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Free All Brothers Behind Bars...

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In memory of Pagan 4-Ply (Rip) who passed away in the beginning of March from cancer.... He passed away at Trenton State Prison...
Great friend & Brother & will be missed – G.B.N.F. R.I.P. 4-Ply...

Congratulations to Invader Nomad Silver on your release to a 1/2 way house on June 1st...

Welcome back Pagan Snip to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Happy Birthday Ghost Rider Nomad Nazi John on July 7th...

Happy Birthday Outlaw Big Tim on July 11th...

Happy Birthday Outlaw Taco on July 17th...

Happy Birthday Outlaw Big Jim on July 18th...

Happy Birthday Sons Of Silence Nomad Skunk on July 25th...

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Happy Birthday Southern 13 Crazy on July 29th...

Thanks goes to the Pagan's Cape May County Chapter New Jersey on behalf of all the Brothers Behind Bars And on behalf of myself for their Donation of \$ 50.00 to this Newsletter... Thank You, Mike Sons Of Silence MC Retired...

The National Coalition Of Motorcyclists, the Confederation Of Clubs, and Lawyers with AIM are hiring a former Texas Ranger to learn the truth as to who was responsible for the violence at our Texas Region 1 COC&I meeting and expose the many violations of basic human rights of those arrested and who continue to be held. See the Full Press Release on Page 2...

Editor's Note: For April there were 2 Issues, For May there were 2 Issues, For June 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...

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



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NCOM Affiliates to Hire Ex-Texas Ranger to investigate; Urges Confederation of Clubs to Continue to Meet

June 8, 2015 -- The National Coalition Of Motorcyclists (NCOM) ties together all of the country's Confederation Of Clubs and Independents (COC&I) across more than 35 states. These organizations have successfully fostered a spirit of collaboration among diverse motorcycle clubs, independents and other legislative organizations from across the country for over 30 years. NCOM's board of directors along with a team of lawyers with Aid to Injured Motorcyclists (AIM) educate, help pass legislation, and provide legal guidance to help improve the quality of life for those who choose to enjoy the road on two wheels.

More than three weeks have passed and NCOM has reserved its reaction waiting for Waco Authorities to sort through the details about what happened that tragic afternoon. However, it is difficult to stand by and watch the continued abuse of American constitutional rights at every turn. More than 140 innocent citizens, who were not involved in the tragedy, have been locked up for an unreasonable amount of time. They have also suffered a basic lack of humanitarian services while being held with disregard for the financial impact on the livelihoods of individuals who happen to ride a motorcycle. These are all innocent victims.

Yes, a crime took place while the local COC&I organizers were preparing for the meeting. Yes, there were lives tragically lost. We want answers as to how and why this happened. We don't have confidence in local authorities after they continued changing stories, disregarded the facts, and continue to violate the rights of citizens. NCOM, the Confederation Of Clubs, and lawyers with AIM are hiring a former **Texas Ranger** to learn the truth as to who was responsible for the violence at our Texas Region 1 COC&I meeting and expose the many violations of basic human rights of those arrested and who continue to be held. We pursue claims against those who have, and continue to violate the rights of citizens merely because they ride a motorcycle.

We are also asking all COC&I regions in Texas and around the country to continue their meetings as scheduled. We are encouraging them to have a lawyer with AIM present to help work with local authorities and media to avoid any misunderstandings. This is an opportunity for COC&I's throughout Texas and around the country to raise awareness about all the positive, productive things that are being done for all American Bikers - both patch holders and independents.

NCOM, the Confederation Of Clubs, and lawyers with AIM are committed to making certain that the innocent lives lost, the devastating financial impact and the sacrifice of loved ones as a result of this tragic event in Waco will not be in vain. Our organizations will push forward continuing our collaborative work that will promote the truth that our rights as Americans are universal and should be upheld no matter if you ride a motorcycle or not.

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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 Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Diciples, 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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Editor's Note: In the interest of Cost Savings, If you can share One copy of this Newsletter where I am sending multiple copies to the same institution, please let me know... **Thanks, Mike**

After a night of drink, drugs & wild sex, Jim woke up to find himself next to a really ugly woman. That's when he realized he had made it home safely.

Wife gets naked & asks hubby, 'What turns you on more, my pretty face or my sexy body?' Hubby looks her up & down & replies, 'Your sense of humor!'

Deadliest motorcycle "gang" in Waco shoot-out was not Bandidos, Cossacks, Scimitars, or Vaqueros. It was police. – May 19, 2015 – *Texas* – By <http://NotMyTribe.com> - Was the Waco Shoot-out a gunfight between rival gangs or an ambush laid by L.E.? Police are monopolizing the testimony but the evidence suggests a barroom brawl became a pretext to kill or arrest club officers, essentially grassroots organizers, now charged with "organized crime". Investigators can litter the crime scene with brass-knuckles, knives & wallet chains, but the shell casings are going to be police issue. Motorcycle headlights were on, indicating club members were trying to leave. Police claim that the brawlers redirected their fire toward officers, but did that happen while the bikers were trying to ride off? Because riding requires both hands. This gangland "shoot-out" was a St Valentine's Day Massacre executed by cops.

The 9 casualties died of gunshot wounds, sustained outside the restaurant. No shell casings were found around the bodies. Eight of the 9 were Cossacks. The 18 wounded are not expected to be charged. So much for the narrative that gangs were fighting each other, or that Bandidos were the aggressors.

It's described as being a gang shoot-out, but what happened in Waco is still shrouded in the fog of the official POV. Did MC members shoot at each other? They're unavailable for interviews, locked up on million dollar bonds. The Twin Peaks restaurant claims the shooting started outside. The only witnesses reaching reporters are the sergeant giving the press briefing & undercover cops purporting to describe the tensions between the "gangs". By my reading, informant provocateurs incited trouble by "rocking" patches which claimed the territory of "Texas" for the Cossacks MC. Something like 3 dozen undercover officers were monitoring the usually uneventful bi-monthly meeting of the Confederation of Clubs & Independents, in anticipation that the "Texas" patch would offend the Bandidos MC. They were able to respond within 45 seconds of the alleged altercation. What might have been an unremarkable barroom brawl, if even that was not contrived, turned into an ambush that killed 9 & wounded eighteen. Zero officers were hit & I will bet every bullet was theirs.

Let's say the melee happened as the police & media describe. Why the blackout on the club affiliations? Why are the 170 arrestees being detained on a million dollar bond each? Why aren't reporters challenging the police narrative? Witnesses assert that at least 4 of the dead were killed by police. How long before we learn how many undercover officers had fired their guns? The media is making much of the anticipation that fellow gang members are converging on Texas to avenge their comrades. I think the police know that it's themselves who are the targets of the bikers' vengeance.

No doubt one can say the bikers were not boy scouts, but have you seen the photos? These "gangs" wore their colors, in this case patches, like Boy Scout badges. And everyone in uniform creased jeans & leather vests as tidy as bowling shirts. Did you see the mugshots? If you look past the long hair & tattoos you'll note everyone is clean shaven. This was a Sunday outing. These are family men & women, not gang members. The Cossacks are a "Harleys Only" MC for God's sake! Police aren't naming the "gangs" involved in what's being called the "Waco Shoot-out". Because they are MCs, for one, & because the only gang deserving of the notoriety is really the police.

Obama Massacres Innocent Waco Bikers Over Putin Fears – May 22, 2015 – *U.S.A. / Russia* - By: Sorcha Faal, Western Subscribers; www.WhatDoesItMean.com - A new Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) report circulating in the Kremlin today states that the Obama regimes Dept of Homeland Security deliberately massacred at least 9 innocent motorcycle enthusiasts on 17 May over fears that one of the clubs participating in a yearly rally in Waco, TX, could possibly be linked to the Night Wolves. Described by some in the propaganda Western press as “Putin’s Hells Angels”, this report explains, the Night Wolves were, in fact, one of the 1st organized groups that battled against the Soviet communist regime in the 1980’s leading to the fall of that brutal regime, & who have since have taken an interest in the political & social life of Russia, engaging in youth social issues while forging close links to the Kremlin & establishing a friendship with Putin. They also aided the protection of Ukraine from the US installed Nazi Gov’t by patrolling the streets of Crimea with unmarked soldiers sent from Russia, fought for the rebels & are deeply involved with the Russian Orthodox Church. Led by the deeply religious Alexander Zaldostanov [aka “The Surgeon” because of his medical skills], this report continues, the 5,000 member Night Wolves also have the dubious distinction of being the only MC in history to have been sanctioned by the US Gov’t forbidding them from traveling to or having/making business with anyone in USA.

The Obama regimes fears regarding the Night Wolves leading to the 17 May Waco Massacre, this report says, centered around a small & mysterious MC known as the Cossacks that began in the early 1990’s in the Caucasus Mountains region of the Federation & had just one World War II-era 1942 H-D. Since the 1990’s, SVR intelligence analysts in this report note, little has been known or reported about the Cossacks MC in the Federation other than “certain members” known to have immigrated to the United States where they revived their organization. Once these “certain members” of the Cossacks MC immigrated to the U.S., this report says, there appears to be little info about them with even Wikipedia failing to note their presence/existence in either their Lists of OMCs or List of MCs. SVR analysts in this report further note that the Cossacks MoC has rarely been mentioned in the American press, with the exception being a 2011 notice advertising their “Annual Mingus Blowout”, in Mingus, Texas, open to everyone & described as a collage-like party with their open invitation stating, “As always, there are No Weapons & No Attitudes allowed assuring a relaxing, fun weekend for all.”

Particularly fearful about Cossacks MC to the Obama regime, this report states, were “intercepted electronic communications” between them & the Night Wolves, leading some SVR analysts to conclude that the Americans were “terrified” of such an alliance forming as the Night Wolves long experience with operating within the confines of a police state regime would give the Cossacks, & any other OMC they affiliated with, invaluable knowledge to battle their nations suppression by the oligarchs now controlling them. As the internationally prestigious Princeton Univ had already declared last year that the United States was now an oligarchy, not a democracy, this report continues, the Obama regime had no choice (like all totalitarian regimes do) but to totally eliminate the Cossacks MC over their perceived fears...and which they began with the 17 May Waco Biker Massacre when military camouflaged DHS snipers embedded on the rooftop of the Twin Peaks restaurant began their deliberate killing spree.

