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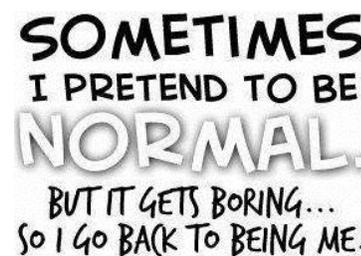
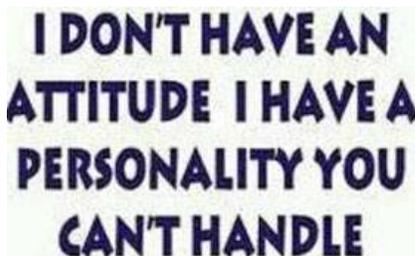
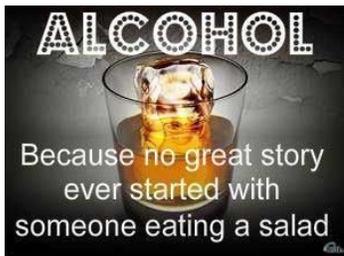
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'They're Not Gang Members': Bikers Protest Mass Arrests in Waco - May 23, 2015 - *Texas* - By John Burnett; www.NPR.org - Authorities in Waco, TX, continue to investigate the deaths of 9 motorcycle gang members in one of the worst biker brawls in recent times. More than 170 people were arrested & charged with organized crime; each is being held under a \$1 million bond. Now there's a backlash from biker groups, who claim many of the riders were simply at the wrong place at the wrong time, & had nothing to do with Sun's bloody fight. Waco police continue to justify the

large number of arrests; they say 5 criminal motorcycle gangs went to war with one another at the Twin Peaks Bar & Grill.

Ron Blackett emphatically disagrees. He's a 48-year-old business security specialist in Austin, former U.S. Army & Coast Guard, who rides a 2011 **H-D** Road King. Blackett says he knows many of the riders now sitting in county jail in Waco. "They're not gang members," he says. "I'm not a gang member. And to be labeled as a gang member, or some of these kids that are right now locked up with a million-dollar bond on them, it's terrifying & it's extremely unfortunate." Blackett, whose club name is Bone, acts as **V.P.** of the central TX region of the Confederation of Clubs & Independents, known as **CoC&I**, a biker organization that meets regularly to educate its members on motorcycle legislation - & to drink beer. Sun, the group was hosting a meeting at Twin Peaks when the violence broke out. Blackett says he arrived at the restaurant in a pickup truck shortly after the melee ended. When he drove up, he says, he saw "LE all over the place. Helicopters flying over. A lot of people crying. A lot of people scared."

Other clubs that belong to the umbrella group include the Christian Motorcycle Association, Bikers Against Child Abuse, Legacy Vets & Vise Grip, a club that builds & rides pre-1970 custom Harley choppers. Vise Grip member Theron Rhoten was among those arrested. His wife, Katie, spoke to KUT in Austin. "Most of the clubs that were present there had nothing to do with the shootings - They didn't do anything but go to a meeting."

Police are blaming the confrontation on bad blood between the Cossacks & the Bandidos. The Cossacks are a Central Texas biker gang that's not affiliated with CoC&I, but which showed up in force anyway. The Bandidos is an outlaw motorcycle gang, long associated with drug trafficking; that considers Texas its home turf & regularly attends confederation meetings.

Bill Smith, a well-known motorcycle lawyer in Dallas, says one jailed rider told him there was already a large group of Cossacks in the parking lot when the Bandidos rolled up. "He said shortly after the Bandidos got off their motorcycles, an altercation broke out & that's when they hit the ground," Smith says. Smith says his informant could not say who or what started the gunplay. But the lawyer - himself a biker & member of the confederation - says in the 15 years he's been attending meetings, he has never seen trouble break out. "In fact, our meetings, after the pledge of allegiance & a prayer, many times the chairman will say, 'If you have any issues with anyone, for any reason, take it up elsewhere,'" he says.

