyTribune.com">www.DailyTribune.com</a> - A Mount Clemens-based Nat'l MC's existence revolved around the sale, use & manufacture of meth, a Fed prosecutor argued in court Tue. Asst US Atty Saima Mohsin said 7 members of the Devils Diciples MC conspired to operate a criminal enterprise that also included gambling, theft, violence & other criminal acts. But "meth" produced revenue & attracted new members. "Drugs & this club went hand in hand," Mohsin told jurors in U.S. District Court in Detroit. "Drugs was the incentive, drugs was the lure; drugs brought people in. Drugs kept the club going.

"Nobody was making millions & millions of dollars but it produced enough to keep it going." Drugs were transported back & forth many times between states, she theorized. Mohsin added many members testified the 1st time they used meth was with the Devils Diciples as the drugs was common at clubhouse parties & off-site events. Mushid made the arguments at the start of closing arguments of a 3-month trial for the men accused of conspiracy to commit racketeering & conspiracy to manufacture drugs for the purpose of distribution. Other alleged activity included gambling, 2 murders, assault, extortion, kidnapping, robbery, transportation of stolen vehicles across state lines & the sale of the prescription drug hydrocodone.

On trial are club Pres Jeff Garvin "Fat Dog" Smith of Mount Clemens; VP Paul "Pauli" Darrah of Macomb Township; Cary "Gun Control" Vandiver of Mount Clemens; Vincent "Holiday" Witort of Calif; Patrick Michael "Magoo" McKeoun; Scott "Scotty Z" Sutherland; & David Randy "D" Drozdowski. The defendants are all in custody. They were among 41 people named in a Fed indictment in 2012.

The feds contend the criminal enterprise operated for about 20 years, with the beginning marked by a murder "at the Cadillac clubhouse" & ending in Jan 2012, according to Mohsin. At the trial, prosecutors presented nearly 60 witnesses, including 20 members & 2 would-be members, all of whom received a benefit to testify, 11 old ladies, 7 associates, prospects & hang-arounds, 7 citizens & 11 LEO officials. During a recess immediately before Mohsin began arguing, a Fed officer placed 8 long guns & 7 handguns for display on a table behind the prosecution table. One defense atty who walked into the courtroom mumbled, "Holy s---" when he saw the firearms. A female juror who noticed the weapons as she sat down closest to the display tapped a fellow juror on the shoulder & pointed at them. Moshin, who will continue her argument Wed morning, also spent a large portion of her 1-hour of commentary talking about the "rigid structure" of the organization that stretched into about 8 states, & how much Smith "exerted control" over it & combated rival motorcycle gangs through violence, threats & intimidation. She said the organization included "warlords," "enforcers" & "road captains" with specific duties. Members paid dues & paid into funds for funerals & life insurance. Following Mohsin's remarks, Smith's attorney, Jerome Sabbota, said outside the courtroom the defense's version of the events to be presented later Wed will conflict with the prosecution's version. "Just because there's an organization doesn't mean it was a criminal organization," Sabbota said. "Testimony supports that people were doing things they wanted to do" on their own. He said the 22 members, or would-be members, who testified "all got deals" from the prosecution in exchange for their testimony, calling into question their credibility. Witnesses were also paid. Mohsin conceded to the jury that they should be

extra careful in examining those witnesses but that each one's testimony was corroborated by other witnesses or evidence, some of it in hundreds of telephone call recordings. "Their testimony does not stand alone," she told jurors. "We've put a huge plethora of evidence in front of you. The Gov't proves way beyond than what the law requires us to do."

In the racketeering conspiracy, Mohsin said the defendants plotted, or helped plot, many other criminal offenses, such as 2 murders in Michigan & Indiana for which there are not separate charges. They conspired to sell drugs & operate illegal slot machines at the headquarters on Gratiot Ave in Clinton Township as well as clubhouses throughout the country. If a member left on bad terms, his H-D motorcycle often was stolen, Mohsin said. Riding a Harley was a club requirement. Smith, Darrah & Vandiver face 3 suborning of perjury charges, seeking to have someone lie while under oath. The same trio faces a gambling conspiracy charge. Vandiver faces a separate count of distribution of a controlled substance. McKeoun faces 2 charges of manufacturing meth. Drozdowski is accused of being a felon in possession of ammunition. Prior to the start of closing arguments, Judge Robert Cleland recited about 3 hours of jury instructions.