Even worse, at least for the American people, this report continues, within minutes of this massacre, & resembling the propaganda “attack” launched against these once free people on 11 Sept 2001, the Obama regime began flooding their nations lapdog press with so many deliberately false stories relating to these murders it would be laughable, except, of course, for the families of those left dead & dying. Of particular note about the numerous Obama regime lies regarding this massacre, the SVR says, are the reports that these bikers all began shooting at each other, when in fact the video evidence proves that only one biker fired his weapon in self-defense while fleeing from the DHS sniper fire. Also to be noted about these Obama regime lies, this report continues, was that where the propaganda reports stated that over 1,000 guns were confiscated from these bikers, in fact barely 300 were actually recovered, & nearly all of them were legally possessed under Texas law. Of the 9 casualties who died of gunshot wounds, the SVR further notes, all were sustained outside the restaurant & no shell casings were found around the bodies while 8 of the 9 were Cossacks & of the eighteen who were wounded they are not expected to be charged, a fact leading one American independent report on this massacre to state: “So much for the narrative that gangs were fighting each other, or that Bandidos were the aggressors.” Even more shameful, this report says, where the Obama regime reports that all of the dead were hardened criminals, but which independent research shows the opposite to be true as nearly all of them had no criminal records whatsoever, including Jesus Delgado Rodriguez, 65, who was a law-abiding decorated Vietnam veteran with Purple Heart & had never been arrested in his whole life.

And in one the most appalling acts of Gov’t lawlessness the United States has seen in modern times, this report notes, after this massacre by the Obama regime, 170 of the witnesses who were able to describe the DHS snipers unprovoked attack upon them were immediately jailed with no charges filed & placed under \$1 million bond each. Though the Obama regime propaganda media even now continues to spread their lies about this massacre, this SVR report concludes, the same cannot be said about many still free & independent American news outlets, including the **Western Rifle Shooters Association** which in giving their thoughts as to why this massacre took place simply stated: “Waco PD have not been very friendly towards bikers & the Feds Totally despise Bikers! Why? Because we are not afraid of them or their agenda! We are a threat to them! Remember folks we were able to organize in 24 days 800,000 -1.2 million bikers to DC! We did it Without their permission or support! They even Shut Down the traffic cams...had the news Not flown over the scene there would have been No proof that we rode! Yes, folks, like it or not even 1%’s rode with us! They set aside their territories & rode peacefully! Just like they do at All COC meetings! Bikers stand up to them, to their Christian hate, their Muslim agenda & whatever else they want to throw at us! Bikers are presently the Backbone of Patriot America! What better way to bring them down than with bad press such as this!” *First they came for bikers...*

I woke up this morning at 8, & could sense something was wrong. I got downstairs & found the wife face down on the kitchen floor, not breathing! I panicked. I didn’t know what to do. Then I remembered McDonald’s serves breakfast until 11:30.

Women & cats will do as they please, & men & dogs should relax & get used to the idea...

Free The Waco Bikers! – May 23, 2015 – U.S.A. – Petition [URL: http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/free-the-waco-bikers](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/free-the-waco-bikers) - The meeting that was to be held on May 17, 2015, at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, TX, was not a meeting of “rival biker gangs” as has been characterized by the Waco P.D. It was a regularly scheduled meeting of Region 1 (Central Texas) of the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents (TCoC&I) -- a statewide organization which fosters discussion between all biker organizations (MCs, motorcycle associations, rider associations, support associations, motorcycle ministries, etc.) on topics of mutual interest (lane splitting, profiling of motorcyclists, the right to wear a club patch while eating in a diner, state politicians who are sympathetic & unsympathetic about so called “biker rights,” & the legal implications of traffic intersection mass detectors that cannot detect motorcycles); protects biker rights & freedoms at the state capitol; promotes safety & awareness on TX streets & Hwys; & supports & coordinates charitable work, year around, to improve the quality of life for Texans in need.

Such meetings are held in each of the TCoC&I’s 12 regions periodically throughout the year. There has never been violence at any TCoC&I meeting, and, there was no reason to expect violence at the May 17 meeting. The Waco PD spokesman to the media, Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, has refused to name the Region 1 member clubs represented at the meeting; however, they are: Bandidos MC (TCoC&I Region 1 Chairman is Jimmy “Gimme Jimmy” Graves -- a Bandidos member); Blackett Arms MC; Gypsy MC; HonorBound Motorcycle Ministry; Renuis MC; Escondidos MC; Sons of the South MC; Los Pirados MC; Leathernecks MC; Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets MC; In Country MC; & the Tornado MC. Such meetings are open to any motorcyclists who wish to attend.

We don’t yet know the facts of what transpired at the Twin Peaks restaurant that led to the deaths of 9 motorcyclists, but what happened to the Constitutional guarantee that individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty?

Most in jail are charged with “conspiracy to commit capital murder.” The identical arrest warrant affidavits filed in all 170 cases fails to cite the elements of an engaging in organized criminal activity case, paints all defendants with an overly broad brush & rely on nothing more than “guilt by association.” Justice of the Peace W.H. “Pete” Peterson set \$1 million bonds for each defendant, saying he was doing so to “send a message” because of the “atrociousness of the incident & the impact on the community.” This, of course, requires each defendant to raise at least \$100,000 in order to secure the required \$1 million bond for their release from a bail bondsman. This bond is unreasonably oppressive & the justice of the peace & the state district judges who, so far, have not reduced them have shown bias & should be recused. State District Judges Matt Johnson & Ralph Strother have scheduled bond reduction hearings in about 10 cases for Jun 5 & Jun 12; however the bulk of the hearings are not scheduled to be conducted until July! By that time, many innocent people will have been in jail in excess of 45 days.

Waco police spokesman Sgt. Swanton said in a statement to the media that there were people at the Twin Peaks restaurant at the time of the shootout who weren’t arrested. In his words, “If you were innocent, or we thought you were innocent, you were one of those that did not get arrested.” Officials failed to call in judges, who could have magisterated the bikers, gotten a sense of how many merely were in the wrong place at the wrong time & “helped provide adequate due process.” Tales abound of factually innocent bikers who are being presumed guilty until proven innocent.

A defendant named Jeff Battey was the 1st defendant to post bail Wednesday morning, May 20. Battey “has bullet fragments lodged in his arms,” according to his lawyer, Seth Sutton. “He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time like many others who are innocent yet being held under that bond,” Sutton told Houston television station KRIV. “L.E. authorities are saying that, in this short amount of time, they’ve already gathered probable cause that these 200 people have participated in a plot to commit capital murder. That’s difficult for us to believe.” Battey must wear an electronic ankle monitor while he awaits the chance to clear his name. He is currently being treated in a Dallas hospital.

The Associated Press reports that Theron Rhoten, a mechanic from Austin, an antique motorcycle enthusiast & a member of the Vice Grip MC, was arrested with 2 club brothers when he arrived at the meeting after the shooting stopped. The Vice Grips build, repair & ride pre-1970 H-D motorcycles.

A retired, San Antonio police detective named Marty Lewis, is among the accused “organized criminals” trying to raise \$1 million bail. Lewis was fired from his job as a school bus driver for the Northside School District in S.A. Spokesman Pascual Gonzalez told the S.A. Express-News that Lewis had passed a background check when the district hired him in Aug 2014. Lewis retired from the S.A. P.D. in Feb 2004 after 32 years of service.

1 of the 9 people killed in the melee was Jesse Rodriguez, 65, whose son, Vincent Ramirez, said his father was a former Marine, recipient of a Purple Heart for wounds received in Vietnam, a retired factory worker, a motorcycle lover - & not armed, & not a gang member. An AP review of court records & a database maintained by the TX Dept of Public Safety found no criminal history in TX for Rodriguez. Further, he was not a member of any of the “gangs” reputed to be involved in the “shootout.”

Distorted MC is a new “mom & pop” MC in TX, meaning they are family oriented, all very close knit & loving & most club events are suitable for the whole family. They are proud of their 7 members who spend 100 percent of their club time & money doing things to help children in need, clothes drives & toy runs, & sponsoring families at Christmastime. The 5 Distorted members who attended the meeting were not in the immediate vicinity of the altercation or the shooting, by 2 separate accounts, when they heard shots fired. Yet all are behind bars, including 2 women.

Jimmy Pond, a mechanic from Hays County, is the sole supporter of his family, which includes a disabled wife & autistic son. He attended the meeting-wound up in jail-unable care for his family.

Diego N. Obledo, 40, doesn’t even own a motorcycle but was arrested after driving friends in his Toyota Venza to the Twin Peaks restaurant where the brawl broke out, according to San Antonio lawyer A.L. Hernden, who is helping the family. Hernden said Diego Obledo was “just standing around” but was caught up in the sweep as 170 people were arrested by Waco PD. More than 30 are from the San Antonio area. Obledo has since been fired from his job at USAA, where he was an appraisal review specialist & 3 months away from being vested, Hernden said. Obledo is not in any gang, but accompanied friends in a MC for a meeting meant to discuss motorcycle laws & safety, according to Hernden.

John Wilson & his 28-year-old son, Jake, remain locked up together in McLennan County Jail while their H-D shop on Interstate 35, Legend Cycles, is closed indefinitely. Michael White, a Bell County atty representing Wilson, said “He is

devastated & his wife is devastated. He told me very clearly that he never would have brought his son to something that was going to be a volatile, hostile environment.” The future of Legend Cycles is in doubt. “He’s going to try to reopen, but he’s afraid the publicity might ruin him,” White said.

Sandra Lynch, of Mart, Texas, is well-known among Texas bikers for organizing charity concerts for cancer patients, rescuing dogs, & fighting for motorcycle-friendly legislation. In fact, it was she who reserved the Twin Peaks’ patio for the May 17 TCoC&I Region 1 meeting. Lynch, 53, is in jail with her plumber husband, Mike, 62. Sandra is Pres of the Los Pirados MC -- a “mom & pop” club based in McLennan County. She has traveled across Texas promoting a “share the road” campaign, & was part of a group that recently accepted a proclamation from Lacy Lakeview City Council for motorcycle awareness month. The Lynch’s arrests have caused a hardship on the entire family. Sandra normally serves as caretaker for a 13-year-old grandson & has 7 rescue dogs, which Lynch’s grown children are having to care for. They are also having to run Mike’s plumbing business. Mart Mayor-Pro-Tem Henry Witt III grew up with the Lynch children. “It’s hard for me to believe Sandra & Mike are murderers,” Witt said.

Records searched by the A.P. show more than 115 of the 170 people arrested in the aftermath of the shootout have not been convicted of a crime in Texas. Video footage from the security cameras of the Twin Peaks restaurant, reviewed by the AP, shows that when gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the restaurant, most of the bikers watching the confrontation from the patio or inside immediately ran away from the shooting. A few tried to direct people to safety, crawling on all fours heading for cover. According to the AP, only one of the dozens of bikers present was recorded firing a gun from the patio of the restaurant. Sgt Swanton said in a statement that an initial figure of more than 1,000 recovered weapons was “overestimated,” & that after a more complete count was done, the number was revised to “318 & counting, with the crime scene still being processed.” He cited pocketknives, larger military-style knives, brass knuckles, clubs, chains with padlocks on them and, of course, 118 handguns, & an AK-47 assault rifle in a vehicle in the parking lot. How many of the handguns were confiscated from holders of Texas concealed handgun licenses? How many of the chains with padlocks were not weapons, but to be used for securing motorcycles from theft?

