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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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forgive those who have wronged you, And learn to forgive yourself for your mistakes...

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In Memory to **Pagan Fat Willy** who passed away in prison in *West Virginia*... R.I.P. Fat Willy And be Free Forever...

Congratulations to **Vago Hutch** on your release...

Congratulations to **Hells Angel B.J.** on your release on Jan 28th...

Congratulations to **Banshee Eddie** on your release to a 1/2 way house...

Happy Belated Birthday **Devils Dicile SA** - January 24th...

Happy Birthday **Pagan Hog-Man** on February 6th...

Happy Birthday **Outlaw Joe-DoggS** on February 10th...

Happy Birthday **New Blood Nomads** (Disbanded) on February 12th...

Happy Birthday **Bandido Happy** on February 15th...

Happy Birthday **Diablo Shane** on February 17th...

Happy Birthday **Marauder Doc** on February 19th...

Happy Birthday **Devils Dicile Sport Coat** on February 21st...

Happy Birthday **Gypsy Joker Matt** on February 25th...

Happy Birthday **Iron Horsemen Nomad Butch** on February 3rd...

Happy Birthday **Mongol Mad Mike** on February 10th...

Happy Birthday **Outlaw Milwaukee Jack** on February 11th...

Happy Birthday **Diablo K.D.A. Dave** on February 12th...

Happy Birthday **Phantom Buster** on February 16th...

Happy Birthday **Mongol J.C.** on February 18th...

Happy Birthday **Marauder Doc** on February 21st...

Happy Birthday **SOS MC Retired Mike** on February 23rd...

aka BBB Editor...

Editor's Correction: In Issue 1 for October 2014 of this newsletter the Congratulation to **Thunderguard Justice** for being released was incorrect... As it turned out, he was out to court for over a month... He is now back at FCI Cumberland, *Maryland*...

Editor's Note: For December there were 2 Issues, For January there was 1 Issue, For February this is the 1st Issue...

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!!!

Editor's Note : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**82 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Estedes, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistic, Salty Dog, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

Editor's Note (For BBB Only): Being a Patch holder in Good Standings does have it privileges... And this is one of them... If you are a Patch Holder in Good Standings & contact me, include your Chapter too... If you are Not a patch holder of a MC in Good Standings, Don't write me & request that I add you to the mailing list. You will only get rejected, as I only make very few special exceptions.

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

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

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It was a practical experiment in a college psychology class. The professor brought out a large cage with a male rat in it. The rat was positioned in the middle of the cage. The professor put a piece of cake on one side & added a female rat on the other side. The male rat ran towards the cake & ate it. Then, the professor changed the cake & put in some cheese. The male rat ran towards the cheese. This experiment went on with the professor changing the food and, every time, the male rat ran towards the Food item & never towards the female rat. The professor said: "This experiment shows that food is the most important attraction for males." Then, one of the students from the back row said: "Sir, why don't you change the female rat? She might be his wife.

U.S. Defenders Press Release - Jan 27, 2015 - *U.S.A.* - By U.S. Defenders National; www.USDefender.net - More than 50 years ago the **American Motorcycle Association** is credited with releasing a statement arguing that 99% of all motorcyclists are law-abiding citizens, implying that 1% of motorcyclists are not. It is argued that the AMA released this statement to combat rumors that rabble-rousers were disrupting AMA events. Being the rebellious postwar sort, many individuals that found common brotherhood in motorcycle clubs began to call themselves 1%'ers.

This statement, & its history, has been widely debated & discussed. But what is certain is that this statement & history have been skewed & manipulated by law enforcement from coast-to-coast to validate unsubstantiated stereotypes about motorcycle clubs, particularly those self-identified as 1%'ers, This has reinforced a separation in the motorcycle rights movement in America between independent motorcyclists & clubs. This statement, & the false separation of our movement, has outlived its usefulness. It is now time to break down the barriers to true unification of the entire motorcycling community.

There is no clearer of an indication than recent public statements by representatives of the AMA that the opportunity, willingness, & possibility of true unification is within our reach. The AMA has tangibly reached out to the the club community dedicated to advancing motorcycle rights & fighting motorcycle discrimination. In fact, the AMA has publicly & openly endorsed the movement to end motorcycle profiling & discrimination & has unapologetically separated itself from the 50 year-old statements used to divide hundreds of thousands of AMA members from grassroots efforts being driven by motorcycle clubs nationwide.

In October 2014, the motorcycle club & independent community in California held a Motorcycle Unification Rally on the steps of the Capitol in Sacramento. The theme of the rally was to unify all of the different elements of the motorcycle rights movement in California & extinguish the false separation fueled by law enforcement's mythologically driven stereotypes. In front of an estimated 3,000 motorcyclists on the steps of the Capitol, Nick Haris, AMA western states representative, publicly endorsed groundbreaking legislation combating motorcycle profiling passed in Washington State in 2011. Nick strongly encouraged the unification of the entire motorcycling community in California in order to replicate Washington's success. This is the first time that I am aware of that the AMA has so strongly endorsed legislation combating discrimination against motorcyclists being driven by motorcycle clubs at the grassroots level.

Nick's public statements in Calif are not an anomaly. On Jan 26, 2015 Sean Hutson, an AMA lobbyist from Washington D.C., travelled to Texas to attend & speak at the bi-annual motorcycle rights rally on the steps of the Capitol in Austin. Significantly, this event is organized & hosted by the **Confederation of Clubs & US Defenders** in Texas. These organizations are primarily comprised of motorcycle clubs fighting for the advancement of motorcycle rights at the grassroots level.

In front of thousands of club members, Sean spoke very directly & separated the AMA from statements attributed to the organization over a half century ago. He also directly endorsed the movement to end motorcycle discrimination & profiling arguing that motorcyclists of all walks of life have more in common than differences. We all love to ride. In fact, Sean helped draft Fed

legislation to end motorcycle-only checkpoints because they are misplaced & discriminatory. Importantly, he correctly observed that if the over 10 million motorcyclists in America unified we could stop the practice of profiling & implement a pro-motorcycle rights agenda across the board. Imagine what a powerful movement motorcyclists would be.

The time to unify all of the elements of the motorcycle rights movement in the United States is now. When a massive & well entrenched organization like the AMA extends an olive branch the world is truly changing, signaling that the advancement of the motorcycle rights movement has no ceiling. It is time to solidify the rights base of motorcyclists nationwide so future generations will enjoy the freedoms & privileges that so many have fought, bled, & died for.

Prosecutor details violence, drug dealing, gambling by Devils Diciples – Jan 21, 2015 – *Michigan* - By Jameson Cook; www.MacombDaily.com - Fed prosecutors provided more details about rampant drug dealing, murders & assaults, & other activity by a Mount Clemens-based motorcycle gang during a 20-year period in continuing closing arguments of a criminal trial against 7 club members. U.S. Asst Atty Saima Mohsin told a Fed jury Wed the incidents were part of a conspiracy to continue the operation of the Devil's Diciples MC, which had chapters in several states. The 7 defendants were indicted in 2012 following a 10-year investigation & charged with conspiracy to commit racketeering & to manufacture & distribute methamphetamine, hydrocodone & marijuana. The members also face different numbers of other charges, about 30 counts in all. "If you as a jury drew a map connecting these defendants, ... it would show this was a single conspiracy that involved these defendants & many, many other individuals," Mohsin told the jury of 15, to be reduced to 12 for deliberations. 41 people were originally indicated, & 22 of them testified in the trial. Another batch of defendants have yet to face trial. Arguments started Tue following a 3-month trial in front of Judge Robert Cleland in U.S. District Court in Detroit.

Defense attorneys are expected to deliver their closing arguments Thursday. Mohsin said 3 of the defendants were directly involved in assaults, & members of other chapters were convicted in the 1990s of murdering 2 men. One man was killed in Indiana after he had been ousted because he was a cross-dresser & stole back his Harley Davidson motorcycle that club members had stolen from him. A second man was killed in the clubhouse in Cadillac, Mich. after he criticized marijuana he purchased from a member, Mohsin asserted.

Club Pres Jeff Garvin "Fat Dog" Smith took action & ordered action, including "a plethora of violent activity (that occurs) when you say no to the Devil's Diciples," Mohsin said. Smith shot a Macomb County club member in the leg at his home after the man started to become "defiant" & failed to regularly attend club meetings as required, Mohsin said. "Fat Dog shoots him while he was running away," Mohsin said. "Fat Dog couldn't tolerate it any longer." Smith, charged by the state, was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon & received probation, she said. Smith in August 2008 beat up the girlfriend of a member outside at the clubhouse after she threw the club "colors" on the ground. Leadership already wasn't happy with the member because he talked about selling his Diciples ring, & his girlfriend had been "running her mouth," Mohsin said.

A month after the beating, Fed investigators searched the clubhouse, & VP Paul "Pauli" Darrah of Macomb Township incorrectly suspected the boyfriend was to blame. Posters, including one that said, "Snitches get stitches," were distributed at Detroit area chapters. The man soon after was beat up at the Lighthouse Bar by 3 Devil's Diciples, after which he agreed to cooperate with the FBI, according to Mohsin.

Defendant Vincent "Holiday" Witort, a California chapter member, participated with several other club members in the 2003 severe beating of 5 fellow club members at the Tucson, Ariz., clubhouse because the 5 men assaulted & tortured a woman who was the "property" of the Hell's Angels, a Diciples rival club. The Hell's Angels threatened war unless the Devil's severely punished the assailants. After they were brutally beaten, the men were driven in a yellow van to Box Canyon in Arizona, dumped & left for dead, Mohsin said. However, the men were found & rescued hours later. The men were convicted of crimes related to their assault of the woman, the prosecutor said.

Mohsin presented an email to several chapters from the Mount Clemens group that congratulated the members for a "good job." Defendant David Rand "D" Drozdowski "sucker punched" a man in the New York New York bar after he mistakenly believed the man was wearing an "Outlaws" motorcycle gang patch in a Diciples bar, Mohsin said. The patch, "Black Label Society," on a leather jacket, referred to a rock band. The victim was knocked unconscious & suffered a broken jaw. Mohsin reviewed dozens of drug transactions, mostly involving meth, that showed the club produced & distributed far more than the 500 grams required by the racketeering law to prove the conspiracy. "They knew about the activity, they sanctioned the activity ... because it benefitted the club," Mohsin said. The clubhouses were "havens" to do drug transactions because they were "guarded, protected often," Mohsin said.