Police fear Bandidos Pres could intimidate - Jan 24, 2015 -Australia - By Scott Sawyer; www.SunShineCoastDaily.com.au -The Nat'l Pres of the Bandidos, Jason Addison, will have to wait to see whether he is granted bail on fraud & extortion charges. Mr. Addison applied for bail yesterday, but Magistrate Rod Madsen said he would make his decision sometime next week. Police prosecutor Senior Sergeant David Bradley said police were concerned that if released on bail, Addison could intimidate key witnesses, including a former Bandidos member who brought the extortion case against the accused, or flee the country. "There is a real risk of the applicant (Mr. Addison) using his authority as Nat'l Pres to interfere with witnesses," Snr Sgt Bradley said. Snr Sgt Bradley said police were ramping up the charges against Addison, meaning the accused faced life imprisonment if found guilty. Barrister Tony Glynn QC appearing for Addison, said his client's association with the Bandidos should hold little weight in his application for bail. "There is nothing in his personal history which would support anything that shows risk (of re-offending, flight or failing to appear)," he said. "If Your Honour refuses him bail he will spend substantially longer in prison than he is likely to face by way of penalty." Mag Madsen, in a lighter moment of the intense application, said he had refused bail for bikies in the past, but been overruled in Court of Appeal decisions. The court heard the former Bandidos member had allegedly been threatened by Addison & forced to sign over his stone masonry business, worth about \$200,000 in 2011, to the Bandidos Pres, as punishment for attending a 2010 Crime Commission. The alleged victim, who was booted from the Bandidos for attending the Crime Commission, was the godfather of one of Addison's children, Snr Sgt Bradley said as he reinforced the need to protect the alleged victims. "They are in every way whistleblowers on the conduct of this organization (Bandidos)," Snr Sgt Bradley said.

**Women's Ass Size Study**: There is a new study just released by the Canadian Psychiatric Association about women & how they feel about their asses. The results are pretty shocking:

- 1. Only 5% of women surveyed feel their ass is too big.
- 2. 10% of women surveyed feel their ass is too small.
- **3**. The remaining 85% say they don't care; they love him; he's a good man & they would have married him anyway.

8 indicted in Denver-area meth ring – Jan 28, 2015 – Colorado

- By Jesse Paul; www.DeverPost.com - Eight people, including several believed to be high-ranking members of a motorcycle gang, have been indicted on accusations they operated a drug trafficking ring in the Denver area. The indictments were announced Wed by the Colorado Atty General's Office & follow a nearly 5-month- long investigation, code-named "Operation Tick & Flea Collar." The operation targeted a group accused of violating the Colorado Organized Crime & Control Act because of their alleged involvement in trafficking "large quantities" of methamphetamine, firearm possession violations, money laundering & conspiracy, the office said. Those indicted include Philip Lee Duran, 40, Lorenzo Leuis Sojo, 39, & Michael Derek Mensen, 45, the purported leaders of the trafficking operation. Duran remained at-large on Wed until he was taken into custody during a traffic stop in Arvada, the office said. "Under Duran's leadership, this group sourced its drug supply from a variety of wholesale distributors & then sold them throughout the Denvermetro area," Atty General Cynthia Coffman said in a statement. "L.E. agencies across Colorado again coordinated to interrupt a drug-trafficking operation run by the Bandidos MC, which is well known for its use of violence & intimidation." Authorities say they seized more than 2-and-a-half pounds of meth worth roughly \$40,000 as part of the sting. The Metro Gang Task Force, the FBI & the DEA were all part of the investigation.

#### **Confederation of Clubs Goals**

# Bring the Patch holders Together:

- -- Communication between clubs.
- -- A judicial coming together (not legislative) to protect our rights through the courts.

# Fight Police Harassment & Discrimination:

- -- Introduce anti-discrimination legislation, similar to the Unruh Act in California, in Confederation States that presently leave bikers unprotected; A.I.M. attorney to work with state

  Motorcycle Rights Organization on new laws.
- -- Form delegation of patch holders & other affected bikers; that together with their local A.I.M. attorney, present police harassment grievances to the police chief and/or civic entity responsible.
- -- Discriminatory establishments notified by the A.I.M. attorney that suit will be filed if they don't cease & desist.

## Proclamation of Intent:

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

#### U.S. Defenders:

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

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