The New York Times reported that the local jail & court system is clogged up with arrestees & that the court cases “could drag on for months & even years.” Many of those arrested have lost their jobs, vehicles, & reputations. Their clubs would have to gather huge amounts of money to get them all out on bond. There are some husbands & wives who are both in jail, dramatically affecting their families & homes. McLennan County is spending \$7,958 a day to house those jailed. A week & a half after the shooting, the county has spent upward of \$80,000 just to house the inmates. There are troubling reports coming from family members of the detainees that they are not being adequately fed, clothed, showered, & that those with medical conditions are not receiving their required medications. One detainee reports being jailed at 3:00 p.m. on May 17, & not being fed until 1 a.m. on May 18. At that time, he received 4 pieces of white bread, one slice of bologna (which was apparently spoiled), one slice of cheese, & an orange. The food was thrown at him by the guard in the county jail. The detainee was expected to drink water from the sink in the cell. Detainees report that they were unable to obtain needed medications for health conditions that they suffer from. Among

these health conditions are COPD, Insulin-dependent Diabetes, hypertension, epilepsy, sleep apnea, & post-traumatic stress disorder (highly prevalent among veteran detainees). Reportedly one detainee suffered from a diabetic coma on May 19 or 20th. An epilepsy sufferer went without medication for more than 9 days. Detainees who attempted multiple times to request medical assistance for their pre-existing health conditions were often ignored. One individual who made repeated requests for medical attention was reportedly confined in the Psychiatric Unit in a straight jacket. Detainees report that they did not receive clean clothing until May 23 -- their 6th day of incarceration. Detainees report that they were not permitted to shower for the first week of their incarceration. No detainee was able to see a doctor for more than a week. Any medical care was provided by a nurse.

Published reports indicate that Waco & McLennan County could realize more than \$3 million from the sale of motorcycles & cars seized at the crime scene. Each day that passes infringes on these individuals’ civil rights & helps promote the “Gestapo-esque militarization of L.E.”

We the petitioners request: That the Atty General of the U.S. order an immediate civil rights investigation into the events that transpired at the Twin Peaks restaurant & determine whether the force used by Fed & state LEOs was proper & appropriate. The Governor of Texas, with the assistance of the Texas Atty General, demand the immediate recusal of Justice of the Peace W.H. “Pete” Peterson & State 19th District Court Judge Ralph Strother & State 54th District Court Judge Matt Johnson be immediately recused from acting further in the cases of those jailed.

The Governor of Texas, with the assistance of the Texas Atty General, name judges to immediately magistrate the cases of those arrested to determine how many were in the wrong place at the wrong time & provide adequate due process. Those found to have been in the wrong place at the wrong time should be released from jail immediately & their personal property returned. The Governor of Texas immediately direct the Commission on Jail Standards to inspect & certify that the jail facilities housing the detainees conform to minimum standards of construction, maintenance & operation -- including the custody, care & treatment of inmates. The Governor of Texas direct the TX Atty General to recuse McLennan County Criminal District Atty Abelino “Abel” Reyna from further action on this case because of his demonstrated bias against the bikers. He told KXXV “the ones claiming to be victims need to start acting like victims & cooperating with police investigators.”

The Mayor of Waco, Texas, with the assistance of the Waco Chief of Police, name another police spokesman who will provide factual information regarding the events of May 17, 2015, & live up to the pledge of city officials to be “transparent” regarding the facts of this case. This should include the immediate release of the forensic pathology reports that will indicate the origin of the bullets that killed 9 bikers & wounded another 18.

Dear Michael Davis, Thank you for signing the “Free The Waco Bikers!” petition at www.iPetitions.com ... Your signature is valuable & makes a real difference. Please encourage others to sign the petition to help ensure its success. Here are 2 quick things you can do: Post the petition on Facebook & Twitter. Here’s the petition URL: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/free-the-waco-bikers> & Forward the below text to anyone you know who might be interested. This can make a real difference!

Police find hundreds of weapons stashed at biker shooting scene – May 21, 2015 – *Texas* - By Kyung Lah, Catherine E. Shoichet & Holly Yan, CNN; <http://edition.cnn.com> - A gun stuffed inside a bag of tortilla chips. Weapons wedged between bags of flour. A handgun left in a toilet. Days after a massive shootout left 9 bikers dead, police are finding more evidence & clues about what happened at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas. Among them: More than 300 weapons left behind. And some bikers may have stashed away even more, police said. “These were vicious criminals that knew that they were in trouble, & they were trying to dispose of evidence,” Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said. With 170 suspects in custody, authorities have a complex investigation on their hands. All of the suspects face charges of engaging in organized crime, & each one has bail set at \$1 million. So far, only one person has made bail. Jeff Battey, 40, bonded out of the McLennan County jail on Wed, a LE source with knowledge of the investigation said.

How it all started: Swanton said some motorcycle groups had reserved the outdoor bar area at Twin Peaks when “an additional biker gang” showed up uninvited. A quarrel in the parking lot soon followed, Swanton said, & it may have involved a tiff over a parking spot or someone having his foot run over. The arrest warrants for some suspects offered even more details: Members of the Cossacks were in the Twin Peaks parking lot when members of the rival Bandidos biker gang arrived. But the ruckus didn’t stop there. Swanton said there were “crime scenes inside & outside” the restaurant, including in the bathroom, dining area & around the bar. The assailants used all sorts of weapons -- brass knuckles, guns, knives & chains. And when police responded, Swanton said, some bikers turned their weapons on them. Restaurant security camera footage showing Sunday’s events is now in the hands of investigators, a representative for the Waco Twin Peaks said Wed. The video shows that “no violence started inside the restaurant,” the franchise said in a statement. “What happened inside the restaurant was that people sought safety inside, where they assisted each other & came to the aid of patrons, staff & management,” the statement said. Waco police initially estimated that investigators recovered more than 1,000 weapons from the restaurant. Police revised that number Wed afternoon, saying their count had reached 318 weapons, including more than 100 handguns & more than 100 knives.

Who was involved? The 9 men killed in the shootout ranged in age from 27 to 65, the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences said. Some of them were fathers. All of them died of gunshot wounds. Families went through harrowing hours when they tried to find their loved ones & weren’t sure whether they’d survived, said Rocki Hughes, whose ex-husband, Jacob Lee Rhyne, was among those killed. “We didn’t find out & it wasn’t confirmed until my kids had already seen pictures of their dad dead on the tailgate of a truck,” she said. They recognized him, she said, because of his large beard & the tattoos of his children’s names on his forearms. Rhyne, 39, had been a member of the Cossacks for about 6 months. He went to the restaurant to make peace with the Bandidos, Hughes said. Portraying all of the bikers as violent, she said, simply isn’t fair. “He didn’t believe in guns,” she said. “He got in many fights throughout his years, but he never needed a gun to protect himself.” So why did he join the Cossacks? “To be a part of something, I guess,” Hughes told CNN. “That’s a question I’m still asking. ... Our kids are broken up. He was an awesome father, & just as good as a friend, & I don’t understand it either.” Sandra Lynch, aka “Drama,” was among those arrested.

A member of the Los Pirados MC, she’s married to Michael Lynch, who also was arrested. They’re grandparents who share a love for biking -- & Twin Peaks. Their son told CNN they’re not criminals or gang members. They were at the restaurant for a monthly meeting, nothing more. “Everyone there is not a thug. My parents are not thugs,” he said. “I think this is injustice to have so many people in jail.” He would not give his name, saying he feared police retribution. None of the defendants have had their day in court yet. Some of their families, reached by CNN, say the high bail is ridiculous & unfair.

Protect your privacy from event data recorders - May 21, 2015 - *USA* - By American Motorcyclist Assoc; <https://cqrcengage.com> - Urge your representative to support Fed legislation! On May 21, U.S. Reps. Mike Capuano (D-Mass.) & Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) introduced the **Black Box Privacy Protection Act**. The bill would protect motorcyclists’ rights by requiring manufacturers to prominently disclose to consumers whether an event data recorder, commonly known as a black box, is installed on their motorcycles. The data collection capabilities of such a device & how such data may be used are of great concern to motorcyclists & to the **AMA**. The bill would clarify that the owner of the motorcycle owns the black box data & that the data may not be accessed without the permission of the owner. Furthermore, this bill would require that manufacturers provide consumers with the option of controlling the recording function in automobiles or motorcycles that are equipped with black boxes. In other words, the vehicle owners could turn the black box on or off. There is no Fed law that clarifies the rights of vehicle owners to control their recorded data. The **National Highway Traffic Safety Admin** has issued a **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking** that would require black boxes in all cars when they are manufactured. The agency has yet to issue a final rule. The **NHTSA** already has disclosure requirements, but the **B.B.P.P.A.** would make the disclosure more prominent & give consumers even greater choice & stronger privacy protections. The **AMA** protects motorcyclists’ freedom to ride, & we support this bipartisan bill. If you are worried that your insurer will use data from a black box to increase your rates or that these recorders have the ability to retain data that could be used against you in a civil or criminal proceeding, then you - the motorcyclist - should urge your representative to support the **BBPPA**. Just follow the “Take Action” option to send a pre-written email directly to your representative. Thousands of riders like you join the **AMA** to unite for a common goal – to protect our freedom to ride. As an **AMA** member, you will stand with hundreds of thousands of advocates’ nationwide fighting anti-motorcycling forces that threaten our right to ride & race. That’s why the **AMA**...

Outburst in an Irish Courtroom: The judge says to a double-homicide defendant: “You’re charged with beating your wife to death with a hammer.” A voice at the back of the courtroom yells out, “You bastard!” The judge says, “You’re also charged with beating your mother-in-law to death with a hammer...” The voice in the back of the courtroom yells out, “You rotten bastard!” The judge stops the proceeding & says to Paddy in the back of the courtroom: “Sir, I can understand your anger & frustration at these crimes, but no more outbursts from you, or I’ll charge you with contempt. Is that understood?” Paddy stands up & says, “I’m sorry, Your Honor, but for 15 years I’ve lived next door to that asshole, every time I asked to borrow a hammer he said he didn’t have one.”