Defendants Patrick Michael "Magoo" McKeoun, Witort & Drowdowski were meth "cooks," among others, she said. McKeoun told a FBI agent that he cooked "kick ass, rock 'n roll s---." "I am a cook, not a shaker & baker," he told the agent, she said. Drowdowski also was a heavy meth user, Mohsin said. A witness testified Drowdowski provided several "lines" of meth for guests to use at a party. Meth sellers testified that Smith was a primary supplier of the drug, Mohsin said. Drugs were transported among chapters in Michigan, Arizona, Calif & Alabama, according to Mohsin, & women were sometimes used as "drug mules" across state lines & didn't have a choice. "Women, whether they wanted to join in or not, jumped to the tune of the club members," she said. Smith kept tabs on potential snitches by obtaining police reports & court documents, & obtained many Fed law enforcement training & policy manuals, all of which were obtained in a 2004 search of his home, Mohsin said. He also kept newspaper articles about incidents involving members. Smith & other leaders worried more about Fed than state investigations because they were aware of the racketeering law, she added. Smith, Darrah & Vandiver are also charged with 3 counts obstructions of justice for efforts to affect the Fed case of a club member accused of possession with intent to sell 50 pounds of marijuana & possessing a gun following a traffic stop in St. Clair County. A witness, a club member, lied on the stand, but the defendant was still convicted, although the gun conviction was overturned. Defendant Scott "Scotty Z" Sutherland was an "enforcer," often providing protection at the west side Detroit

chapter in the early 2000s, Mohsin said. He was arrested with a machine gun in his car trunk & a handgun in his waistband during a search of a Dresden Street home in Detroit. Sutherland also threatened a member of the west side chapter who provided information to law enforcement in 2001 for a conviction of Sutherland. “Snitches are a dying breed,” Sutherland says in a 2002 letter to the man.

The gambling charges resulted after Fed agents in Nov 2007 seized 15 slot machines from members’ houses & Diciples clubhouses. Agents seized 4 in Mount Clemens, 5 in Port Huron & one at the Blue Water clubhouse. Three were taken from a member’s home in that raid & 2 were taken from another member’s home in Oct 2008. Mohsin said operators of the machines split the money with the club.

US law enforcement using radar to “look” inside houses without warrants? – Jan 21, 2015 – *U.S.A.* – By Ed Morrissey; www.HotAir.com - Courts have consistently held that LEOs cannot surveil private spaces without a warrant, especially houses & other domiciles, whether by wiretap or camera. Police can watch exteriors as part of an investigation, but surveillance inside a home requires a warrant, just as non-consensual entries do. Does that include radar? USA Today’s Brad Heath reports that more than 50 LEOs have begun using radar as part of their surveillance, although it’s questionable whether they have been deployed without an entry warrant: At least 50 U.S. LEOs 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. Those 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.

So ... do they? Thus far, the answer seems to be yes but. The cases he discusses involve arrests based on existing arrest warrants, including one upheld by the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals. In that case, US marshals arrested a fugitive after first using the radar to determine that someone was inside the residence first. That did not involve a search warrant, however, just the arrest warrant — which would be enough to seize someone inside a residence, although not to do a search beyond what is visible to the naked eye during the process of the arrest. Still, even with the knowledge of the radar search (and an initial lack of disclosure), the judges upheld the conviction & at least implicitly justified the use of radar, even though they predicted it would be a thorny issue in some cases. It also has some connection to the recent debate over the militarization of domestic law enforcement. Unsurprisingly, this technology emerged from the urban warfare of Iraq & Afghanistan, where troops needed to know where potential ambushes might be staged against them. Heath reports that these systems were intended for both ground & drone use, which raises some questions too about domestic L.E. as they begin to use drones for their work here. Once local L.E. has these tools, will they be circumspect about their use — or will this represent yet another pushback on the limits of personal privacy?

The ACLU & the Electronic Frontier Foundation want tougher safeguards on their use: “The problem isn’t that the police have

this. The issue isn’t the technology; the issue is always about how you use it & what the safeguards are,” said Hanni Fakhoury, a lawyer for the Electronic Frontier Foundation. ... “The idea that the Gov’t can send signals through the wall of your house to figure out what’s inside is problematic,” said Christopher Soghoian, the American Civil Liberties Union’s principal technologist. “Technologies that allow the police to look inside of a home are among the intrusive tools that police have.”

Everyone wants L.E. to have the tools necessary to make their job as safe as it can be - within the limits of the Constitution. If that requires radar, then LE should be able to make that case to a judge & get a proper search warrant when needed. I’m not a big fan of the ACLU, but they & EFF are correct here. It’s not the technology itself that’s the problem, it’s ensuring that its use is limited to necessity. If this comes before the Supreme Court, I’d bet that will be an area of agreement across the ideological divide.

Married humor:

1. How do you turn a fox into an elephant? Marry It!
2. What is the difference between a battery & a woman?
A battery has a positive side.
3. Why is the space between a woman’s breasts & her hips
Called a waist? Because you could easily fit another pair
of boobs in there.
4. How do you make 5 pounds of fat look good?
Put a nipple on it.
5. Why do women fake orgasms? Because they think men care.
6. If your wife keeps coming out of the kitchen to nag at you,
what have you done wrong? Made her chain too long
7. Why is a Laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman?
Because a woman who can’t even afford a washing machine
will not afford to support me.
8. Why do women have smaller feet than men?
It’s one of those ‘evolutionary things’ that allows them to
stand closer to the kitchen sink.
9. Why do men pass gas more than women? Because women
can’t shut up long enough to build up the required pressure.
10. If your dog is barking at the back door & your wife is yelling
at the front door, who do you let in first? The dog, of course;
He’ll shut up once you let him in.
11. Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes
a woman’s sex drive by 90%. It’s called a Wedding Cake.
12. Why do men die before their wives? They want to.

So after landing my new job as a Wal-Mart greeter, a good find for many retirees. I lasted less than a day... About 2 hours into my first day on the job a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her 2 kids, Yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance. As I had been instructed, I said pleasantly, ‘Good morning & welcome to Wal-Mart. Nice children you have there. Are they twins?’ The ugly woman stopped yelling long enough to say, ‘Hell no, they ain’t twins. The oldest one’s 9, & the other one’s 7. Why the hell would you think they’re twins? Are you blind, or just stupid?’ So I replied, ‘I’m neither blind nor stupid, Ma’am, I just couldn’t believe someone slept with you twice. Have a good day & thank you for shopping at Wal-Mart’... My supervisor said I probably wasn’t cut out for this line of work.

A Clean Beaver is a Happy Beaver.

Devils Diciples Still On Trial - Jan 23, 2015 – *Michigan* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - As this is being written, the trial of Devils Diciples Nat'l Pres Jeff Garvin "Fat Dog" Smith, Nat'l VP Paul "Pauli" Darrah & alleged Nat'l Warlord Cary "Gun Control" Vandiver is entering its 117th day. The men were indicted 30 months ago. The grand jury that indicted them was convened 17 months before that. The case really began in April 2009 when 18 people connected in one way or another to the Devils Diciples were arrested. There is no accounting of how much all of this has cost so far. None. There is never any accounting of how much these big biker show trials cost. Obviously there is overhead for the physical spaces in which cases like this are planned & adjudicated. Evidence must be catalogued & stored. Photocopying probably costs a fortune. There are direct & indirect investigative costs & investigators usually agree that the biggest part of that is the cost of electronic surveillance. The accused have to be apprehended & locked up. Everybody in the courtroom – judges, court reporters, Marshalls, bailiffs, prosecutors, defenders, paralegals, cops, experts & investigators – has to be paid. The people who clean the court have to be paid. The guy who runs the metal detector at the front door has to be paid. The case is probably worth something more than \$100,000 to each lawyer for trial costs alone so far. Year by year, the cost of the case has added up. The combined value of the Devils Diciples prosecution to the American economy now probably amounts to 9 figures. That's enough to give 10,000 families \$10,000 each.

Outlaw Bikers: The Gov't is trying to prove that over a decade the Devils Diciples behaved as if they were contemptuous of many laws, rules & regulations & followed a code of behavior they shared with other motorcycle clubs. An Assistant United States Attorney named Eric Strauss has tried to give jurors an inside look into "the world of outlaw bikers;" just as Jay Dobyns, Kerrie Droban, Billy Queen, Charles Falco, Jason Hervey & Kurt Sutter have tried to give potential jurors an inside look. Presuming the jurors in this case have been convinced by Strauss' evidence, the panel has learned that some "outlaw bikers" like to play slot machines. Members of the club owned 15 slot machines & that was illegal because none of those outlaw bikers owned an Indian casino. Many outlaw bikers enjoy or may be addicted to methamphetamine – as President John Fitzgerald Kennedy reportedly enjoyed & was addicted to methamphetamine. Sometimes outlaw bikers make the drug in small batches. Sometimes they consume some of what they make, give some away & sell some.

Marijuana: Straus alleges that at one point one Devils Dicile possessed fifty pounds of marijuana, as Cheech Marin once aspired to possess fifty pounds of marijuana. Marijuana is now completely legal for recreational use in 4 of the United States & is legal to possess with the pro forma permission of a physician in 19 additional states & the District of Columbia. Prosecutors allege that another Devils Dicile perjured himself in that marijuana case. Strauss discounts the possibility that that club member simply lost his train of thought, became confused & mis-spoke. Apparently, outlaw bikers can be dangerous. One member of the club "sucker punched" a man in a New York City bar, broke his jaw & knocked him out because he was wearing a patch for a band called the Black Label Society on the back of his leather jacket. The band's logo intentionally mimics a MC patch. Another club member wrote the words "Snitches are a dying breed." Strauss also accuses the Devils Diciples of being institutionally sexist. Although one of the accusations against Smith is that he ordered

the 2003 beating of 5 club members who had raped the wife of a Hells Angel. The jury may begin deliberations as soon as today.

Texas Bikers Know How to Be Heard at Capitol - Jan 26, 2015 – Texas - By Ryan McCrimmon; www.TexasTribune.org - of motorcycles roared down Congress Avenue on Monday, headed for the Capitol where a mass of bikers in jeans, leather vests & baseball caps gathered on the south steps to rev their collective political engine before the new Legislature. "It doesn't matter what you ride, or who you ride with," a speaker told the crowd. "It's just that you ride." Bikers from across the state rode to Austin to show support for several bills that would loosen traffic restrictions for motorcyclists. One of the most popular proposals is House Bill 813, a "lane splitting" bill by state Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr., D-Palmview, that would allow bikers to cut through congested traffic. Lane splitting — weaving through slow or stopped traffic, often by driving in narrow spaces between cars — isn't specifically addressed by Texas law, but the Texas Department of Transportation website says bikers who eschew traffic lanes could be flagged for a safety violation. California is the only state to legalize lane splitting. Muñoz's bill would allow splitting traffic that is moving slower than 20 mph. State Rep. Bill Zedler, R-Arlington, who spoke at the rally Monday, introduced a bill last week to allow motorcycles to proceed through a red light if the traffic-control signal doesn't detect the bike, because of its smaller metal mass, "within a reasonable amount of time." Just for good measure, several speakers also criticized motorcycle-only traffic checkpoints. Texas is already one of 16 states to ban motorcycle checkpoints, but bikers traveling out of state still have to deal with biker "profiling," as they call it. A new bill in the U.S. Senate would stop Fed funding for motorcycle-only checkpoints. "We're not just outlaw bikers," said Scrap'n Calaveras, an Austin biker. "I have my own company & run my own company. I don't want to be profiled just because I ride a motorcycle."