Despite protests by the biker confederation that its members are peaceful, Waco Police spokesman Sgt. Patrick Swanton defends the big round-up of criminal suspects. "There are clubs of motorcycle groups that do really good things," Swanton says. "We understand that. But that was not the people involved in the incident Sunday where an extreme amount of violence took place. Those that were involved in the activities at Twin Peaks are known criminal gang members." Swanton says investigators recovered 318 weapons, most of them knives & handguns. He says nearly a week after the incident, outlaw motorcycle gangs are still making death threats against L.E. officers.

A word once spoken cannot be recalled
Especially in this electronic day & age!!!

Prosecutors face difficult task in Texas biker gang shootout - May 24, 2015 – *Texas* - By Naomi Martin Dallas, Morning News; www.StarTribune.com - Texas shootout presents a challenge for prosecutors... After a gunfight between rival motorcycle gangs outside a crowded restaurant left 9 dead, police rounded up everyone on the scene wearing biker vests. Now, as 174 people sit in jail on organized crime charges, legal experts say that prosecutors face a difficult challenge & that many of those arrested could end up going free. "They have bitten off more than they can chew," said Robert Draskovich, a Las Vegas criminal defense lawyer who represents bikers. "Prosecutors often overreach & charge too many people, but I've never seen it to this extent." To prove the current charges, which have capital murder as the underlying crime, prosecutors must show each defendant took part in the shootout. Although the law allows for broad interpretation of participation, experts say the case is muddled by Texas' strong self-defense & gun rights, as well as issues with witness cooperation & credibility. The McLennan County district attorney's office won't say how its 26 prosecutors plan to tackle the case, which could involve seeking the death penalty. But experts predicted they will divide the defendants into groups, offer plea deals to the less culpable suspects & try only the ones against whom they have the best evidence. "It's definitely doable, but it's just going to take up a lot of court time & a lot of extra, over-and-above work," said Jack Choate, training director for the TX District & County Attys Association & a former county prosecutor. McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna also can enlist the help of prosecutors & investigators from the state attorney general's office, other counties & the Federal Government, Choate said.

At least 75 of the suspects have requested a public defender, but there are only 29 lawyers in McLennan County approved to defend 1st-degree felonies for the indigent, according to the Waco Tribune-Herald. State District Judge Matt Johnson told the newspaper that for the first time in his career, he has asked for help from nearby counties.

Gold Coast bikie not guilty of Broadbeach brawl - May 25, 2015 – *Australia* – By www.BrisbaneTimes.com.au - A former bikie who was cleared of any wrongdoing in a notorious Gold Coast bikie brawl has labelled the court result a "win for the good guys". Peter Mauric, 45, was found not guilty on Monday of rioting over his role in the punch-up in Broadbeach in September 2013. Nine other ex-Bandidos, including alleged ringleader Jacques Teamo, earlier this month pleaded guilty in the Southport Magistrates Court to various charges including riot & affray. Magistrate Michael Quinn said Mauric - the only one who pleaded not guilty - was an unreliable witness & was present with 60 or so Bandidos who were looking for Finks associate Jason Trouchet to spark the brawl. But they weren't sufficient grounds to find him guilty, Quinn ruled. Outside court, Mauric seemed happy with the decision. "Well, that's a win for the good guys," Mauric said before paying tribute to his NSW-based legal team. "Judge Quinn is a hard but fair man & any crims that want good representation should contact New South Wales. "We'll leave it at that." Quinn said he didn't believe Mr Mauric's claims that he thought he was with the group in Broadbeach to grab dinner & find girls to bring back to a party at the group's clubhouse. But he also said Mauric was inside a nightclub when the brawl broke out, & that CCTV footage showed him trying to grab people's shirts to hold them back from the fight & he didn't appear aggressive or throw any punches. Quinn said police claims that Mauric threatened them by questioning their attitudes & commenting on their lack of

numbers didn't hold up. "The defendant's behavior in this regard may have been sneaky, objectionable, insulting or obscene & may have constituted a public nuisance offence, but that charge is not before me," Quinn said. A 2nd mass court hearing for 11 other men charged over the brawl will begin on Wednesday. Southport Magistrates Court will also hear an application from Mauric to pay costs. Five other men will stand trial individually from next month. Those who pleaded guilty won't be sentenced until all the court matters to do with the brawl have finished. The brawl sparked the former Newman Government's crackdown on bikie gangs, including its controversial VLAD legislation.