The Waco Police Are Lying - May 21, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - For the last 4 days a glib, specious, Waco police sergeant named Patrick Swanton has been defining the reality of what happened last Sun in & near a Texas Region One Confederation of Clubs & Independents meeting. The meeting was in a lewdly named restaurant called Twin Peaks in a shopping center called the Central Texas Marketplace near the collision of 2 freeways in Waco, Texas. “I’ve seen this before,” William L. Dulaney, an interesting man who has been a soldier, a scholar & a motorcycle outlaw, said this morning about the gelded press in Waco. “The police are controlling the narrative. They have everybody who might contradict what they are saying locked up. The press believes everything the police are saying. I’ve seen this before. I’ve never seen it this bad.” Virtually everything Swanton & other officials in Waco have said about Sunday’s massacre has gone unchallenged. When CNN, citing “a LE source,” had the audacity to report that 4 of the 9 men killed last Sunday had been shot by police “in a hail of police bullets,” Swanton lit into talking head Ashleigh Banfield. “That’s not fact,” he insisted. And then he told Banfield that he was the only person who could authoritatively speak about the massacre. And then he told Banfield the autopsies had not been “completed.”

H. L. Mencken: Banfield, who is not exactly H. L. Mencken, meekly replied “Well, I’m glad you cleared that up... Well, I know you’re busy & you have a big crime scene.” H. L. Mencken or Edward R. Murrow or Dan Rather or, for God’s sake, even Brian Williams might have asked, “Why haven’t the autopsies been completed yet? How long does it usually take to remove a bullet from a skull? How many bullets have been recovered from the bodies so far? What are the calibers of those bullets?” The lie of the “incomplete” autopsies is merely one of numerous, obvious lies Swanton has told the press this week. Swanton’s lies have created a cloud of confusion that has obscured press coverage of Sunday’s massacre. Most of the press doesn’t seem to mind. After all, even if Swanton is lying through his teeth he at least gives good quote. So it might be a good thing for this obscure corner of niche journalism to actually list a few of them.

Criminal Element Bikers: This was a meeting of “A bunch of criminal element biker members that came to Waco & tried to instill violence into our community & unfortunately did just that.... This is not a bunch of doctors & dentists & lawyers riding Harleys,” Swanton said as reporters took careful notes. “These are criminals on H-Ds.” The massacre occurred at a Sunday brunch of bikers from diverse MCs who intended to discuss issues of interest to motorcyclists – like lane splitting, profiling of motorcyclists, the right to wear a club patch while eating in a diner, state politicians who are sympathetic & unsympathetic about so called “biker rights,” & the legal implications of traffic intersection mass detectors that cannot detect motorcycles. There were at least a dozen clubs there. Some sources have suggested that there might have been a side meeting between some Bandidos & some Cossacks to discuss matters of mutual concern to those 2 clubs. Neither the Bandidos nor the Cossacks have said that yet.

Profit Over Lives: “What occurred here today is the worst-case scenario when a business owner puts profit over human lives. It’s sad. This could have all been avoided,” Swanton said. The Twin Peaks franchise sold food & drink to a peaceful assembly of American citizens. The Waco PD wanted the restaurant to ban the bikers, who the Twin Peaks management knew from past experi-

ence to be peaceful, & lose the business. The owners of the Twin Peaks thought it was more important to make their payroll instead.

Credible Threats: Police in Waco have deliberately prevented public scrutiny of the massacre by sealing the entire shopping center & claiming that the citizens of Waco, & all police in Texas are in danger from a vaguely described biker menace. Swanton claimed that there was “credible information about threats toward LE,” Police leaked an “internal bulletin” Sunday night that claimed “Our agency has recieved (sic) information that the Cosaks (sic) & Bandidos (sic) have issued an order to kill anyone in uniform.” The police statements are fabrications. There were no threats. Murders of, & even assaults on, sworn peace officers in the United States by outlaw bikers are extraordinarily rare. In the United States, policemen are more likely to be struck by lightning than to be punched by a motorcycle outlaw. One exception is the Dequiallo patch worn by a few Hells Angels which, allegedly, is earned for punching a cop. A recent notable exception was the apparent shooting of a Swat officer named Shaun Diamond by a Mongol named David Martinez as a Swat team broke into Martinez’ home in the middle of the night to serve a search warrant. Motorcycle outlaws are not gang bangers. Motorcycle clubs are not gangs. Sgt Swanton in uniform would be in much less danger at a convention of outlaw bikers than he would be standing on a corner in East Baltimore or Watts. And he wouldn’t be in particular danger in either of those ghettos. As a rule, Americans don’t kill cops. Cops kill Americans.

Thousand Weapons: Wed, Swanton announced, “We’ve found up to 1,000 weapons inside the establishment. We believe those weapons were discarded either during or after the melee. We found weapons hidden under bags of flour, in bags of chips. We found a handgun stuffed inside a toilet. We found an AK-47 in a vehicle in the parking lot. And, even so much, as far, as found body armor. This isn’t your church going crowd that came out to have a dinner with the family. This is a gang oriented criminal element that was in our city to conduct criminal activity.” The statement is typical of the inflammatory & obfuscatory nonsense Swanton has been spouting for days. And also typically, no reporter bothered to ask Swanton how many of those weapons found inside the steak house were steak knives.

A rich Arab walks into a bar & is about to order a drink, when he sees a guy close by wearing a Jewish cap, a prayer shawl, tzitzis, & traditional locks of hair. He doesn’t have to be an Einstein to know that this guy is Jewish. So, he shouts over to the bartender so loudly that everyone can hear, “Drinks for everyone in here, bartender, but not for the Jew over there.” Soon after the drinks have been handed out, the Jew gives him a big smile, waves at him, then says, “Thank you!” in an equally loud voice. This infuriates the Arab. He once again loudly orders drinks for everyone except the Jew. As before, this does not seem to bother the Jewish guy. He continues to smile, & again yells, “Thank you!” The Rich Arab does this once again for the third time, but not for the Jew again... The Arab gets real cranky so he asks the bartender, “What the hell is the matter with that Jew? I have ordered 3 rounds of drinks for everyone in the bar all 100 of them but him & all the silly bugger does is smile & thank me. Is he nuts?” “Nope,” replies the bartender. “He owns the place.”

We hear you are a lady killer.

They take one look at you & die of fright!!

Twin Peaks security video shows only one person firing gun during Waco biker gang shootout - May 21, 2015 – *Texas* - By Meg Wagner, New York Daily News; www.NYdailyNews.com - Just 1 of the dozens of bikers inside a TX restaurant during a wild gang shootout fired a gun, security video showed. Nearly 200 people were arrested after the bloody Sun rampage in the parking lot of Waco's Twin Peaks "restaurant." The shootout among rival bike gangs left 9 people dead & another 18 injured. None of the 9 surveillance video angles released to the A.P. showed the parking lot, where the gunfire erupted after one member's foot was run over, cops said. However, video did record Twin Peaks' patio. At least 3 people were holding handguns, but only 1 fired into the parking lot, the video showed. Most of the leather-clad patrons ran away from the shooting or ducked under tables to dodge violence, video showed. Some bikers tried to direct other people to safety. One camera angle showed people piling into the men's bathroom for cover. When there was no more room left, the bikers dashed toward the kitchen. The video, shown to the media, was not publically released. Police have not determined who fired the fatal shots. Cops have acknowledged firing on the armed bikers, but it is not clear how many of the dead were shot by gang members & how many were shot by officers.

The 167 arrestees were charged with engaging in organized crime in relation to capital murder. Each is held on \$1 million bond, police said. Cops said they discovered at least 1,000 weapons inside the blood-splattered restaurant after the shooting, but later announced that estimated number may have been a high guess. By Wed night, police recovered 318 weapons - 118 handguns, 157 knives & 43 others, including an AK-47 - but were still counting more. The knives, guns & blunt objects were stashed around Twin Peaks - including in its toilets & inside bags of tortilla chips - & were likely left in a rush effort to ditch evidence. Police have said that all those arrested were part of criminal motorcycle gangs, but only 5 of the 9 people killed had criminal histories in Texas, based on court records. Before the shooting, at least 20 members of the Cossacks biker gang can be seen on the patio. Members of the Scimitars, Boozefighters & Leathernecks can also be seen on the tape. While no Bandidos are immediately visible, police & one member of that biker gang have said some of their members were at the event. Twin Peaks - a chain known for its scantily clad waitresses - said it will permanently close its Waco location in the wake of the shooting. Its employees, still shaken from the shootout, are now forced to find new jobs.

New details undermine police account of deadly shootout in Waco, Texas – May 21, 2015 – *Texas* - By Tom Hall, World Socialist Web Site; www.WSWS.org - Three days after Sun's deadly shootout in Waco that left 9 dead & 18 injured, new details are beginning to emerge that call into question the official police version of events. Shortly after the shooting, police claimed that the shootout stemmed from a meeting of 5 biker gangs at a Twin Peaks restaurant that had been called to mediate a dispute over "turf" between the Bandidos & Cossacks biker gangs. "They had rented out or asked for the outdoor bar area [in the restaurant] specifically for a meeting that they were having of a group of invited biker gangs," Waco police spokesman Patrick Swanton told reporters at a press conference. The violence began shortly after an "uninvited" club, which has not been named by police, showed up in the parking lot looking for a confrontation.

It has since emerged that the meeting was actually a regular regional gathering of the Texas Confederation of Clubs &

Independents, a motorcycle advocacy group that, while including Bandidos members in its leadership, also includes many non-violent MCs, many of whom were in attendance at Sunday's meeting. "We got mom-and-pop clubs, veteran clubs, religion clubs, all clubs in Texas were at that meeting - different kind of clubs from everywhere," said a top Bandidos leader who identified himself as "Gimmi Jimmy," listed as the chairman of the organization's state office on its web site. The gathering, which has been held twice a month for 18 years without any major incidents, is devoted to issues such as legislation affecting bikers. However, Waco police expressed frustration with the restaurant's management for allowing the meeting on their premises, citing the fact that they are legally allowed to refuse service to known biker gangs. The location's franchise has since been revoked by Twin Peaks' management.

Eighteen Waco officers, including members of the Waco SWAT Team, plus a contingent of state troopers, were pre-positioned around the restaurant, in anticipation of a possible confrontation between the Bandidos & Cossacks, who had been engaged in violent confrontations over the past few months.

The Bandidos are the dominant motorcycle gang in the state, & other clubs require their permission to wear "bottom-rockers," or patches at the bottom of their vests, claiming Texas as their region. Although the Cossacks, historically a much smaller group, have operated in Tx since the 1960s, they have apparently recently attempted to claim Texas as part of their territory without the permission of the Bandidos, sparking numerous violent incidents.