The Gunfighter: A young cowboy sitting in a saloon one Saturday night recognized an elderly man standing at the bar who, in his day, had been the fastest gun in the West. The cowboy took a place next to the old-timer, bought him a drink & told him of his great ambition to be a great shot... Could you give me some tips?' he asked. The old man said, 'Well, for one thing, you're wearing your gun too high - tie the holster a little lower down on your leg.' 'Will that make me a better gunfighter?' 'Sure will.' The young man did as he was told, stood up, whipped out his .44 & shot the bow tie off the piano player. 'That's terrific!' said the cowboy. 'Got any more tips?' 'Yep,' said the old man. 'Cut a notch out of your holster where the hammer hits it - that'll give you a smoother draw' 'Will that make me a better gunfighter?' asked the young man. 'You bet it will,' said the old-timer. The young man took out his knife, cut the notch, stood up, drew his gun in a blue, & then shot a cufflink off the piano player 'Wow!' exclaimed the cowboy 'I'm learnin' somethin' here. Got any more tips?' The old man pointed to a large can in a corner of the saloon. 'See that axle grease over there? Coat your gun with it.' The young man smeared some of the grease on the barrel of his gun. 'No,' said the old-timer, 'I mean smear it all over the gun, handle & all.' 'Will that make me a better gunfighter?' asked the young man. 'No,' said the old-timer, 'but when Wyatt Earp gets done playing the piano, he's gonna shove that gun up your ass, & it won't hurt as much.'

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

U.S. Spies on Millions of Cars - Jan 26, 2015 – *Washington D.C.; U.S.A.* – By Devlin Barrett, The Wall Street Journal; www.WSJ.com - DEA Uses License-Plate Readers to Build Database for Fed, Local Authorities... The Justice Dept has been building a nat'l database to track in real time the movement of vehicles around the U.S., a secret domestic intelligence-gathering program that scans & stores hundreds of millions of records about motorists, according to current & former officials & Gov't documents. The primary goal of the license-plate tracking program, run by the DEA, is to seize cars, cash & other assets to combat drug trafficking, according to one Gov't document. But the database's use has expanded to hunt for vehicles associated with numerous other potential crimes, from kidnappings to killings to rape suspects, say people familiar with the matter. Officials have publicly said that they track vehicles near the border with Mexico to help fight drug cartels. What hasn't been previously disclosed is that the DEA has spent years working to expand the database throughout the USA, according to one email reviewed by The Wall Street Journal.

Many state & local L.E. agencies are accessing the database for a variety of investigations, according to people familiar with the program, putting a wealth of info in the hands of local officials who can track vehicles in real time on major roadways. The database raises new questions about privacy & the scope of Gov't surveillance. The existence of the program & its expansion were described in interviews with current & former Gov't officials, & in documents obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union through a Freedom of Info Act request & reviewed by The WSJ. It is unclear if any court oversees or approves the intelligence-gathering. A spokesman for Justice Dept, which includes the DEA, said the program complies with Fed law. It is not new that the DEA uses the license-plate reader program to arrest criminals & stop the flow of drugs in areas of high trafficking intensity, the spokesman said.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, senior Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the Gov't's use of license-plate readers raises significant privacy concerns. The fact that this intrusive technology is potentially being used to expand the reach of the Gov't's asset-forfeiture efforts is of even greater concern. The senator called for additional accountability & said Americans shouldn't have to fear their locations & movements are constantly being tracked & stored in a massive Gov't database.

The DEA program collects data about vehicle movements, including time, direction & location, from high-tech cameras placed strategically on major highways. Many devices also record visual images of drivers & passengers, which are sometimes clear enough for investigators to confirm identities, according to DEA documents & people familiar with the program. The documents show that the DEA also uses license-plate readers operated by state, local & Fed L.E. agencies to feed into its own network & create a far-reaching, constantly updating database of electronic eyes scanning traffic on the roads to steer police toward suspects. The L.E. scanners are different from those used to collect tolls. By 2011, the DEA had about 100 cameras feeding into the database, the documents show. On I-95 in New Jersey, license-plate readers feed data to the DEA giving L.E. personnel around the country the ability to search for a suspect vehicle on one of the country's busiest highways. One undated internal document shows the program also gathers data from license-plate readers in Florida & Georgia. Any database that collects detailed location info about Americans not suspected of crimes raises very serious privacy

questions, said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the ACLU. It's unconscionable that technology with such far-reaching potential would be deployed in such secrecy. People might disagree about exactly how we should use such powerful surveillance technologies, but it should be democratically decided, it shouldn't be done in secret.

License-plate readers are already used in the U.S. by companies to collect debts & repossess vehicles, & by local PDs to solve crimes. In 2010, the DEA said in internal documents that the database aided in the seizure of 98 kilograms of cocaine, 8,336 kilograms of marijuana & the collection of \$866,380. It also has been connected to the Amber Alert system, to help authorities find abducted children, according to people familiar with the program. One email written in 2010 said the primary purpose of the program was asset forfeiture - a controversial practice in which law-enforcement agencies seize cars, cash & other valuables from suspected criminals. The practice is increasingly coming under attack because of instances when L.E. officers take such assets without evidence of a crime. The document said, DEA has designed this program to assist with locating, identifying, & seizing bulk currency, guns, & other illicit contraband moving along the southwest border & throughout the USA. With that said, we want to insure we can collect & manage all the data & IT responsibilities that will come with the work to insure the program meets its goals, of which asset forfeiture is primary.

A number of lawmakers have been planning to offer legislation to rein in what they call abuses of asset-forfeiture laws. The Justice Dept recently announced it was ending its role in one type of asset seizure, known as adoptions, a process by which local officials take property, then have the assets adopted & sold by the Fed Gov't. Often, that allows the local agency to keep a higher percentage of the money from the seizure. The policy change doesn't affect the bulk of asset seizures in the U.S. The nat'l vehicle database program was launched in 2008 & opened to participating state & local authorities a year later. The initial focus was on tracking cars moving on or near the Southwest border, in order to follow the movements of drugs & drug money, according to officials & documents. Requests to search the database are handled by the El Paso Intelligence Center in Texas, which is known as EPIC in L.E. circles. EPIC is staffed around the clock to both take in & send out info about hits on requested license plates. The effort began in Border States like Arizona, Calif, Nevada, N.M. & Texas, but the goal has always been expansion, according to current & former Fed officials & documents. Officials wouldn't say how many other states are now feeding data into the system, citing concerns that disclosing such information could help criminals avoid detection.

The Fed program hasn't always been embraced by states. At a 2012 hearing, Utah lawmakers balked when DEA officials sought to have license-plate readers in the state feed into the database - one of the few times the agency has provided even limited facts about the program. That same year, a DEA official made a general reference to the program at a congressional field hearing about the S.W. border, saying it was built to monitor & target vehicles used to transport bulk cash & other contraband. Under questioning from Utah lawmakers, the agency said the program began with an effort to track drug shipments on the Southwest border, & the Gov't wanted to add monitors on major drug-trafficking routes like Utah's I-15, in order to hunt a wide array of criminals. That alarmed privacy advocates, who noted at the time

that the DEA's map of major drug routes included most of the national highway system. The agency has reduced the time it holds the data from 2 years to 3 months, according to a Justice Dept spokesman. The EPIC database allows any police agency that participates to quickly search records of many states for info about a vehicle. One May 2010 redacted email says: Anyone can request info from our [license-plate reader] program, Fed, state, or local, just need to be a vetted EPIC user. The data are also shared with U.S. border officials, according to an undated memorandum of understanding between the DEA & Customs & Border Protection officials. That document shows the 2 agencies specifically said that lawmakers might never specifically fund the work, stating: this in no way implies that Congress will appropriate funds for such expenditures. The disclosure of the DEA's license-plate reader database comes on the heels of other revelations in recent months about the Justice Dept, as well as the agencies it runs, gathering data about innocent Americans as it searches for criminals.

In Nov, The Wall Street Journal reported that the U.S. Marshals Service flies planes carrying devices that mimic cellphone towers in order to scan the identifying information of Americans' phones as it searches for criminal suspects & fugitives. Justice Dept officials have said the program is legal. Earlier this month, the DEA filed court documents indicating that for more than a decade it had gathered the phone records of Americans calling foreign countries, without judicial oversight, to sift through that data looking for drug suspects. That program was canceled in 2013.

News Flash, Prosecutors Lie = Jan 26, 2015 - *California* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has been shocked this month to discover that prosecutors lie, cheat & steal to win cases & advance their pathetic careers. This sudden, blinding realization is reminiscent of the fictional, French police Captain Louis Renault who was "shocked, shocked" to discover gambling in Rick's Café Américain in the movie Casablanca. There have been a few indications that judges know that prosecutors play games even if the press does not. Two years ago Chief Judge Alex Kozinski worried about "an epidemic of Brady violations abroad in the land." Kozinski was referring to a Supreme Court decision in a case titled Brady v. Maryland which requires prosecutors to disclose, or discover to the defense, everything they know about a case including evidence that would tend to prove an accused man is innocent. Prosecutors never play fair, of course, & Kozinski seems increasingly unable to ignore that ugly fact

Eric McDavid: The first case that came to Kozinski's attention this month was an appeal of an "ecoterrorism" case against Eric McDavid. McDavid was convicted & sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2007 & was released after serving 9 years on January 8. He was the victim of an FBI "sting" that used a 19-year-old, paid snitch named "Anna." Anna assembled the group of "terrorists," organized their meetings, taught them how to make bombs, drove them to the store to buy bomb-making materials, harassed them when they weren't sufficiently militant, slept with McDavid, told him she loved him & encouraged him to love her. "I think you & I could be great, but we have LOTS of little kinks to work out," she wrote him in one love letter." In another she wrote "I hope in Indiana we can spend more quality time together, & really chat about life & other things." Defense atty Mark Reichel described Anna as an agent provocateur but he couldn't prove it because the Gov't hid evidence & then lied about it. At McDavid's trial an

Assistant United States Attorney named Ellen Endrizzi told the judge McDavid "has throughout his papers said there was a romantic relationship [but] he has provided no facts of that." McDavid couldn't provide the love letters because Endrizzi had them locked up in a subterranean vault in her private office in hell. In her closing statement she told the jury "There are supposedly love letters. We've got evidence of one. Supposedly Mr. McDavid is falling all over himself for Anna. But you have testimony that Anna rebuffed him." McDavid's lawyers filed a **Freedom Of Info Act** request for the missing evidence. Some of it eventually surfaced 3 years after McDavid went to prison. Most of it still remains secret. For example the name of the prosecutor in charge of the investigation remains a state secret. The Gov't has said it innocently "misplaced" the evidence. A long, legal wrangling followed the FOIA disclosures & McDavid was eventually released after he agreed to plead guilty to a lesser charge with a sentence that amounted to half the time he had already served.