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men, I found shopping boring & preferred to get in & get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday, my dear wife received the following letter from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Harris, Over the past 6 months, your husband has caused quite a commotion in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior & have been forced to ban both of you from the store. Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below & are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms & randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
4. July 19: Walked up to an employee & told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station & receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time & costing the company money.
5. Aug 4: Went to the Service Desk & tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.
6. Aug 14: Moved; 'Caution-Wet Floor' sign to a carpeted area.
7. Aug 15: Set up a tent in the camping Dept & told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows & blankets from the bedding Dept to which 20 children obliged.
8. Aug 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying & screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMT's were called.
9. Sept 4: Looked right into the security camera & used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.
10. Sept 10: While handling guns in the hunting Dept, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.
11. Oct 3: Darted around the Store suspiciously while loudly humming the 'Mission Impossible' theme.
12. Oct 6: In the auto Dept, he practiced his 'Madonna look' by using different sizes of funnels.
13. Oct 18: Hid in a clothing rack & when people browsed through, yelled 'Pick Me! Pick Me!'
14. Oct 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position & screamed 'Oh No! It's Those Voices Again!'
15. Oct 23: Took a box of condoms to the check-out clerk & asked where is the fitting room?
16. Oct 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile, & then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out...

Red River rally sees lower turnout, but goes smoothly – May 25, 2015 - *New Mexico* - By Justin Horwath; www.SantaFeNewMexican.com - David Smith, the marshal of this small mountain hamlet of roughly 500, didn't point to the ongoing rumble from the thousands of motorcycles on the main drag as the cause of chest pains the local municipal judge, Jack Griffin, suffered Sun night. Nor did he blame the reputations of the bikers - which, he estimated, included some 300 members of the Bandidos MC - for triggering the symptoms that caused Griffin to be transported to the hospital on a cardiac monitor. Rather, Smith jokingly pointed to another culprit during the cellphone conversation in his office with another official as he tried to arrange for a replacement judge for the upcoming docket: the carnival-like food offered during the 33rd annual Red River Memorial Day motorcycle rally. "Yeah, it could be that chili," Smith joked during the phone conversation. (He said later that Griffin turned out fine.) The Bandidos, which the U.S. Justice Dept considers a gang that allegedly traffics drugs & operates prostitution rings, made national headlines in the days leading up to the annual rally here in Red River. Some Bandidos & members of the Cossacks, another motorcycle group, were involved in a violent fight May 17 in Waco, TX, that left 9 dead, 18 wounded & roughly 170 arrested. But town officials treated this year's rally as they have in the past - as an event where the greasy food poses more danger than outlaw bikers. This year, they attributed bad weather & bad press that connected Waco with Red River for a lower-than-normal turnout. Some said they couldn't remember the last time the unwritten agreement between town officials & the Bandidos had been the subject of so much media scrutiny. Both parties benefit from the arrangement. Local businesses receive money, & the Bandidos get a peaceful retreat where they can conduct the organization's businesses with friends & family, local leaders said. Red River Tourism Director Brad Garrett said he introduced himself to the Bandidos & called them "nothing but gentlemen." "I mean 'retaliation' is a big word I keep hearing," he said of suggestions that Waco's violence could spill over into Red River. "And this event that we've had in Red River, everybody that has been to this event, everybody that I've experienced & talked to, it's been nothing but pleasant." Some 40 vendors from across the nation set up tents at Brandenburg Park & other private properties, selling food as well as an assortment of leather wares & the patches that decorate them. Representatives from Santa Fe's H-D dealership were among those who made the trip. In addition, Cutco, a New York-based company that sells kitchen knives, set up shop for the first time this year, said Derek Videll, a senior field director who drove 5 hours from Denver with his team. But weather dampened sales, which reached \$3,800 by Mon, he said. Kitchen knives were the most popular item, he said, but the company's \$183 Ka-Bar military knife attracted a lot of attention, too. "We're not sure if we'll work it again," he said, considering driving & boarding costs. Town officials can't change much about the fact that the weather drove down turnout for a rally that has attracted up to 15,000 during past Memorial Day Weekends. They said they planned for this year's event the same way they do every year, in accordance to Nat'l Incident Management System guidelines. That includes meeting with surrounding agencies to concoct contingency plans for anything from a mudslide to a violent gang brawl. Up to 55 L.E. personnel from Red River, Rio Rancho, Taos, New Mexico State Police & the Forest Service helped out at the rally, which was roughly about the same presence as years past, Smith said. Smith, a former Texas police official, said both police & Fed agents in the Lone Star State