Eyewitness accounts indicate that the "uninvited" group cited by police were the Cossacks, who rode in with an allied group attempting to stir up trouble. The Cossacks have not traditionally participated in the Texas Confederation of Clubs. The sequence of events that followed is not yet clear. Police allege that a fight broke out both inside the restaurant & in the parking lot, either over a "parking issue," or because "somebody had their foot run over," which quickly escalated into an all-out brawl involving knives, brass knuckles & firearms.

Police claim that the shooting itself began in a separate incident in the restaurant's men's room. Responding police officers allegedly received fire from the crowd & at least 4 officers returned fire. Police claim that, when the fighting ended, they recovered nearly 100 weapons, ranging from knives, brass knuckles & chains to fully automatic weapons. However, this official characterization of a large-scale melee involving a variety of weapons is contradicted by the fact that all 9 victims were killed by gunfire. Initial reports indicated that at least 4 of the victims were killed by police. This claim was disputed by Swanton, who declared: "Is it possible? Yes. Is it a fact? No, because the autopsies are not complete." In addition, despite allegedly facing heavy gunfire from nearly 200 gang members, no police officers were injured.

The question remains: how many of the victims were killed by police? More fundamentally, what role did the police response play in precipitating the scale of the bloodshed? In any event, the police response after the shooting has been heavy-handed. A total of 170 people were arrested at the scene, with bail set at \$1 million each. Three individuals were released on much smaller bail amounts after being arrested "after they rode up to the scene carrying weapons & wearing motorcycle-gang colors," according to the New York Times, but later re-arrested & given the full \$1 million bail amount. According to a lawyer for some of the bikers, bond-reduction hearings could take "weeks & possibly months."

In the meantime, the McLennan County Sheriff's Office released all 170 mug shots on Tue, & they have since been paraded in the press nationwide.

Many of those arrested maintain that they were bystanders from unaffiliated, non-violent MCs & had nothing to do with the shootout. One person who spoke to the Los Angeles Times said that he was arrested after helping drive people to the hospital at the suggestion of paramedics. "Yes, there was a problem at this scene, & it was absolutely horrific, but there just also happened to be a significant amount of people there who had nothing to do with it," the spokesman for the Vise Grip Club, an 8-member vintage MC present at the scene, told the Associated Press.

All 170 arrestees are being charged under state law for "engaging in organized criminal activity," meaning that they could potentially be charged with a capital offense in a state that executes by far the most offenders in the country. However, it is expected that most of them will "walk," according to Robert Draskovich, a defense atty who spoke with the New York Times. "Oftentimes, these mass prosecutions fail because of the overreach," he told the newspaper.

Bikers, others flee gunfire in Waco restaurant video - May 21, 2015 – *Texas* – By Merchant, Warren, & Allen G. Breed, Associated Press; www.MiningGazette.com - When gunfire erupted in the parking lot of a TX restaurant, most of the leather-clad motorcycle riders watching the confrontation from the patio or inside immediately ran away from the shooting. A few tried to direct people to safety, crawling on all 4s heading for cover. One biker ran away with blood on his face, hands & torso. A woman could be heard screaming, "Oh my God!" Others yelled, "Get down!" Restaurant security video reviewed exclusively by The A.P. showed only one of the dozens of bikers recorded was seen firing a gun from the patio of the Twin Peaks restaurant where 9 people were killed. None of the 9 video angles shows the parking lot. Many of the bikers on tape are likely to have been arrested by Waco police, who rounded up about 170 people, charged them with felony engaging in organized criminal activity & set their bonds at \$1 million.

Police spokesman Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton declined to comment about the video Wednesday. Swanton has said the people arrested were members of biker gangs with criminal elements that have been monitored by local authorities for months. "They were not here to drink & eat barbecue," Swanton said earlier this week. "They came here with violence in mind." The video shows bikers on the restaurant patio Sunday, ducking under tables & trying to get inside. At least 3 people were holding handguns. Before the shooting, the inside of the restaurant appears to be mostly empty. Bikers & other patrons can be seen walking to the windows facing the parking lot, where most of the shooting happened, when the confrontation was apparently underway. When gunshots start at 12:24 p.m. on the video, most bikers, other patrons & staff immediately run away from the windows & into the restaurant's interior. At least 3 people can be seen holding handguns.

One camera angle shows bikers running into the men's bathroom. When there's no space left in the bathroom, they dash toward the kitchen. The AP was shown the video Wed by representatives of the Twin Peaks franchise, who have said the fighting began outside the restaurant, not inside as police have said. The franchise has not released the video publicly, citing the ongoing investigation. Video footage shows police with assault

rifles entering the door about 2 minutes after the shooting begins. As 2 officers enter, bikers can be seen lying on the floor with their hands spread.

Before the shooting, at least 20 members of the Cossacks biker gang can be seen on the patio. Members of the Scimitars, Boozefighters & Leathernecks can also be seen on the tape. While no Bandidos are immediately visible, police & one member of that biker gang have said some of their members were at the event.

Among those arrested was Theron Rhoten, who showed up at the Twin Peaks restaurant for a reg'l MC meeting. But, according to his wife, he soon found himself in the middle of a deadly shootout involving scores of other bikers. Katie Rhoten said her husband ran for cover & was later arrested, along with motorcycle-riding friends & other "nonviolent, noncriminal people."

Police have said that all those arrested were part of criminal motorcycle gangs, but only 5 of the 9 people killed had criminal histories in Texas, based on court records & a search of their names in a database maintained by the **Texas Dept of Public Safety**. Police have acknowledged firing on armed bikers, but it is not clear how many of the dead were shot by gang members & how many were shot by officers.

Annual biker rally comes week after Waco shooting – May 21, 2015 – *Texas* - By Russell Contreras, The Associated Press; www.AlamogordoNews.com - A motorcycle gang shootout in Texas that left 9 people dead & 18 others wounded has put LE agencies on alert for an annual motorcycle gathering in northern New Mexico. Authorities say they have heightened awareness for the Memorial Day Motorcycle Rally in Red River that is expected to attract 20,000 bikers, though spillover violence isn't expected. "We will tell officers to be extra vigilant," said Red River Town Marshal David Smith. "We are asking them to be proactive to make sure groups are not de facto setting up territory on street corners." Past attendees of the New Mexico event in the state's Enchanted Circle include members of the Bandidos, who authorities say were involved in the shooting in Waco. About 170 bikers have been charged with engaging in organized crime stemming from the shooting, with bond set at \$1 million for each suspect. The U.S. Justice Dept said in a report on outlaw motorcycle gangs that the Bandidos "constitute a growing criminal threat" & they are involved in transporting cocaine & methamphetamine. After meeting with Fed authorities, Taos County Sheriff Jerry Hogrefe said local agencies don't have any intelligence that tensions from the Waco brawl will continue at the New Mexico rally. "I feel pretty confident we are doing everything we can to make sure we will have a safe event," Hogrefe said. "But we are still preparing for the worst." Red River Mayor Linda Calhoun said town officials aren't doing anything different than previous gatherings other than paying closer attention. "We've been doing this event for 33 years & will do exactly what we've always done," she said. Smith said 50 officers from different agencies will be patrolling the area. Hogrefe said the event will have a sizable contingency of New Mexico State Police officers along extra U.S. Forest Service patrols. LE agencies across the country were preparing for similar Memorial Day motorcycle rallies, including events in Buckhorn, Missouri; Gulfport, Mississippi; & Oak Ridge, New Jersey.

It is said, "the greater the need for a quick-fix, the less comprehensive a seer's vision".

It is also said, "The tea leaves are best read by the person who left them in the cup"... Be well & have a cup of tea...

FBI use of Controversial Patriot Act Section Expands - May 21, 2015 – U.S.A. - By Devlin Barrett, The Wall Street Journal; www.WSJ.com - Lower legal threshold & wider availability of electronic information cited in report on greater use of Section 215... The FBI has expanded its use of a controversial section of the Patriot Act to gather info more than 50 times in a 3-year period, according to a new internal review released as Congress debates whether to let the law expire. The FBI's use of Section 215 of the Patriot Act "continues to expand," according to the report released Thu by the Justice Dept's Inspector General Michael Horowitz. The expansion is in part because the legal threshold for its use has been lowered & because society's use of the Internet has also "expanded the quantity & quality of electronic information available to the FBI," the report states.

The report also faulted the FBI for taking 7 years to finalize some privacy protections within the data searches. A Justice Dept spokesman said the agency has worked carefully "to ensure that these revised procedures appropriately protected privacy & civil liberties while allowing the Gov't to obtain & use vital foreign intelligence information."

American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Alex Abdo said the report "adds to the mounting evidence that Section 215 has done little to protect Americans & should be put to rest." Sec 215 authorizes the Gov't to collect "tangible things" such as business records with an order from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. The types of info sought with such orders range from "hard copy reproductions of business ledgers & receipts to gigabytes of metadata & other elect info," the report found. The FBI has been "broadening the scope of materials sought in applications," in part because they are not limited to requesting info only about suspects.

The FBI uses Section 215, the report said, "in investigations of groups comprised of unknown members & to obtain info in bulk concerning persons who are not the subjects of or associated with any FBI investigation." Section 215 is due to expire June 1 & is widely expected to lapse given deep concerns among lawmakers about the scope & breadth of the records-collection it is enabling. That section of the Patriot Act provides the legal foundation for the National Security Agency's collection of millions of Americans' phone records, which civil liberties groups charge is a violation of Constitutional privacy protections. Lawmakers are debating whether to reauthorize it, scale it back, or let it expire. If it lapses, L.E.'s ability to collect information could be limited. As lawmakers weigh the issue, senior FBI officials have begun to argue publicly that while the phone program is useful to hunting terrorists, the other work done under the authority of Section 215 is more important & must be preserved to effectively investigate terror & spy suspects.

Thursday's report, which studied the FBI's use of the law for the years 2007-09, said the FBI often uses Section 215 to obtain Internet records, particularly when the companies holding such data are reluctant to provide the info without a court order. "The agents we interviewed did not identify any major case developments that resulted from use of the records obtained in response to Section 215 orders, but told us that the material produced...was valuable in that it was used to support other investigative requests, develop investigative leads, & corroborate other info," the report concluded.

The inspector general's report was delayed, first by the reluctance of the FBI to share information with investigators, & then by a classification review, according to other documents & public testimony. A classified version of the report was shared with lawmakers months ago, officials said.

Waco "Twin Peaks" Shooting Updates: 14 Police Officers Fired "thousands of rounds" on 200 Bikers Killing 9, Wounding 18 - May 21, 2015 – Texas – By Sundance; <http://TheConservativeTreeHouse.com> - Two Thirds Of Those Arrested Had No Prior Criminal History...

Irony: The death toll from the "Twin Peaks" shootout was greater than the total number of homicides Waco police investigated in all of 2014 – And all of the "Twin Peaks" dead were shot by police.