Johnny Steven Baca: But, what really got Kozinski's attention this month was the appeal of a convicted "murderer" named Johnny Steven Baca. Baca was accused of murdering same-sex companions John Adair & John Mix in 1995. Adair was a doctor & according to police he identified Baca as the shooter before he died. But the case against Baca was always weak. Paul Vinegrad, the Riverside, California Deputy District who prosecuted Baca enlisted the aid of a jailhouse snitch named Daniel Melendez who, in return for a promise of leniency from another prosecutor named Robert Spira, testified that Baca had confessed his crime when the 2 were locked up in the same cell. Melendez said Baca had confessed he didn't like the victims' homosexuality & that he had been part of a scheme with Adair's son to get rich. "The plan was for defendant to kill the doctor & his companion while they were together so that it would look like a love-triangle murder, then they could take the insurance proceeds." The problem was that Melendez was lying, Spira knew he was lying & then Spira lied under oath about that. Worse, the California Attorney General seems to have known about it & withheld evidence that would have proven the perjury from a California appeals court. The case wound up in the Fed appeals court because Baca is still locked up. At a hearing on the matter earlier this month Judge Kozinski wondered why Melendez & Spira hadn't been prosecuted for perjury. It was a good question & the court posed it to California Attorney Kamala D. Harris - a vacuous & unscrupulous woman whom Pres Obama has proclaimed to be the most beautiful attorney general of them all (above) & who recently announced she is running for the U.S. Senate. Earlier this month a Deputy Attorney General named Kevin Vienna answered the court on behalf of Harris with a 3 page, prolix letter that boiled down to, "There have been extensive discussions of this matter at the highest level of our office." Vienna promised the court that Harris might have something more to say later this month. Maybe mañana. Maybe at a campaign appearance.

Most people are bothered by those passages of scripture they do not understand, but I am bothered by those I do understand...
- Mark Twain

Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. - Mark Twain

There is no distinctly Native American criminal class...save Congress. - Mark Twain

Aging biker club's trial rolls toward finish - Jan 27, 2015 – *Michigan* – By Robert Snell; www.DetroitNews.com - Paul Darrah, one of the country's highest-ranking outlaw bikers, clutches a wad of toilet paper as security guards roll him into Fed court in a wheelchair & lug his oxygen tank. The VP of the Devils Diciples MC used to own metal throwing stars & a knuckle knife shaped like the Batman symbol. But today, Darrah is more outpatient than outlaw. Known within the gang as "Pauli," he needs toilet paper to catch mucus shot out of the tracheostomy hole in his neck with a wet sound that startles a deputy U.S. Marshal sitting shotgun in the 7th-floor courtroom. The 50-year-old from Macomb Township is one of the lead defendants in a racketeering trial winding down 3 years after the FBI toppled the notorious MC. The crackdown ended an alleged reign of terror spanning several states that included 3 murders & brass-knuckle beatings. The trial is notable for the size & scope of crimes allegedly committed by more than 40 gang members charged in Fed court - some of whom, like Darrah, face up to life in prison if convicted of crimes dating to the early 1990s. It also is notable for the contrast between the Gov't's violent portrait of bikers who after 20 years of alleged criminal activity & cooking methamphetamine, appear paunchy, feeble, or, like Darrah, deathly ill. "Anyone in a motorcycle gang, they don't have a lot of time to go to the gym. They're not working out & eating fat-free food," said Jorja Leap, a gang expert & adjunct professor at the Univ of Calif, Los Angeles. "It's not a lifestyle conducive to longevity." Jurors started deliberating the fate of Darrah & 6 others Mon, following a nearly 4-month trial in the first wave of Devils Diciples prosecutions. Convictions could help the Justice Dept obliterate a nat'l gang, with the intentionally misspelled name, based in Clinton Township. It is smaller & less infamous than the Hells Angels, but shares some of the same criminal tendencies - & the same meth cook, according to the Fed Gov't. The Devils Diciples are one in a number of MCs targeted by Fed prosecutors in Detroit. The Justice Dept has secured convictions against approximately 65 members of the Detroit-based Highwaymen MC in recent years. This week, members of the Phantom Outlaw MC, based in northwest Detroit, are scheduled to stand trial in another wide-ranging racketeering case in Fed court. Formed in 1967, the Devils Diciples has about 150 members, rigid rules, heavily guarded clubhouses & chapters in Chesterfield Township, Bay City, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Clinton Township, Port Huron & Utica. Prosecutors allege that the gang has its own mini economy built around meth - & even has a gift shop. The online store features several gang products, including Devils Diciples shower curtains (\$47.99), thongs (\$14.99) & a \$13 pink baby bib with the words "My Dad can beat up Everybody!" Asst U.S. Atty Saima Mohsin, in a court filing, noted the gang's "marketing genius," writing that the online store's products — "which include attractive 'TALK S--- GET HIT' tote bags, T-shirts & coffee mugs — appear to be reasonably priced as well." The Justice Dept wants to shut down the store & erase the Devils Diciples gang. The U.S. Atty's Office wants the gang to forfeit, upon conviction, its registered trademark, clubhouses in Clinton Township & Port Huron, a series of websites, the group's Facebook page, online store, & dozens of personal possessions seized during raids. On the pages of a 38-count indictment & in photos shown to jurors, the 7 Devils Diciples members, most of whom are from Metro Detroit, are dangerous & devious. There's David "D" Drozdowski of Fair Haven breaking a biker's jaw. There's Vincent "Holiday" Witort of California allegedly torturing bikers & leaving them for dead in an Arizona desert. There's Patrick "Magoo" McKeoun of Alabama allegedly cooking

meth in an underground lab. And there's Darrah, the potty-mouthed alleged meth peddler allegedly talking about drugs hidden in a motorcycle muffler & bad-mouthing a former member nicknamed "Thumbs" during a wiretapped phone call in Sept 2008. "You need to get a hold of (expletive) Thumbs & get our s--- back & tell him to shut his (expletive) mouth before he doesn't have one to shut," Darrah allegedly said. "We're going to come out there & jerk his (expletive) head right off."

Showing their age: The nearly 20 years covered in the indictment have taken a toll on the 7 Devils Diciples members, some of whom have been jailed for years while awaiting trial. McKeoun, 56, breathes with lungs damaged by cooking meth. The club's longtime Nat'l Pres, Jeff "Fat Dog" Smith, 60, of Mount Clemens, has a potbelly & squints to see jurors. Drozdowski, 38, whose neck tattoo rises above the collar of his dress shirt, tucks reading glasses into his pocket. During closing arguments last week, a balding Witort, 64, swapped a black leather Devils Diciples vest for an argyle one. In a nod to the allegations of Devils Diciples violence, court officials have boosted security inside U.S. District Judge Robert Cleland's courtroom. Ten deputy U.S. Marshals & court security officers surround the defendants. Darrah is flanked by at least 3 guards, though he doesn't appear to pose a threat. The gray-skinned Darrah, his gray hair pulled back into a ponytail, can't even rise for the judge or the jury. Darrah walked into the Wayne County Jail after being charged in July 2012 but the years awaiting trial, the 2 heart attacks, a stroke, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart disease, high blood pressure & the tracheotomy have taken a toll, his lawyer Patricia Maceroni said. A bond request makes no mention of his alleged meth use. "Mr. Darrah's continued incarceration is threatening his life," Maceroni wrote. "To continue Mr. Darrah's incarceration, given the change in his physical condition, is cruel & inhumane & is endangering his life." Darrah & Smith, the club's Pres, have been locked up since the 2012 indictment after prosecutors argued they were dangerous & flight risks. Darrah & other members of the gang, including alleged enforcer Scott "Scotty Z" Sutherland, 49, of Redford & Cary "Gun Control" Vandiver, 55, of Alabama, are charged in an indictment alleging the Devils Diciples was a violent, organized, crime ring. The gang members allegedly generated cash for the gang by stealing & selling motorcycles, running gambling dens, selling marijuana & Vicodin & peddling meth cooked in Metro Detroit homes or imported from across the country. "If you're going to be a Devils Diciples, this is what (they) do," Mohsin said last week, showing jurors bags of meth seized from members while a projection screen showed beakers & equipment seized during raids at area meth labs used by the gang.

Defense denies conspiracy: Defense lawyers insisted the Devils Diciples was a disjointed club, members were not involved in organized crime & that the Gov't's case was built on testimony from felons, liars, paid informants & drug addicts seeking leniency for their own crimes. "He's not a part of some big conspiracy," McKeoun's lawyer Sidney Kraizman told jurors. "He's an independent free-thinker. I'm not condoning what he's done — I'm not condoning meth. In this case, he's not guilty." Defense lawyers denied Gov't claims that the gang's leaders were so tough that orders were followed unquestionably. Darrah, Nat'l VP since 2004, wasn't an intimidating force helping run the alleged criminal enterprise, his defense lawyer said. Members mocked his disability. Consider Danny Burby, or "Thumbs," the biker Darrah referred to during the 2008 wiretap, Maceroni said. "He called Mr. Darrah on the phone & threatened to 'come over & shove his

trach tube up his ass!” Maceroni said in arguing for acquittal. Meth was a constant presence in the lives of several members, according to the indictment & courtroom testimony. “He snorted every bit he could get & stayed up for days,” Drozdowski’s lawyer Ryan Machasic told jurors. “My client was a meth addict. That doesn’t make it a conspiracy.” Drozdowski was not a racketeer, his lawyer said. “He doesn’t listen to anybody,” Machasic said. “My client wasn’t even paying his dues.” There was no organized effort to produce or sell meth in support of the Devils Diciples, lawyers insisted. In fact, McKeoun was a lousy meth cook, his lawyer said. “Trying to make meth damaged his lungs,” Kraizman told jurors. The defense lawyers are fighting a diverse set of evidence gathered by investigators. Jurors were shown more than a dozen rifles, shotguns & pistols seized during the investigation. There are wiretaps, undercover drug purchases & cooperation from more than a dozen current & former members. “This is a case that has really been worked on scrupulously for years,” said Leap, the UCLA gang expert. “If you start with the evidence & the fact they have wiretaps? Forget about it.”

Defense presents evidence – Jan 28, 2015 – *California* - By Leah DeAnda; www.Record-Bee.com - As the task of producing evidence changed hands, the defense attorneys of 3 Hells Angels members launched a round of attacks against the prosecution’s sweeping case & prepared a foundation for their arguments on Friday. From the trial’s opening in late Nov, the majority of District Atty Deputy Art Grothe’s questioning of witnesses has focused attention on the gang-like attributes of the Hells Angels MC at large. At their opportunities to cross examine those witnesses, the defense has taken turns pushing back against the criminal stereotypes & countered with more respectable images of a slightly-rugged, but still socially-acceptable fraternal club. Given the chance to control the ball, however, the defense took 2 days to pick at a few suggested weaknesses in Grothe’s evidence, point out alleged gaps in the general understanding of what occurred the day of the fight from which the charges stem & cast doubt on the credibility of some witnesses’ motives. “This is an unusual case because the bulk of the defense’s evidence also came in through the prosecution’s case,” attorney Michael Clough of the defense counsel told the jury Fri morning. Clough had reserved his opening statements to the jury until the defense began to make their case. Since the other attys made their opening statements in late Nov, the jury has had to put the pieces together themselves as they’ve listened to witnesses’ testimonies. Clough took his opportunity to connect some dots for them. He first ran through the events of the video depicting the fight between Vagos members Michael Burns & Christopher Perkins & Hells Angels members Timothy Bianchi, Josh Johnson & Nicolas Carrillo on June 4, 2011. “It shows Burn’s puts Bianchi in a headlock,” he reminded the jury. “There’s no evidence my client or Josh Johnson ever touched Burns,” he added. He proceeded to discuss the manner in which the videos of the incident were gathered. “The sheriff or investigator could have asked the casino to keep all the videos from a 2 to 3 hour period from June 4. Based on testimony, we know they could have done that at any point up until noon of June 18.” Clough also pointed out that there no unusual security measures found at any of the defendants’ homes or the Hells Angels Sonoma chapter’s clubhouse. Finally, he pointed out that a piece of gang expert Jorge Gil-Blanco’s previous testimony was inaccurate. While the prosecution had produced evidence that former Hells Angels member Bruce Cooper had been subject to multiple convictions, he was not a Hells Angels member at the