Previously Waco Police Spokesman W. Patrick Swanton stated 22 members of LE were present prior to the outbreak of the shooting. Including 10 members of the Waco SWAT unit, 2 sergeants, 1 rookie, the Asst. Police Chief & 4 state troopers. Newly released info today includes the Waco Police stating 14 Waco PD officers were involved in firing shots which killed 9 bike club members & wounded 18 more. The 14 officers involved in the gun battle are all now on administrative leave, which is standard protocol in officer-involved shootings, Swanton said. In addition Sgt Swanton previously stated that all of the 170 arrested bikers were known "criminal gang members". However, a review by the A.P. of court records finds at least 115 of the 170 had no police records: Waco police have said that all those arrested after the shooting belonged to criminal motorcycle gangs. Most of them were being held on \$1 million bonds Thu, charged with engaging in criminal enterprise. 9 people were killed in Sunday's shootout. Records searched by The A.P. show more than 115 of the 170 people arrested in the aftermath of a motorcycle gang shootout outside a Central Texas restaurant have not been convicted of a crime in Texas. After previously saying he had not watched the CCTV video from the restaurant/bar yesterday (Wed) -which was reviewed by A.P. reporters- Swanton now says he has watch the CCTV video. He said he has viewed surveillance videos of the violence, & said they tell a different story from the some of the accounts being spun online. "We can't wait to show you what truly happened," he said. Which is a disingenuous statement at best because all they need to do is authorize the restaurant to release the video, & the public can decide for ourselves.

One of the bikers the police killed, Jesus Delgado Rodriguez (65), was a Purple Heart recipient. Family members of a man killed in a biker shootout at a Texas restaurant say he was not part of an outlaw motorcycle gang. That contradicts police claims that all 9 bikers who died were members of criminal gangs. The son of 65-year-old Jesus Delgado Rodriguez, of New Braunfels, told the San Antonio Express-News that his father did not lead a life of violence. An A.P. review of court records & a database maintained by the Texas Dept of Public Safety found no criminal history in Texas for Rodriguez. Family members said Rodriguez had belonged to 2 now defunct motorcycle clubs but was not part of any club when he was shot & killed at Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco. Waco police spokesman Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton told the AP on Wednesday that all those killed were members of the Bandidos or the Cossacks. Swanton did not immediately return a message Thu. In addition from a lawsuit filed against Twin Peaks by the neighboring restaurant Don Carlos it is claimed the police fired "thousands of rounds" toward the bikers; striking not only bike club members but also Don Carlos customer vehicles.

Summary & personal thoughts: It is entirely possible that some of the bikers were criminals; & it is also entirely possible that twitchy police responded excessively & overreacted to a perceived threat. These 2 possibilities are not mutually exclusive.

Who shot at whom first; who did or did not pull the trigger; & what might have spurred the 14 police officers to fire “thousands of rounds” at a group of 3 to 5 potentially armed bikers when the downrange backdrop was a patio filled with hundreds of unarmed bikers is not yet known.

Look closely at this picture: You can see bullet holes in the customer vehicles in the Don Carlos parking lot. ♦ Note: Direction of fire from Don Carlos toward Twin Peaks. ♦ Note: The downrange backdrop of that fire (for the bullets that miss their target) is the patio of Twin Peaks. . . . However, apparently pointing out a strong possibility for an overreaction by twitchy police is now considered “Conspiracy Theory”, or something. A radio broadcast today calls our previous outline (which quoting MSM info) as conspiracy theory. I find it interesting how intelligent people cannot bring themselves to believe the police may have influenced, initiated, created and/or worsened the events with their militarized (SWAT) presence at a bike club meeting.

Ruby Ridge?... How about M.O.V.E (Philadelphia)? ... Or maybe Waco 1.0? ... or perhaps more recently “Baby Bou-Bou” ringing any bells? Cops make mistakes too! Doesn’t anyone else find it curious that an Asst. Police Chief was on scene at Twin Peaks along with the SWAT unit, presumably as scene commander prior to the shootings, & yet no-one has heard from him/her? Doesn’t anyone else find it curious that initial police statements claimed they had “an active intelligence operation” on the “Bike Gang” which customarily would include monitoring (camera’s, video, etc) & yet the police release No Video to support their “we were under fire” claims?

A previous comment by J.D. sums up the strange sniff of it all nicely: I’m former LE for over 20 years. I have ridden with 2 different LEMC clubs. I worked undercover back in late 80’s & have dealt with 1% clubs many times. I have friends in 1% clubs. I’m pro L.E. but have a funny feeling that there is lots of horseshit in the story that Waco PD is telling. I have family living & Working in that area. They have had interaction with the clubs & never felt scared or intimidated. Always felt safe. Now are we going get the truth or more bullshit? I’m tending on believing the bikers sides on this deal more with every day that passes. Too many people arrested & charged with RICO that were just spending time at TP. I think LE has overstepped it’s authority on filing these type charges on most these people. \$1,000,000 bonds??? BS...

Even if you find reasonable excuses for all the LEO contradictions (fight in bathroom, shots inside, all killed were inside/dragged out etc.); even if you ignore all the misleading statements by LE spokesman Swanton (100 weapons, 50 weapons, 1000 weapons etc); even if you ignore the lack of willingness to produce factual data to support their claims, ...you are still left with a ridiculous assertion that 170 non-criminal people deserve a million dollar bond because they rode a motorcycle last Sunday to a meeting, & possibly witnessed what happened. The total number of bikers on scene, according to Swanton, was 200. 170 are arrested, 18 were wounded, 9 were killed, that totals 197. So only 3 people were non-conspirators? This nonsense about weapons found in vehicles etc. is just that, nonsense. If you go to a Waco TX Wal-Mart on Sun, rope off the parking lot, arrest the first 200 people you see & search their pick-up trucks, suv’s & various vehicles you’ll probably come up with a similar set of statistics. 50 out of 200 people captured at Wal-Mart with prior arrest records; some with pocket knives, chains, handguns, & even rifles in their vehicles etc.

So what? None of that is illegal or unlawful. Ridiculous. Go to a Bass Pro shop on Saturday & you’ll probably find even better stats if that’s the goal. Another factor which makes it all the more curious is these are the Actual talking points Sgt. Patrick Swanton is relying on to justify the shooting. This innocuous nonsense is what they are focused on. That itself indicates -to a reasonably discerning person- there’s something uncomfortable about the narrative the LEO responders are trying to avoid. That’s not conspiracy, that’s just common sense. It is not conspiracy theory the incident occurred at 12:24pm Central Time (1:24 pm) & in around 90 minutes, 2:04pm CST (3:04pm) this press conference was held, giving the specifics of 9 dead & 18 wounded & a restaurant owner who needs to be shut down for non-compliance.

Washington Weekly Updates - May 22, 2015 – U.S.A. - By Jeff Hennie, **Motorcycle Rider Foundation**, V.P. Gov’t Relations & Public Affairs; <http://motorcycleridersfoundation.wildapricot.org> - It has been a busy couple of weeks, so let me apologize for the radio silence from D.C. First, it was Heartland STEAM held this year in Bismarck, ND to deliver a legislative report to the group. ABATE of North Dakota did a bang up job hosting & facilitating the event. It was a great event with a great turnout. I got some serious face time with the guest speaker, Senator John Hoeven (R-ND), who happens to be the sponsor of the U.S. Senate bill to provide for privacy when it comes to the event data recorders (EDR) installed on most modern vehicles (S.766). Senator Hoeven is a fantastic legislator with a less is more approach when it comes to Gov’t intrusion into our lives. Then I returned to D.C. & the bikers started to show up. Several states came early to **Bikers Inside The Beltway** to lobby their Fed elected officials. Most of the meetings were extremely positive. Overall we had 22 different states represented throughout the week. If you couldn’t make it this year, you must come next year. Imagine hundreds of bikers walking the halls of Congress. It’s an amazing sight to see. In the wrap up at the end of the event, we heard from Representatives Scott Riggell (R-VA), French Hill (R-AR), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Randy Weber (R-TX), Tim Walberg (R-MI), & Morgan Griffith (R-VA). If one of them is your home member of Congress, let them know you appreciate their dedication to motorcyclists. Not skipping a beat, the MRF May board meeting kicked off Fri morning at the **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** world headquarters in downtown D.C. We had a couple of new board members join the board of directors this May. Welcome to Glenyce Jackson (seated in Sept) & Todd Riba (replacing Wayne Weirson in interim). Much work was done over the weekend board meeting. I can tell you that the MRF is going into **Meeting of the Minds** in great shape. You are planning on attending **Meeting of the Minds** aren’t you? This will mark the 31st **Meeting of the Minds**, descending upon Milwaukee, WI Sept 24th, 2015. See you there. Jeff

Ride with a Leader: The **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** is chiefly concerned with issues at the nat’l & internat’l levels that impact the freedom & safety of American street motorcyclists. We are also committed to educating rights advocates to improve effectiveness at the state & local levels. The MRF works together with **State Motorcyclists’ Rights Organizations**, assisting them with state & local agendas as well as working with them to influence Washington, DC - from the Congress to Gov’t Depts & agencies to the Office of the Pres of the **United States**. We also work with allies in Europe & Asia to influence talks on vehicle globalization & harmonization that are proceeding under the **United Nations & the World Health Organization**.

Police warning on biker retaliation questioned by former biker, experts – May 22, 2015 – *Texas* – By Doug Stanglin & Rick Jervis, USA Today; www.KVUE.com - A TX Dept of Public Safety Bulletin warns that members of the Bandidos motorcycle gang may be plotting attacks on LE officers, but former Bandidos members say the info is wrong & highly unlikely. “Absolutely ludicrous,” said Edward Winterhalder, a former high-ranking Bandidos member who is still in contact with former & current members. “From a purely common sense & logical point of view, there’s no reason for them to do that.” Winterhalder was referring to a LE bulletin, reported by CNN, that warned police across Texas that members of the Bandidos Outlaw Motorcycle Gang were planning to retaliate against LE in response to Sun’s shootout at a Waco restaurant, which left 9 dead & 18 injured.

The Texas Dept of Public Safety bulletin, reportedly based on information from an informant, said members of the gang who are in the military will supply grenades & explosives, CNN reported. The purported threats, such as running over officers at traffic stops & car bombs, targeted the McLennan County Jail in Waco as well as sites in Austin, El Paso, Dallas, Corpus Christi & Houston. A DPS spokesman would not respond to the bulletin.

Winterhalder said only one of the 9 killed over the weekend had any affiliation with the Bandidos. The majority of those killed were from the rival Cossacks gang, he said. “There’s no reason for the Bandidos to be angry at L.E. at all,” he said. The Bandidos have used similar explosives in the past, specifically during what is known as the Great Nordic Biker War of the mid-1990s, said James Quinn, a Univ of North Texas professor who has studied outlaw motorcycle gangs. In those clashes, the Bandidos & rival gang Hell’s Angels engaged in a 3-year war in Sweden, Denmark & other Nordic countries that included clubhouse attacks, rocket launchers & car bombs. But those tactics have been generally off-limits in the USA, where their use would bring down the weight of Fed investigations & potentially dismantle the club, Quinn said. “These bikers are smart guys & that would be a really stupid thing to do,” he said. “It would bring every LE officer in the country focused on them.”

Police arrested about 170 people at the time of the shooting, charging them with felony counts of engaging in organized criminal activity & set their bonds at \$1 million each. Police said they confiscated at least 318 weapons, including clubs, knives, brass knuckles, firearms, & chains with padlocks attached to them. Police described the confrontation as a turf battle between 2 warring gangs. “These were vicious criminals that knew that they were in trouble, & they were trying to dispose of evidence,” Waco police spokesman Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said.

The killings in the central TX town, however, have also prompted scorn on some social media & conspiracy websites that call the fracas a “police massacre” at a gathering of peaceful bikers.

One biker blogger who calls himself The Aging Rebel charges flatly that police statements on the killings are “fabrications.” “There were no threats. Murders of, & even assaults on, sworn peace officers in the United States by outlaw bikers are extraordinarily rare. In the United States, policemen are more likely to be struck by lightning (cq) than to be punched by a motorcycle outlaw,” he writes. Some readers on the site also claim that pre-positioned police did all the shooting & suggest the

confrontation may be a trigger for a martial law crackdown by U.S. Army troops already in Texas to conduct summer training exercises codenamed “Jade Helm 15.” A reader - posting on the Aging Rebel website as “M.E.” - called on the biker community to do more self-policing to give “big brother” less of any excuse to step in. “Take into account the political climate & the current administration, & I guarantee you that you’re going to start seeing a lot of our ability to enjoy our lifestyle on 2 wheels, whether it be as an independent or in a club, eroded seriously over time,” M.E. writes.

Swanton, the Waco police spokesman, dismissed such sites. “We would like to remind all that selective videos & cropped photos DO NOT paint a complete picture of what actually occurred,” Swanton said. “LE has video as well but it is preserved for evidence. We play by a very strict set of rules & will not deviate from them to match attempts to sway the truth. I can attest I have personally seen the horror unfold & was amazed at the actions of our heroic officers in their quest to save innocent victims lives.”

Video footage reviewed by the Associated Press shows that when gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the restaurant, most of the bikers watching the confrontation from the patio or inside immediately ran away from the shooting. A few tried to direct people to safety, crawling on all fours heading for cover. Restaurant security video reviewed exclusively by the AP on Wednesday showed only one of the dozens of bikers recorded firing a gun from the patio of the restaurant. None of the 9 video angles shows the parking lot.

Waco police say they did not have any police inside undercover because Twin Peaks, the restaurant where the shootings occurred, was not cooperating with authorities who had tried to warn of the danger of a confrontation.

The national corporate leaders of the chain quickly revoked the local franchise, saying on Facebook that the restaurant’s local management in Waco “chose to ignore the warnings & advice from both the police & our company, & did not uphold the high security standards we have in place to ensure everyone is safe at our restaurants.” Jay Patel, operating partner at the Waco franchise, denied the charge, saying on the local restaurant’s Facebook page that “our management team had had ongoing & positive communications with the police.”

Richie died, then Diesel, then Dog: An eyewitness to the Waco biker brawl – May 23, 2015 - *Waco, Texas* - By Tim Madigan & Kevin Sullivan; www.WashingtonPost.com - Whatever else they were in life, the men with the biker nicknames were Cossacks, loud & proud & riders in a Texas motorcycle gang. And that’s what got them killed, shot to death in a brawl with a rival gang in the parking lot of a Texas “breastaurant” that advertised hot waitresses & cold beer. “I saw the first 3 of our guys fall, & we started running,” said their brother in arms, another Cossack, who said he was there May 17 when the shooting started at the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco. Nine bikers died, 18 were wounded & more than 170 landed in jail. The Cossack, Pres of a North TX chapter of the motorcycle gang, asked not to be identified because he is now in hiding & said he fears for his life. He is a rare eyewitness speaking publicly about the Waco massacre, one of the worst eruptions of biker-gang violence in U.S. history.

On Friday, LEOs warned that the violence may not be over. A bulletin from the **TX Dept of Public Safety** warned that members of the Bandidos, the most notorious biker gang in Texas, may be planning attacks on LE officials, according to CNN, which reviewed the document. The bulletin warns that Bandidos who serve in the U.S. military may be “supplying the gang with grenades & C4 explosives” to target officials & their families with car bombs, the network reported. A spokesman for the Waco police, Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton, said police had received an increasing number of threats in recent days. “We are taking the necessary precautions,” he said. U.S. military ties to the Bandidos & other biker gangs were detailed in a U.S. Justice Dept report published last year that concluded the gangs were using “active-duty military personnel & U.S. Dept Of Defense contractors & employees to spread their tentacles across the United States.”

The ATF study, 1st reported by the Intercept, concludes that biker gangs have recruited scores of employees of Fed, state & local Gov'ts, police & firefighters, Nat'l Guardsmen & reservists, some of them with Gov't security clearances, to help them “maim & murder” in support of their “insatiable appetite for dominance.”

Since Sunday's killings, Waco police have offered few conclusions in their complex investigation. But they have said that the violence was touched off when an “uninvited” group, presumed to be the Cossacks, showed up at a meeting of a larger confederation of motorcycle clubs dominated by the Bandidos. In several interviews in recent days, the Cossack rider offered a different story. He said that the Cossacks were invited to the Twin Peaks patio that day - by a Bandido leader, who offered to make peace in a long-running feud between the 2 gangs. That invitation was a setup for an ambush, though, according to the Cossack. That's why the dead included 6 Cossacks, 1 Scimitar (an ally of the Cossacks) & only 2 Bandidos. The biker's story could not be independently verified; most of those involved in the shootout are still in jail. But significant parts of his account square with police statements, as well as security camera videos obtained by the **AP**. From the outside, biker culture seems incomprehensible, a violent mash of hyper-macho tribalism, a world in which a patch on a leather vest is worth dying for. To LE, the gangs are little more than heavily armed crime syndicates, masquerading as noble rebels while trafficking in drugs & weapons. To the bikers themselves, their world makes perfect sense. It has a code of honor. It has hierarchy, discipline, thrills & camaraderie - much like the military, whose veterans birthed the biker movement after World War II & swelled its ranks after Vietnam. Now, a new generation of veterans, home from Iraq & Afghanistan, is feeding the movement. Their world has unwritten rules that everybody knows & has predictable consequences for stepping out of line. So when a biker from the Bandidos, the oldest gang in Texas & one of the largest in the world, ran into a young Cossack in the Twin Peaks parking lot last Sun, everyone knew what was coming. First words, then fists, then guns. Within seconds, Richie, Diesel & Dog were dead. “I took off,” the Cossack rider said. “I got out of there. I didn't have a weapon. I couldn't fight anybody.”

Feud over label: It started with a phone call. About a week before Sunday's gunfight, according to the Cossack, a leader of the Bandidos, a man named Marshall from the Longview area in East Texas, contacted Owen Reeves, the “nomad,” or leader, of the Cossacks' Central Texas region. The 2 gangs had been at odds for years. The Bandidos consider themselves the Big Dogs of the Texas biker world, & other gangs — or clubs, as they prefer to be

called — generally don't cross them. The Bandidos wear their claim to the Lone Star State on their backs. Their vests say “Bandidos” across the shoulders, just above their logo, a caricature based on Frito-Lay's Frito Bandito. At the bottom, the word “Texas” is stitched boldly in an inverted crescent. That crescent, the “Texas rocker,” has long belonged to the Bandidos, & they consider it a provocation if someone else wears it without permission — which is exactly what the Cossacks did. “We don't claim any territory, but the reason that the Bandidos have such an issue with us is that we wear the Texas rocker on our back, but we don't pay them \$100 a month per chapter to do it,” the Cossack said. “When you've got 100 chapters. That's a lot of money.” The Bandidos are second in size only to the Hell's Angels & have as many as 2,500 members in 13 countries, according to the Justice Dept, which considers the group a violent criminal enterprise engaged in running drugs & guns. The Cossacks, a smaller group, do not show up on LE lists of criminal gangs, but the group has been growing more aggressive in recent years. Officials have warned of the potential for violence between the 2 gangs. The feud has been raging since at least Nov 2013, when 2 Bandidos, including the “sergeant-at-arms,” or second in command, of one chapter were charged with stabbing 2 Cossacks outside a bar in Abilene. In Dec, 3 Bandidos were arrested in connection with a shooting outside a Fort Worth bar that left 1 man dead & 2 wounded. On May 1, the Texas **Dept of Public Safety** issued a bulletin to LE agencies across the state warning about the Bandidos having “discussed the possibility of going to war” with the Cossacks, largely over the issue of the Texas “rocker.” The bulletin noted that on March 22, several Cossacks attacked a Bandido with chains, batons & metal pipes. On the same day, Bandidos attacked a Cossack with a hammer & demanded that he remove the Texas rocker from his vest. After all that, the phone call from Marshall was a welcome olive branch, the Cossack said. Marshall invited the Cossacks to Twin Peaks on Sun when the Texas **Confederation of Clubs & Independents** was scheduled to hold a major meeting. Those meetings are generally about bikers' rights, safety & other administrative issues. The Bandidos dominate that organization; the Cossacks are not members. Marshall said that the Bandidos “wanted to get this cleared up,” according to the Cossack, who was relating what he said Reeves told him. “He said, ‘Bring your brothers, hang out, & let's get this fixed & we can all leave in peace & be happy.’ He was talking to our chapter in Waco. That's where the heat has been at. The leader of our Central Texas chapter said, ‘Okay, I'm going to make this happen.’” Reeves, who was jailed after the melee, could not be reached for comment. No members of the Bandidos could be reached for comment. Most participants in the violence, & eye-witnesses to it, are in jail, in the hospital or dead. Even waitresses on duty that day have not responded to messages. The Cossack continued: “Anybody who is a Cossack knows this call was made because the Nomad called everyone & said, ‘We have an opportunity to make this right. I think we should take a risk.’ And everybody agreed.”