time those charges were pressed against him as Gil-Blanco testified. The court later withdrew the evidence from the case. Upon his conclusion, Clough called former sheriff Frank Rivero to the stand. His questioning covered the information Rivero had received from Lakeport Police Chief Brad Rasmussen & an FBI agent on May 14, 2011; 150 Hells Angels were supposedly on their way to a showdown with Vagos members in Lakeport, Rasmuseen & the FBI agent said. Rivero’s multi-agency response in attempting to blockade the south county border that day ended in embarrassment when the Hells Angels never arrived. Soon after, District Attorney Don Anderson launched an investigation into Rivero’s attempted blockade. Outside the presence of the jury, Clough explained to the court his intention in providing this testimony was to show Anderson’s investigation affected Rivero’s motive for pursuing charges against the 3 Hells Angels members for the fight less than a month later. Additionally, Clough encouraged Rivero’s testimony that will serve to show the blame for not gathering other video clips from the fight at the casino is a toss-up between Rivero & the case’s lead investigator, Sgt. John Gregore. Both Rivero & Gregore appear to have been negligent in pursuing leads at the start of the investigation, according to the defense’s interpretation of the facts. Neither went back to the casino to gather more video footage that would have shown all of the 6 minutes Burns was walking around the casino before the fight occurred. In questioning Sgt. Gary Frace & Gregore, the defense skirted around a piece of evidence the court previously found inadmissible. That is, when Frace first responded to the fight at Konocti Vista Casino, a security guard told him he saw Burns shove Bianchi with his shoulder a few minutes before Bianchi threw the first punch. But Frace was quickly kicked off the case by Rivero & told not to speak to the other investigators assigned to it. When Gregore was put in charge, he failed to reinvestigate Frace’s records of the security guard’s testimony. Since the security officer can’t be found to provide witness, the evidence boils down to hearsay. From the questioning of Gregore, the jury merely knows Gregore didn’t attempt to interview someone Frace received information from. Grothe took one opportunity to cross-examine the defenses’ witnesses on Friday; he asked Gregor the level of direction Rivero provided to him during the investigation of the fight. “Minimal at best,” Gregore replied. With that, the defense attorneys stated they had no further evidence to submit. A quiet jury suddenly giggled audibly as the judge started discussing the schedule for the last 2 weeks of trial. Wed at 10 a.m., the court will provide the jury instructions for how to consider the defendants’ charges. Both sides’ closing arguments will be heard Wed & Thu. Feb. 4, 5 & 6, the jury will begin its deliberation.

There is a very, very tall coconut tree & there are 4 animals, a Lion, a Chimpanzee, a Giraffe, & a Squirrel, who pass by. They decide to compete to see who is the fastest to get a banana off the tree. Who do you guess will win? Your answer will reflect your personality. So think carefully. . Try & answer within 30 seconds.

Got your answer? Now scroll down to see the analysis. If your answer is: Lion = you’re dull... Chimpanzee = you’re a moron... Giraffe = you’re a complete idiot... Squirrel = you’re just hopelessly stupid. A Coconut Tree Doesn’t Have Bananas. Obviously you’re stressed & overworked. You should take some time off & Relax!

True friends do not value you for what you can do for them; they simply value you...

Christie's Credibility Questioned – Jan 29, 2015 – *California* –

By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Nick Mead, the British documentarian who spent more than 4 years & a small fortune making a film about former HA George Christie, has killed the project because he came to doubt Christie's credibility. The film, titled *The Last American Outlaw*, had secured 2 distribution deals for all formats including theatrical, DVD, TV & downloads. A year ago Mead called the documentary "the film the Gov't doesn't want you to see." The movie was last screened at the Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts in Pilton, England in May 2014. Most of the film was shot while Christie was under indictment for conspiring to firebomb 2 Ventura, Calif tattoo shops named "Scratch the Surface" & "Twisted Ink" in July 2007. Christie was one of the founders of the Angels' Ventura charter & he was voted out in bad standing from the club in 2011. Throughout the production, Christie maintained that he had "retired" from the club.

Out Bad: In the course of a tape recorded, multi-day interview in October 2013, Christie told The Aging Rebel he had been expelled from the Angels. And, he explained his estrangement from his old club like this: "They asked me to think about it. I came back on Friday. I went to the meeting & they were confused because they thought I was just stepping down as president. I told them I was leaving the club. I said my mind is made up. I had my stuff waiting at the house. I said anybody who has anything to say to me say it to me now. Okay, out in good standing. We love you brother. You're going to stop by aren't you? You know you're always welcome. The door is always open." "Two weeks later I get the phone call.... 'Your status has changed to out bad no contact.... Well there's people who think you might influence the club. The club got raided last Friday night & we think you had something to do with the raid.'" "So that's it. After forty years. That's it? A phone call. I don't even get to come & defend myself. He says, 'No, that's it. It's a done deal all over the world.' I go, 'Okay. Let me tell you now. If any of you guys approach me I'm gonna assume it's on. Because I know what out bad no contact means.'"

Plea Deal: During his most recent legal trouble, Christie faced 2 charges that carried minimum sentences of 30 years each & another charge that carried a mandatory sentence of life. He went on trial in January 2013. According to a knowledgeable source speaking on condition of anonymity, most of Christie's defense would have examined the means & methods used to entrap & bully members of motorcycle clubs. Both former Mongol Al Cavazos & former Bandido Pres George Wegers were prepared to testify on Christie's behalf. The judge in the case, George H. Wu, practically begged the adversaries to reach a plea deal. The 2 sides agreed to a deal on Feb 1, 2013. The next day Christie issued a written statement that read: "The man that L.E. is pursuing no longer exists. Like the Western outlaws of old he walked into a new century & vanished. He is gone, & I ask you to let him rest in peace. "It's true, for 40 years I rode with the Hells Angels. Thirty-five of those as one of its leaders & spokesmen. Although I am no longer a member or participant in that lifestyle, it is hard to separate my past from the present for many people, as well as the man from the myth, & that includes myself at times. "Over time I have tried to become smarter, wiser & more tempered. I've not always taken the correct turns in life but when I have realized I was off course I have always tried my best to once again find true north. "Several years ago I made a decision to not just relinquish my office, but to end my tenure as a club member: A difficult personal decision I knew would arouse suspicion in many.

Through providence, I found myself on a road down which I was no longer willing to take my wife & young son. "As a leader, you can either fish each day for your men or teach them to fish for themselves. I thought I had taught them the art of fishing. I made a mistake in judgment as their leader. And, as I slowly let go of power it created a vacuum. That set off a power struggle that created a series of events that brings me before the court. "Although I did not personally direct anyone, I accept that if I am truly guilty of anything it is a lack of leadership. So I stand here before you ready to accept the punishment for the crimes I've pled guilty to & once again find true north." Christie was sentenced by Wu in Aug 2013 to serve a year in prison. Since then, virtually every document filed in the case has been sealed including all the motions to seal. Mead decided to spike the film after he was unable to verify details of Christie's plea agreement.

Mead Says: In a written statement this morning, Mead said: "I wanted this to be a film based on hard facts & truths. Unfortunately I no longer believe in this film nor its subject matter. As a filmmaker you only have so many films in you & each one is sacred. Making films for me has never been about the money, but about the truth of the moment. This has become a film I can no longer stand by & be proud of. I always have been & remain very respectful of, as well as inspired by, the Hells Angels MC, & this continues."

Eastern TV: Christie was released from Fed prison last fall. Since his release, he has been negotiating to appear in a 6 part reality television series about his life to be produced by a New York production company named Eastern TV. The series would be cablecast on The History Channel. Eastern TV has previously produced the television series *Crazy Hearts Nashville*, *Love & Hip Hop Atlanta*, *When Robots Rule*, *Apocalypse Island & Cocaine: History Between The Lines*. In a casting notice last year for the as yet untitled show, Eastern wrote: "Are you a man with miles of hard road behind you, ready to ride toward a bold new horizon? Read on... "We're looking for a family man who has spent years in loyal service to his motorcycle club & wants to kick start a new life starring in a brave new series commissioned by a major cable network. If you're an outlaw with a heart of gold your greatest adventure might be about to begin...by sending us an email." "You need to be hard & uncompromising, with a personality big enough to fill the screen. Your family is as important as you are. If you've got a little girl you can't say 'no' to & a wife who knows exactly how to tell you 'no,' we're off to a great start. You need to be ready to put the outlaw years behind you & make a new start at something totally different. It's great if you know what you want to do next, but if not, having the desire is enough: we can help with the rest." For George Christie, what is next will not include Mead's documentary.

Job Creation: As we begin to enter the 2016 election cycle, remember that we cannot trust Hilary Clinton to create jobs. *The last time she* had a job to do, she outsourced it to Monica Lewinsky.

- L - Love of Club & Brothers
- L - Loyalty to Club, Brothers, & mission statement
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- R - Respect for Clubs & Brothers must be earned
- By showing respect

Judge suspects ATF attorneys of fraud in ex-agent's suit – Jan 30, 2015 – *Arizona* – By Paul Giblin; www.AZCentral.com - A Fed judge suspects that 7 attorneys representing the ATF committed fraud in the case of a retired Fed agent who infiltrated the Hells Angels motorcycle gang in Arizona. Court of Fed Claims Judge Francis Allegra banned the attorneys from filing documents in his court, & he ordered additional hearings to investigate the attorneys' actions, essentially creating a trial within a trial. The accusations are spelled out in newly unsealed court documents in the case involving former Fed agent Jay Dobyns, a onetime Univ of AZ football star who sued the ATF for improperly handling threats against him following his undercover stint with the Hells Angels. The judge previously ruled in Dobyns' favor, but withdrew his own decision after learning about the ATF attorneys' conduct. Former U.S. Atty for AZ Paul Charlton said he has never heard of a Fed judge taking similar action against Gov't attorneys. "That's extraordinarily unusual, & if the basis for that order is true, greatly disappointing," said Charlton, who served in the U.S Attorney's Office from 1991 through 2007. ATF Agent Thomas Mangan, a spokesman, declined comment. "I understand that some documents related to this judicial matter have been unsealed, but they are part & parcel to the ongoing litigation & therefore we cannot comment on this matter," Mangan said in an e-mail. The specific order that names the banned attorneys remains sealed.