Parley turns deadly: On a beautiful sunny Sun, about 70 Cossacks on H-Ds thundered down Interstate 35 through Waco, which sits on the Brazos River about halfway between Dallas & Austin. They rolled into a commercial shopping mall, past Jo-Ann Fabrics & Cavender's Boot City, & into the parking lot of the Twin Peaks restaurant. The Cossack said he & the others congregated on the outdoor patio & started ordering food & drinks. They chatted with other bikers from smaller “mom & pop” bike clubs,

who were already well into their burgers & beers & margaritas ahead of the 1 p.m. confederation meeting. Guns & other weapons are a common part of biker culture, & the Cossack acknowledged that some members of his gang were armed. “But not all of us,” he said. “We had no reason to believe that this was going to go that way.” The parley with the Bandidos had been set for 11 a.m., the Cossack said, but the Bandidos didn’t arrive until about 12:15, when about 100 of them pulled into Twin Peaks in a long, loud line of Harleys. Trouble started almost immediately, he said: One of the Bandidos, wearing a patch that identified him as a chapter Pres, ran his bike into a Cossack standing in the parking lot. The Cossack who was hit was a “prospect,” a man in his mid-20s who was “striving to become” a full member of the club. “They came up really fast, & the prospect turned & faced the bikes,” the Cossack chapter president said. “He fell backward into other [parked] bikes. The guy who hit him stopped & got off of his bike & said, ‘What are you doing? Get . . . out of my way. We’re trying to park.’” Cossacks quickly jumped to the prospect’s defense, he said: “Guys were saying, ‘You’re disrespecting us,’ or, ‘We’re not backing down.’” In a blink, it started, he said: “Two punches: One from them, one from us.” A Bandido with a patch identifying him as sgt-at-arms of the same chapter threw a punch at Richard Matthew Jordan II, 31, known as “Richie,” who was from Pasadena, Tex. Jordan punched the guy back. “At that point in time, the sgt in arms shot Richie point-blank,” the Cossack said.

Police said Jordan died of a gunshot wound to the head. “Then all the Bandidos standing in the parking lot started pulling guns & shooting at us,” he said. “There were maybe 60 or 70 of us in the parking lot. . . . We took off running. We scattered. Three of our guys went down instantly. They caught a couple more that tripped & fell, & Bandidos were shooting at them.” He said that the 2nd man to die was Daniel Raymond Boyett, 44, known as Diesel, a “road captain” in the Cossacks from Waco. Police said that Boyett died from gunshot wounds to the head. The third man down was “Dog,” whose real name is Charles Wayne Russell, 46, of Winona. Russell’s cause of death was listed as a gunshot wound to the chest. The Cossack said that he believes the Bandidos had no intention of making peace that day. “It was a setup from start to finish,” he said.

What the police say: The Cossack’s story has been impossible to verify, but it is largely consistent with what police have said about how the brawl began. Swanton, the Waco police spokesman, told reporters the shooting started in the parking lot with a confrontation over a “parking issue.” A leader of the Bandidos, who goes by the name Gimmi Jimmy, told the New York Times that there had been no incident in the parking lot but that he had heard there was a fight in the restaurant bathroom. Jimmy did not respond to numerous e-mails. The Cossack’s account is also consistent with a Twin Peaks security video viewed by the A.P. The wire service reported that the video shows the shooting started in the parking lot at 12:24 p.m. & that panicked bikers started running into the restaurant to flee the shooting — including several who ran into the men’s room to take cover. The wire service reported that the video shows one shot being fired, but it did not say who fired the shot. After the bloodshed at Twin Peaks, Texas authorities warned of the threat of further violence, saying that the Bandidos had called for reinforcements from outside the state. “History has a way of repeating itself,” Swanton said in an interview. “Violence amongst these groups leads to more violence amongst these groups.” The Cossack said he, too, believes more violence is brewing. He said he received a call late Thursday from

a friend in Bandido leadership, who warned him to get out of his house & “spread the word” that the Bandidos were “coming hard” after Cossacks. “They’re going to hit houses. They’re going to hit funerals. And if another Cossack or a cop gets in the way, so be it,” he said the caller told him. The Cossack said he would stay & fight. “I’m sending my family away, but I’m making my stand. I will fight. I will kill any one of them that comes through my doors. I’m not looking over my shoulder anymore. “I didn’t sign up for this,” he continued. “I signed up for a brotherhood that believes in family & taking care of their communities. . . .” “I should have died with my brothers,” he said. “They stood & took what they took because they believed that everyone has the right to ride where they want, when they want — without having to pay for it.”

Washington Post’s Waco Account - May 23, 2015 – Texas – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The best place to hide a leaf is in a forest. The best place to hide the truth about what happened 6 days ago in the parking lot of the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco is in the river of non sequitars & lies a Minnie Pearl clone named Pat Swanton has been spitting at the press all week. Swanton is the press officer for the Waco PD. On the one hand he promises “transparency.” On the other hand he modestly allows that he is unfazed by the personal danger that a vast & underreported biker threat poses to TX police, politicians & citizens. Swanton has been the sole, quotable source of info about what happened last week so reporters have had no choice but to quote him. It is either quote Swanton or leave all that blank, white space around the furniture store ads. Swanton’s refusal to answer the questions people want answered has led to increasingly bizarre speculation. Today’s chuckle of the day, if one can chuckle about this tragedy, is, “A new Foreign Intelligence Service (SVR) report circulating in the Kremlin today states that the Obama regime’s Dept of Homeland Security deliberately massacred at least 9 innocent motorcycle enthusiasts on 17 May over fears that one of the clubs participating in a yearly rally in Waco, TX, could possibly be linked to the Night Wolves.”

Speculation: This speculation is a direct result of Swanton’s stubborn reluctance to explain who died, why, how, what was going on when they died & even where the supposed fight started. Mostly Swanton has insisted that 4 or 5 “criminal element” biker organizations were having a recruiting jamboree; somehow, sometime they noticed they were surrounded by brave & honest police; they opened fire on the police; they tried to kill the police; 9 of them were killed when the police shot back in self-defense; & the other 170 of the outlaw sumbitches have been locked up. Now vast hordes of motorcycle outlaws are gathering in secret locations to prepare for their final assault on civilization as we know it. This story has some plot holes. Swanton doesn’t see them & he doesn’t want anybody else to see them either. Consequently, the 4th estate has had to fill in those holes with answers that are, at best, thinly sourced or, at worst, speculative.

Tim Madigan: Enter a free-lance author & writer named Tim Madigan who has worked the Cops beat in Odessa, Texas & written features for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. Madigan was the lead reporter on a story in this morning’s Washington Post that proposes to answer some of the questions Swanton will not. Post staffers Kevin Sullivan, Peter Holley, Adam Goldman & Alice Crites also contributed to the 2,400 word report. The story relies on a single, anonymous source but it is cogent, plausible & the most complete account so far of what actually happened. According to the Post, the dispute began with the Cossacks’

refusal to pay the Bandidos “\$100 a month per chapter” for the Bandidos permission to wear a Texas bottom rocker. The dispute boiled for 18 months, until about 2 weeks ago, “a leader of the Bandidos, a man named Marshall, from the Longview area in East Texas,” called a Cossack leader named “Owen Reeves.” According to the Post, “Marshall invited the Cossacks to Twin Peaks on Sunday” to “get this cleared up.” In the Post’s account, about 70 Cossacks rode into the Twin Peaks parking lot at 11 a.m. One hundred Bandidos rode into the parking lot at about 12:15 p.m. & a Bandido chapter president immediately ran into a Cossacks prospect. The prospect, “fell backward into other bikes. The guy who hit him stopped & got off of his bike & said, ‘What are you doing? Get out of my way. We’re trying to park.’” Other Cossacks came to the prospect’s defense. An unnamed Bandido & a Cossack named Richard Matthew Jordan II exchanged punches. The Bandido then shot Jordan “point blank.” “Then,” according to the Post’s source, “all the Bandidos standing in the parking lot started pulling guns & shooting” at the Cossacks. The Post states that Cossacks named Daniel Raymond Boyett & Charles Wayne Russell were the second & third men to die. “It was a setup from start to finish,” the Post’s source told the paper.

Bikie gangs are using encrypted mobile phones to hinder police investigations into murders & other serious crimes – May 23, 2015 – *Australia* - By Sally Lee & Frank Coletta; www.DailyMail.com.uk - • Increase use of encrypted mobile phones among Sydney bikie gangs. • These communication devices are being used to organize serious crime. • NSW Crime Commission report states device usage on a rise since 2011. • The report also states these phones have already blocked investigations into at least 2 murders. . . . Bikie gangs are using encrypted mobile phones to hinder police investigations into murders & other serious crimes... The increase use of encrypted mobile phones among Sydney bikie gang members is hindering police from solving serious crime. These uncrackable communication devices are being used to organize shootings, murders & drug deals, the Sydney Morning Herald reports. And the latest NSW Crime Commission report states that these phones have already blocked investigations into at least 2 murders. One of the obstructed Sydney murder investigations is understood to be the 2013 shooting death of Tyrone Slemnik who was a Hells Angel member, the Herald reports. In the latest NSW Crime Commission annual report, it stated that since about 2011 there has been a ‘steady increase in the use of encrypted communication methods’. Such telecommunications services include Phantom Secure Blackberry devices & free downloadable applications for smart phones. ‘The Commission is not aware of any legitimate enterprise in Australia that is using Phantom Secure Blackberry devices & believes that the use of these devices is solely confined to criminal groups,’ the report, released last year, stated. ‘In addition to facilitating drug trafficking & fraud, the Commission is aware that encrypted BlackBerry devices have been used to arrange at least 2 murders. In these cases, the devices were used to lure victims to meetings where they were killed. The level of encryption on these devices has hampered investigation into the murders.’ This comes months after Daily Mail Australia revealed another way in which bikies were getting around the law by finding ways to muscle in on the steroid market estimated at one billion dollars. It was reported that outlaw motorcycle gangs tried to smuggle steroids into the country by placing the substances inside sex aid packaging labelled as ‘gay lube oil’. Steroid oil in sex lube vials, powders inside green tea packets & ephedrine

packed in facial creams, are just some of the methods being used to avoid being caught. With criminal syndicates having had their supply of amphetamines & cocaine severely affected by a record number of busts, they have increasingly focused on the body-building market & are being supplied by underworld gangs in south-east Asia & the Americas. They are getting amongst it more & more, it’s a different market for them & we are regularly staging operations targeting them & steroids,’ revealed Detective Supt Mick Niland, the head of Queensland’s Taskforce Maxima. ‘They try many different ways to avoid detection, that’s for sure.’ This is due to an increasing demand for the illegal performance enhancing substances, one which continues to grow every year. Taskforce Maxima, which commenced in Oct of 2013, initially found ‘just small quantities of steroids within the gangs’. ‘Since then it has grown, both the local production & trafficking of steroids,’ Dept Supt Niland said.

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