Melbourne Pres of Hells Angels Darkside chapter jailed after selling ice to police - Jan 30, 2015 – *Australia* – By Mark Russell; www.TheAge.com.au - The Pres of the Darkside chapter of Melbourne's Hells Angels has been jailed for 7-and-a-half years for selling more than \$220,000 worth of the drug ice to undercover police officers. County Court judge Michael Bourke said on Friday that Mohammed Khodr, 27, had been targeted by Victoria's anti-bikie Echo taskforce during an investigation code-named Operation Statin, part of a major crackdown on bikie gangs. Judge Bourke said undercover officers made contact with Khodr when he was advertising his car for sale on the website Gumtree. Khodr then sold 910 grams of ice to the officers for more than \$220,000 in 11 separate transactions between Oct 2013 & Feb 2014. He also sold a Browning semi-automatic pistol with ammunition to the officers for \$10,500. Judge Bourke said it was not clear how much Khodr had made from the drug deals as the bulk of the money appeared to have been passed on to his suppliers. Khodr pleaded guilty to one count of trafficking a commercial quantity of methylamphetamine & one count of possessing a firearm when a prohibited person. He committed the offences after having received a suspended 6-month jail term for a number of charges including making threats to kill, possessing anabolic steroids & assaulting police. The judge said Khodr, the second eldest of 4 children, had a difficult childhood. He left home in Year 9 after being subjected to violence from his mother's then-partner. Doctors believed Khodr, who has been in a relationship for 2 years & has an 11-month-old son, may have suffered an acquired brain injury after a 2009 workplace accident which had affected his judgement & led to feelings of self-aggrandisement. But Judge Bourke said Khodr's drug-dealing over a 5-month period had required a level of consideration & organisation which indicated his offending was not the result of "disinhibited impulsivity" caused by his brain injury. The judge said trafficking large quantities of ice was a serious offence, as the drug caused widespread damage in the community, & that Khodr had to be jailed. He accepted Khodr had suffered some hardship in custody,

spending the past 7 months in 23-hour lockdown at Barwon Prison after being involved in a fight that left a prison officer injured. Khodr, who appeared via video link from prison, was jailed for 7-and-a-half years with a non-parole period of 5 years.

Bandidos bikie club Nat'l Pres to remain behind bars – Jan 30, 2015 – *Australia* – By www.SunShineCoastDaily.com.au - The Nat'l Pres of the Bandidos Outlaw MC, Jason Murray Addison, will remain behind bars after being refused bail in the Maroochydore Magistrates Court this morning. Mr. Addison appeared on fraud & extortion charges. The court heard a former Bandidos member had allegedly been threatened by Mr. 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.

Earlier: Police prosecutor Senior Sergeant David Bradley told the court last week 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 Mr 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 Mr 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 organisation (Bandidos)," Snr Sgt Bradley said.

Why You Should Never, Ever, Question A Drunk... I was shopping at the local supermarket where I selected: A half-gallon of 2% milk A carton of eggs A quart of orange juice A head of lettuce A 2 lb. can of coffee A 1 lb. package of bacon.. As I was unloading my items on the conveyor belt to check out, a drunk standing behind me watched as I placed the items in front of the cashier. While the cashier was ringing up the purchases, the drunk calmly stated, 'You must be single.' I was a bit startled by this proclamation, but I was intrigued by the derelict's intuition, since I indeed had never found Mr. Right. I looked at the 6 items on the belt & saw nothing particularly unusual about my selections that could have tipped off the drunk to my marital status. Curiosity getting the better of me, I said, 'Yes you are correct. But how on earth did you know that?' The drunk replied, 'Cause you're ugly.

The Edge... There is No honest way to explain it because the only people who really know where it is are the ones who have gone over... *Look in the Mirror...!!!*

2 Hells Angels members arrested near Fulton, KY - Feb 2, 2015 – *Kentucky* - By Jen Baird; www.KFVS12.com - Two members of the Hells Angels MC were arrested during a traffic stop just outside Fulton, Kentucky Sat night, according to the Fulton County Sheriff's Dept. Officials say just before 10 p.m., deputies stopped a vehicle with one headlight on Hwy 51. The driver, Arthur Ralston from Fulton, couldn't give proper documentation for the vehicle, according to deputies. Ralston was asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle & if deputies could search the vehicle. Deputies say Ralston said no. A K-9 unit from the Fulton Police Dept was on the scene & officials say the dog did indicate on the vehicle. Ralston & his passenger, Terry Atwill from Water Valley, KY, were taken out of the vehicle. Deputies say a handgun was found on one of the men & both were in possession of several knives, including a switchblade. Deputies say they found what appeared to be crystal methamphetamine, a Diazepam pill & a total of \$8,372.76 in the vehicle. Ralston & Atwill were both taken to the Fulton County Detention Center in Hickman & currently have a \$5,000 cash bond. Atwill has been charged with 2 counts of carrying a concealed weapon, trafficking in a controlled substance, prescription controlled substance not in proper container, possession of a controlled substance & drug paraphernalia buy/possess. Ralston was charged with having one headlight, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle, failure of owner to maintain required insurance, carrying a concealed weapon, trafficking in a controlled substance, prescription controlled substance not in proper container, possession of controlled substance & drug paraphernalia. The sheriff's office says Ralston & Atwill are both known members of the HAMC which has a chapter & clubhouse in Crutchfield, Kentucky.

Hells Angel guilty of triple homicide on Outlaws – Feb 2, 2015 - *Belgium* – By www.hln.be/hln/nl - The nation jury in the court of assizes Tongeren tonight around 23:30 the 40-year-old HA Ali Ipekci found guilty of triple homicide on Freddy Put, Jef & Michael Banks Gerekens. In the civil parties in the criminal courtroom could hear a sigh of relief. They attacked each other with tears in their arms. Ipekci initially undisturbed listened to the verdict, but gradually he realized the impact. The jury awarded several elements to prove the guilt of Ipekci the death of Outlaws member Freddy Well, hang around Jef Banks & Michael Gerekens sympathizer. Was referred to as the span of 6 minutes elapsed between the time that the 3 white Citroen Berlingo arrived at the tire center Burnout & start the vehicle with Ipekci behind the wheel of the Berlingo. There was also the apocryphal statement by the wife of the owner of the Burnout Ipekci that was with her at the barbecue. In his last word the suspect still stressed that he had not shot those people. "I stand by that." "The patterns found by the canal, fit the charger spring which was found in the vehicle. The Turkish language spoken words that he has 3 corpses in itself. There are the wiretapped conversations between Fabrizio Muto (the former Pres of the Genk chapter of the HAs, edit) & YS CICH that it certainly had not been. There is also the dustbin with the burnt remains. The fast acquisition of membership of Ipekci at the HAs. The declaration of an attendee reception Ipekci that the bodyguard was the Pres of the HAs, "as it sounded at the reading of the judgment on the debt. The delivery of the judgment on the debt was accompanied by a strong police force. At the assizes building in Tongeren tonight least a hundred HAs together. The police had to barricade the entrance of the courthouse, but after the conviction of their fellow club they left quietly Tongeren city center. At 10 am the punishment will be determined.

Two take plea deal in murder – Feb 3, 2015 - *California* - By Jason Campbell; www.MantecaBulletin.com - Both a former Hells Angels member & an associate responsible for the death of 26-year-old Danny Martinez in Aug of 2011 will spend at least the next decade in state prison. After an 11-1 hung jury forced the prospect of a new trial & the possibility of spending the rest of his life in prison, 34-year-old Hells Angels "hang around" Brandon Gann accepted a plea deal with prosecutors in which he plead guilty to manslaughter with gang & firearm enhancements in exchange for an 18-year sentence. Prosecutors alleged that after driving Gann's girlfriend's white SUV up to the motorcycle shop that Martinez' cousin owned on Ideal Parkway just outside of Manteca's eastern border – ramming the bikes that the 2 men were sitting on at the time – that a fight amongst the 4 ensued. It was then they believe that Gann went back to the vehicle & produced a handgun & fired several shots including those that wounded Isaac Martinez & killed his 26-year-old cousin. The fight was part of a back-and-forth between the Hells Angels & the Most Envied MC – a Modesto-based group – that both the men that were shot had ties to. Gann's accomplice, former Hells Angels chapter Sgt-at-Arms Johnny Splan, had already agreed to testify against Gann at trial in exchange for a 15-year plea deal for attempted murder with a gang enhancement. Ironically his testimony wasn't enough to secure a conviction for prosecutor Kevin Mayo. Gann, who wasn't a full-patch member at the time of the killing, then drove his girlfriend's car up to his in-laws house in Manton where he scrubbed it down of any evidence that may have been in it & washed the clothes that he was wearing that night. He spent several days there before heading to a Hells Angels compound near Whiskeytown Reservoir. He was eventually apprehended in Oakdale. Mayo spent a portion of Gann's trial showing the jury photo after photo of Hells Angels insignia that was discovered when a search warrant was served on a house in Stanislaus County that the men were believed to have had ties to & spent a great deal of time showing their links to the outlaw motorcycle club – argued by some as an organization of "brothers" that just like to ride together but viewed by law LE as an organized criminal enterprise. Proving the connection was a huge part of the gang enhancement charge that will ensure that both men will serve at least 85 percent of their sentence. The number of cases involving such groups actually reaching the prosecutorial level, however, is rare. Splan's decision to turn against Gann in the case was unexpected because members rarely talk to police. It took a grand jury indictment to get the case, which was a multi-jurisdictional effort headed by the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Dept, off the ground.

April 19, 1775: An English attempt to confiscate guns from Americans triggered a successful revolution... Dear Congress, that's a hint...

The 2nd Amendment: Washington didn't use his right to free speech to defeat the British, he shot them...

Welcome to my home... That door you just kicked in, was locked for your protection, not mine...

Why carry a gun...?
Because a cop is too heavy & unwieldy...

If the Gov't won't trust me with my guns...
I don't trust them with theirs!!!

Say It Ain't So, George - Feb 4, 2015 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com -The Aging Rebel has legally obtained multiple audio tapes from multiple sources that suggest that George Christie, former Pres of the Ventura charter of the Hells Angels MC, began cooperating with police in April 2008 after he was arrested for possession of methamphetamine & cocaine. There is no smoking gun that proves Christie debriefed with police. There is evidence that Christie was significantly more conversational with police than most Hells Angels. The non-duplicate tapes amount to about 110 minutes & include long conversations between Christie & Ventura County Sheriff's Det. Mike Harris & Ventura PD Det. Terry Medina. Some of the tapes are recordings of intercepted telephone calls. All but one of the tapes is undated. That single tape is dated April 25, 2008. Another tape contains a reference to Doc Cavazos, who was Pres of the Mongols MC until Aug 2008. Most of the conversations amount to what is legally called "consensual contacts."

Gonna Be A Problem: The day of his 2008 arrest, Christie asks, "Is this gonna be a problem." "We can't overlook the fact that you have coke or meth & you have a lot of cash there," a policeman replies. "At the minimum it is possession & under the influence. That's a lot of pills." "I got a 4 year old & a fifteen year old." Christie replies. "This is it for me." "It won't take much to do you for sales," a cop says.

I'm Talkin' To L.E.: During a taped telephone conversation the day after Christie's arrest he volunteers: "I like to get along with everybody. I talk to Tom. I talk to Doc.... The contraband I got caught with yesterday? Maybe I can work out some kind of community service." Christie describes himself to police, "as a Hells Angel who's been politically involved at the top for the last 20 years." At one point during that conversation, he asks his daughter to quiet down & adds, "I'm talkin' to L.E. on the phone." "How can I get a hold of you," Christie asks during one conversation. The detective replies, "677-8771."

If We Can't Trust Somebody: Ironies abound in the tapes. During one exchange, Christie is arguing that the Ventura charter has a rule against motorcycle thefts & Christie tells Harris that the Ventura Sheriffs must have similar rules. Harris replies, "We work on the assumption we can trust everybody. If we can't trust somebody they're gone." Long portions of the tapes are a cat & mouse game between the police & Christie about the Ventura charter's possible involvement in motorcycle thefts. Christie's son, George Jr., was caught with a motorcycle that contained, at least, stolen parts. The younger Christie bought it from another club member & sold it to a third club member. The bike remained in George Christie, Sr.'s possession. George Christie, Sr. insisted that members of the Ventura charter were forbidden to steal bikes & if anything like that happened, it happened behind his back. "What does Georgie need to do," Christie asked. "I don't want to see my boy get in trouble. But if he bought that bike knowing it was hot...." Harris confronts Christie, saying "You could not give the bike back legally so you decided to keep it as long as you could." In bargaining on behalf of his son, Christie seems to criminally implicate another club member. Christie tells the detective, "Georgie's bike is stolen? He got that from another member. I'm not even gonna mention his name. You know who he dealt with. I'm talking off the record here I hope." Christie also tells detectives he has "short term memory loss" as a result of a motorcycle accident.

Plomell: "You know you had a tap on your phone right," Harris asks, then mentions a "call from Plomell about a Mongols motorcycle they wanted to steal." Christie replies that he knew about the tap. Plomell is former Ventura charter member Jared Ostrum "Crash" Plomell. The Aging Rebel has heard the recorded conversation between Christie & Plomell about stealing a motorcycle that belongs to a Mongols member. The motorcycle was not actually stolen. Plomell was indicted by a Fed grand jury in Nov 2010 for possession of meth with intent to distribute & for an illegal gun sale. Plomell, according to an informed source, eventually became a cooperating witness. The public record contains many volumes of info about the legal woes of the Hells Angels Ventura charter after about Nov 2007 when Plomell was stopped for a routine traffic violation by Ventura County Sheriffs. Plomell is no longer a member of the Hells Angels MC. At one point in the tape recordings, Harris tells Christie, "I've been after you for a long time dude. You know why. A lot of people have poured their hearts out to you & have copped to a lot of dirty deeds to you."

Last Case: Christie was expelled from the Hells Angels in 2011 & was indicted in Dec of that year along with 4 other men for conspiring to extort money from Ventura County, Calif tattoo parlors & for conspiring to fire bomb 2 Ventura tattoo parlors called Scratch the Surface & Twisted Ink. At the time of the arsons, Christie owned a tattoo shop called The Ink House. The principal accusers against him seem to have been Crash Plomell & James David Ivans, Jr. Christie faced life imprisonment on the charges & went to trial in Jan 2013. Five days into the trial, at the conclusion of voir dire, Christie reached a plea deal. His sentencing was delayed until Aug 2013. He began a 1 year sentence in Oct 2013. Since Christie reached his deal, virtually every document filed in the case has been sealed. While he was under indictment, Christie & his last case became the subject of a documentary by the British film maker Nick Mead. The film had been completed & had secured distribution. It was previewed at the Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts in Pilton, England last year. Last week, Mead announced that he was washing his hands of the film. In a written statement, Mead said, "I wanted this to be a film based on hard facts & truths. Unfortunately I no longer believe in this film nor it's subject matter.... This has become a film I can no longer stand by & be proud of." "I always have been & remain very respectful of, as well as inspired by, the Hells Angels MC, & this continues."

A stunning young lady came out of the apartment next to the mailboxes, wearing only a robe. A boy smiled at the young woman & she started up a conversation with him. As they talked, her robe slipped open, & it was obvious that she had nothing else on. The poor kid broke into a sweat trying to maintain eye contact. After a few minutes, she placed her hand on his arm & said, "Let's go to my apartment, I hear someone coming. He followed her into her apartment; she closed the door & leaned against it, allowing her robe to fall off completely. Now nude, she purred at him, "What would you say is my best feature?" Flustered & embarrassed, he finally squeaked, "It's has to be your ears." Astounded, & a little hurt she asked, "My ears? Look at these breasts; they are a full 38 inches & 100% natural. I work out every day & my ass is firm & solid. I have a 28 inch waist. Look at my skin – not a blemish anywhere. How can you think that the best part of my body is my ears?" Clearing his throat, he stammered... "Outside, when you said you heard someone coming...that was me."

Vagos signs down at biker clubhouse – Feb 4, 2015 – *Canada* – By Jason Bain; www.ThePeterboroughExaminer.com - Law enforcement is keeping a close eye on the situation after signage at the Vagos Motorcycle Club clubhouse at 285 Perry St. was recently removed – a possible indication that a new biker gang has taken over. City police Insp. Larry Charmley said he could not confirm or deny a split among club members, but said “they’ve definitely taken down the signage.” The large sign over a locked chain-link fence gate read “Vagos MC: Enter With Respect” & bore the club’s insignia of a demon on wheels. CHEX-TV reported Tuesday it has learned of a fracture in the club that has resulted in several Vagos members leaving the property to join the Outlaws, who have reportedly moved in. If there is in fact a changing of the guard, or another biker gang in town, Charmley said he is confident police will soon become aware of it. Christmas lights decorate the Vagos MC at Park & Perry St. on Tue, Dec. 16, 2014. All Vagos signage has been taken down from the clubhouse. He noted the violence that can occur when there is more than one gang in town because each group wants its part of the territory. These conflicts are concerning because, while biker gangs don’t usually want to draw attention to themselves, there is always the possibility that innocent people could get hurt. “We’re definitely worried about any fighting that could occur,” Charmley said. “There’s definitely some concerns & that is why we continue to monitor the situation.” Conflict between rival gangs is not new to the city. Charmley cited the violence that erupted a few years ago as a result of a club fracture - a case that is still before the courts. The 2012 split resulted in a bitter rivalry between the Vagos & Loners that came to a head when a former Loners member was allegedly attacked on the rail tracks near Park St. down the street from the Loners clubhouse. City police, who work closely with the OPP biker enforcement unit, encourage anyone who lives in the area of the clubhouse to report any suspicious activity, Charmley said.

Bikie ban spreads its wings across all licensed venues on the northern beaches – *Australia* - By John Morcombe; www.DailyTelegraph.com.au - The writing is on the wall for bikies wearing their colors – they’re now banned from all licensed venues on the northern beaches. For several years, bikies in colors have been barred from Manly pubs & clubs following an agreement by the Manly Liquor Accord. Now the Northern Beaches Liquor Accord has made a similar decision covering all licensed venues in Warringah & Pittwater. Northern Beaches local area commander Superintendent Dave Darcy described the accord’s decision as “great news”. “We don’t need the overt presence of bikies in colors on the northern beaches,” he said. “It’s good to see a unified stand taken by all licensees in the area. “It means the whole of the northern beaches’ licensees are in agreement. “It was a group decision & it’s strongly supported by the police.” Northern Beaches Liquor Accord Pres Rob O’Connell said stickers would be placed at the entrances to all licensed venues making it clear to bikies that they were not welcome. “It’s a no-brainer & it will be written on the door,” he said. “The stickers will make clear that this is part of our door policy. “We haven’t been pushed or shoved into this by the police. “We said we’d do it so that no one got a foothold in any venue.” Supt Darcy said a number of groups from outside the area had approached local venues in recent times trying to gain entry. The only local bikie gang, the Brookvale chapter of the Finks, patched over to the Mongols in November & police were able to prevent any violence between the 2 gangs. Both have

chapters in other parts of Sydney. Police also raided the chapter’s Brookvale clubhouse in November & allegedly found a handgun, bullets & cannabis. More than 45 officers from Strike Force Raptor, Operation Talon & the Rescue Squad joined local police in the raid of the bikies’ clubhouse in Sydenham Rd as part of efforts to investigate gang members & disrupt criminal activity. As part of a catch-all approach, police were investigating the possible supply of alcohol on the premises in contravention of the Restricted Premises Act. Supt Darcy said the -alleged presence of a gun in a clubhouse showed -motorcycle gangs had to be -considered as a real menace, not just a bunch of blokes only interested in bikes & beer.

Day after deadly standoff, David Winters’s connection to biker gang emerges - Feb 5, 2015 - *Minnesota* - By Tom Lyden; www.Myfoxtwincities.com - The police may have been the least of David Michael Winters’s worries. Officers found Winters Tuesday morning sleeping in his car with a gun on his lap. A shootout ensued, followed by a manhunt, & finally a standoff last night in Jordan, which ended when the 42-year-old took his own life with a bullet to the head. The Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office says Winters was a part of the BPM Gang. The ‘B’ stands for beer, ‘M’ for motorcycles, & ‘P’ we’ll leave to your imagination. Chris Omodt, a former detective with the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office who specialized in biker gangs, says the BPMs are a Minnesota gang that’s been active for 40 years. Members have been caught with machine guns & bombs. In the 90s, Omodt says the gang was dealing a pure blend of methamphetamine known as ‘ice.’ Winters’s rap sheet is the classic resume of assault, manufacturing meth, stolen property, & counterfeit checks. Yet sources tell Fox 9 Winters was kicked out of the BPMs last year. That usually means you broke the code. “Lying to other members, stealing from other members, or messing with another member’s old lady,” Omodt explains. The BPMs have chapters in Rochester, Duluth, & St. Cloud, but Omodt says they’ve usually kept away from the metro because of the Minnesota Hells Angels -- at least until Omodt busted the local leader, Pat Matter, sending him to prison, then publishing a book with him a few months ago. Omodt believes the BPMs may be filling in the power vacuum. “I think Hells Angels have lost a little bit of their gusto, busted [in the] early 2000s, & I think the other clubs are trying to step up a bit, & [the BPMs] may be the ones,” Omodt says.

The Black Bra (as told by a woman): I had lunch with 2 of my unmarried friends. One is engaged, one is a mistress, & I have been married for 20+ years. We were chatting about our relationships & decided to amaze our men by greeting them at the door wearing a black bra, stiletto heels & a mask over our eyes. We agreed to meet in a few days to exchange notes. Here’s how it all went... *My engaged friend:* The other night when my boyfriend came over he found me with a black leather bodice, tall stilettos & a mask. He saw me & said, ‘You are the woman of my dreams...I love you.’ Then we made passionate love all night long... *The mistress:* Me too! The other night I met my lover at his office & I was wearing a raincoat, under it only the black bra, heels & mask over my eyes. When I opened the raincoat he didn’t say a word, but he started to tremble & we had wild sex all night.. *Then I had to share my story:* When my husband came home I was wearing the black bra, black stockings, stilettos & a mask over my eyes. When he came in the door & saw me he said, “What’s for dinner, Zorro?”

Julie on Justice - Feb 6, 2015 - U.S.A. - By FAMM; <http://FAMM.org> - Sentencing reform is alive & well! This week in Congress, identical sentencing reform bills were introduced in the House & Senate that would take a bite out of mandatory minimum sentences! The bills are called The Justice Safety Valve Act of 2015. They would give the court the ability to go below the mandatory minimum sentence when that sentence is clearly excessive for the defendant. The main sponsors of the bills are Senators Patrick Leahy (D-VT) & Rand Paul (R-KY), & Representatives Thomas Massie (R-KY) & Robert Scott (D-VA). In 2012, these 4 men introduced the same bill, which died at the end of the last Congress. Now, they are the first to introduce a sentencing reform bill in the new Congress, which started Jan 1, 2015. They are committed to making sentencing laws fairer, stemming the growth of Fed prison, & reducing the tax burden of unnecessary incarceration. And we love them for that! The best way to thank them is to encourage your own Senator & Representative to support the Justice Safety Valve Act. [Click here](#) for a helpful email you can send to your Members of Congress. It's exciting that sentencing reform is one of the few issues in Congress that has bipartisan support! We just have to make sure they do more than pay lip service to it! You can help by hounding your members of Congress. Don't forget – they work for You! My best, Julie Stewart; Pres & Founder

Letters I sent via U.S. Mailed in Support of the Justice Safety Valve Act of 2015 – Feb 6, 2015 – U.S.A. – Website for info:

<http://Advocate.FAMM.org> - Sent to: (All Washington DC)
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I write today to urge you to cosponsor the Justice Safety Valve Act of 2015 (S. 353/H.R. 706), introduced by Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) & Patrick Leahy (D-VT) in the Senate & by Congressmen Thomas Massie (R-KY) & Bobby Scott (D-VA) in the House. This important legislation would save taxpayers money, allow for fairer sentences, & protect public safety by giving judges the option to sentence certain offenders below the mandatory minimum sentence when that minimum would not fulfill the goals of punishment.

Mandatory minimum sentences are driving unsustainable prison populations & costs. They are also undermining public safety & destroying families & communities by sending too many people - especially nonviolent offenders - to prison for far too long. Because of mandatory minimum sentences, courts are forced to send people to prison for fixed terms set by Congress - even if that sentence is unnecessary, doesn't fit the crime, won't lead to rehabilitation, or makes no sense. Giving Judges flexibility to impose less prison time than the mandatory minimum calls for saves our prison beds & budget for the most dangerous offenders. People will still go to prison with this safety valve in place - but the wrong people won't go to prison for longer than they deserve, & that's good news for taxpayers & public safety.

Less unnecessary incarceration means better safety for all of us, & people should be treated like individuals & receive fair & sensible punishments when they go to court. For these reasons, I ask you to cosponsor the Justice Safety Valve Act & support this important legislation. Thank you for considering my views, Michael Davis

Cory Robert Howard's Accusers - Feb 5, 2015 – *Pennsylvania* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Cory Robert Howard, a member of the Leathernecks MC, remains charged today with attempted homicide, aggravated assault, simple assault, reckless endangerment, discharging a firearm into an occupied structure & disorderly conduct. He is free on bail. Howard, a disabled veteran of the Iraq War, was charged after a brawl between 5 members of the Leathernecks & about 25 members of the Rebels MC. At least 2 members of the Rebels brandished firearms. Numerous sources have stated that at least 1 member of the Rebels brandished an unloaded AK47 which he was unable to load. Numerous sources have stated that a Rebel named J.D. Lambert, who was wounded, fired 3 shots during the altercation last Oct 13.

Rebels Cooperating: The Aging Rebel ignored the incident until Dec when it appeared that members of the Rebels were cooperating with L.E. in Howard's prosecution. That cooperation seemed at odds with a proclamation on the Rebels Nat'l website which states, "We are a traditional 'old school' MC founded on the values of brotherhood, loyalty, respect & honor. We are not simply a club, but a group of men who share in the biker lifestyle that we love & live within the bonds of brotherhood." The Rebels is the largest MC in Australia. The club recently began establishing chapters in the U.S. & currently has chapters in N.Y., Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana & Georgia. Club members wear a one percent diamond. This page considered the cooperation between Rebels involved in the Oct 13 incident & local police to be newsworthy & reported that cooperation in a story titled "Rebels Cooperating" published on Dec 12, 2014. That story led with the sentence, "Members of the Rebels MC are cooperating with prosecutors after a brawl & gunfight between Rebels & members of the Leathernecks MC 6 weeks ago in Rochester, Penn, a small town northwest of Pittsburgh."

Rebels Respond: Supporters of the Rebels MC responded by attacking this site & its author. One Rebels supporter who identified himself with the handle "Still Waiting" wrote: "Rebel – first you make baseless accusations based on enquirer esq whatever it is you do, art? It's certainly not journalism. Then when given ample time you are asked to show, display, post any of the evidence you have. Anything other than he said she said.... Like I said, the accuracy of your reporting is on par with other journalists who make their 'leads' from the smoke of their cigarettes. I'm sure your book will be as wildly successful as your first. Regardless it certainly belongs in the fiction genre."

Bogolea, Hartley And Lambert: In general, this page does not disclose its methods or the means by which it obtains info. The Aging Rebel protects sources. Without further elaboration, The Aging Rebel believes the following to be absolutely & unequivocally true. Dwayne "Hobo" Bogolea, a member of the Rebels MC & a former member of Satan's Syndicate, "was interviewed & gave a voluntary statement" to Sgt Dawn Shane of the Rochester Borough Police. "Bogolea stated that Cory, a short guy with a little beard & is from Pittsburgh is the person who was shooting at him & JD." A member of the Rebels named Scott Hartley, "identified the shooter as Cory Howard" "He supplied a verbal & written statement." "The shooting victim has been identified as James Lambert III." "Lambert stated" to Sergeant Shane "that Cory Howard had pulled a gun & waved it around at everyone." "Lambert...stated that Howard fired shots at his girlfriend inside her van."

A Vendetta Ride – Feb 6, 2015 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - In the aftermath of the Gunfight at the OK Corral, members of a loose confederation of cattle rustlers & other entrepreneurs called The Cowboys killed Morgan Earp & maimed his brother Virgil. It wasn't entirely idle malice. The Earps had killed 3 Cowboys – Frank & Tom McLaury & Billy Clanton. The dispute wasn't as black & white as it is usually portrayed. The Earps were guns for hire. They came to Tombstone to run card games & get rich. They wound up as muscle for the Eastern & European millionaire's who ran the boomtown's mines. The Cowboys represented the way things had been in Southern Arizona, down on la linea, before the big money moved in. After his brothers were ambushed, Wyatt Earp organized a Fed posse with the intention of hunting down & killing every Cowboy he could find. What happened next was called the Vendetta Ride. It lasted 27 days, from Mar 20 1882 through Apr 15 & its victims included Johnny Ringo & William "Curly Bill" Brocius. After Earp got his fill of blood, he escaped the law in Arizona by fleeing to CO, Alaska & eventually Los Angeles where he spent his final days watching western movies & polishing his reputation. There is a more modern, slightly less dramatic & longer lived version of the Vendetta Ride happening right now in Los Angeles. Police are trying to hound the Mongols MC out of existence as revenge for the death of Pomona Swat Officer Shaun Diamond last Oct 28.

Anniversary Party: A Mongol named David Martinez was charged with Diamond's murder after Diamond & 13 other militarized police broke into Martinez' home at 4 in the morning. That case isn't as black & white as it has been widely described either. Diamond, according to numerous police spokesmen, was shot in the back of the head. The Swat team had just thrown a flash bang grenade into the Martinez home. In the last 102 days prosecutors have not made public any evidence that Martinez did what he has been accused of doing. The raid on the Martinez residence was one of 7 simultaneous raids that morning that was looking for evidence that could be used to reinforce a RICO case against the Mongols club as a whole – all Mongols, not just those who have been convicted of crimes. The Mongols have been around since Vietnam. The club celebrated its forty-fifth anniversary last Saturday night at a place called the House Lounge in Maywood, California which is on a narrow street in a mostly industrial section of East El Lay not far from the Los Angeles River. Other clubs that are friendly with the Mongols came to party with them & it was a peaceful assembly except for the police.

Safety Stops: A multi-agency task force that included hundreds of Calif H.P., police from at least a half dozen area Depts & Fed investigators stopped & harassed everyone entering & leaving the party. A witness described the stops as maliciously "degrading." Police found excuses to ticket most of the attendees. Many cars & motorcycles were seized for what seem to have been manufactured excuses. Every vehicle was illegally searched. At least one pack was run off the road. The harassment wasn't confined to Mongols. The harassment wasn't confined to men. As is almost always the case with these sorts of things, the police told their victims they were ensuring their safety. The stops were technically legal in California because the victims included motorists. If the victims had only been motorcyclists the "safety stops" would have been technically illegal. A long time & reasonable member of the club who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "They made it clear to certain brothers that this was a direct result of what happened to the cop in the Martinez case. Obviously they are making a point & aren't going to stop until they get what they want & that's to strip

our club of our trademarks. It's been tough for our club. Hopefully they won't kill any of us in the process." Given the entirely malicious nature of last weekend's safety enforcement exercise, it is starting to look like that is what Los Angeles area police intend to do: Find some excuses to kill some Mongols. Then, maybe, run off to Colorado.

Sentencing handed down against north Georgia motorcycle gang members – Feb 6, 2015 – *Georgia* – By www.AccessnNorthGA.com - Walt Verrill, who was a member of the Black Pistons MC, & Tony Parrott, who was an affiliate of the same motorcycle club, are the last 2 defendants in a long-term investigation of motorcycle gangs in North Georgia. Both have been sentenced for possessing methamphetamine with intent to distribute. "These sentencings close a comprehensive investigation into drug trafficking & illegal gun & explosives offenses by members of motorcycle gangs operating in North Georgia," said Acting U.S. Atty John Horn. "The case reflects our commitment to make sure the communities in North Georgia are safe, & prevent gang members involved in drug & gun offenses from establishing a foothold there." J. Britt Johnson, Special Agent in Charge, FBI Atlanta Field Office, stated: "This sentencing concludes an extensive investigation by the FBI & its L.E. partners into criminal activities associated with several biker groups located in the North Georgia region. The FBI is well positioned to conduct & coordinate such investigations & will continue to work with area law enforcement in making sure that North Georgia remains free from such individuals & groups attempting to set up organized criminal enterprises." According to Acting United States Attorney Horn, the charges & other information presented in court: Beginning in mid-2010, the FBI conducted a long-term undercover investigation in north Georgia into allegations that members of the Outlaw MC, the Black Pistons Motorcycle Club, & other motorcycle clubs were engaged in various forms of criminal activity, including drug distribution & illegal firearms & explosives offenses. An undercover agent posed as a drug dealer from Florida who was looking to expand his drug dealing into North Georgia. He was introduced to members of the motorcycle clubs by a club member who was working as an informant for the FBI. The undercover agent conducted actual & ruse drug deals in which he either bought methamphetamine from motorcycle club members or recruited club members to assist him in moving what they were led to believe were significant quantities of methamphetamine or cocaine from North Georgia to Tennessee. The undercover agent also obtained firearms from convicted felons & engaged 2 defendants in discussions about making an unregistered explosive device for him. The investigation also took a side route into the Hispanic SUR-13 gang, which was operating in Hall County, Ga. A second informant introduced SUR-13 gang members & affiliates to the undercover agent, & they then moved what they were led to believe were significant quantities of cocaine through Hall County, Ga., to Tennessee. The undercover agent also conducted illegal firearms transactions with SUR-13 gang members.

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- 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...

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