concluded that he need not worry about violence for the event. Smith said officials would be "remiss" if they didn't bring in more police out of a fear doing so would detract visitors. But he added that "overreaction, it creates fear, & fear drives away your customer base - plain & simple." New Mexico State Police Sgt. Bill Thornock, who said he's been going to the rally for a decade, said on Sunday that no serious incidents occurred. "It's really, really small," he said of the crowd. "When it started snowing yesterday, they started packing up." Smith on Monday listed 11 DWIs as the most serious incidents. The calls for service over the weekend, at least 70, included some expected bar fights, he said, but no serious criminal activity like robberies. On Sunday night, bikers wearing Bandidos colors on leather jackets - which bore patches from Colorado, Texas & New Mexico - danced to live rock music, chugged \$5 beers & hooted in appreciation of 2 women who performed a burlesque show at the Motherlode, a bar off the main drag. A handful of state police officers monitored the party & cordially chatted with men wearing the Bandidos colors - including one with a patch that said Grants. Jerry Vowell, the owner of 2 local hotels - the Golden Eagle Lodge & Elk Ridge Lodge - said he received at least 6 room cancellations because of patrons concerned about the Waco incident. The Bandidos stay at his hotels, he said, & he's never had any problems with them. Sitting on 2007 Ultra Classic Harley on Mon after a ride, he said he's been going to the motorcycle rally since its inception. Members of the Bandidos rarely speak with the media, making it hard to confirm local officials' belief that they hold officer elections at Red River & use the event to conduct business. One man wearing Bandidos colors & Colorado patch declined to comment on Monday, saying they've been directed not to speak to the press. Mayor Linda Calhoun, who has lived in the town since the late '70s, said the rally didn't used to be as calm as it is now. But eventually, chamber of commerce officials started to promote it, she said. Coverage of this year's rally might have helped in those promotional efforts, too. "A lot of people in the state don't realize what we have ..." said Calhoun, a local business owner. "The more we get the word out, the happier we are."

2015 Church Service: *Pastor:* "Praise the Lord!" *Congregation:* Hallelujah!" *Pastor:* "Will everyone please turn on their tablet, PC, iPad, smart phone, & Kindle Bibles to 1 Corinthians, 13:13. And please switch on your Bluetooth to download the sermon." P-a-u-s-e..... "Now, Let us pray committing this week into God's hands. Open your Apps, BBM, Twitter & Facebook, & chat with God" **S-i-l-e-n-c-e.....** "As we take our Sunday tithes & offerings, please have your credit & debit cards ready." "You can log on to the church Wi-Fi using the password 'Lord909887.'" The ushers will circulate mobile card swipe machines among the worshipers: **1.** Those who prefer to make electronic fund transfers are directed to computers & laptops at the rear of the church. **2.** Those who prefer to use iPads can open them. **3.** Those who prefer telephone banking, take out your cell phones to transfer your contributions to the church account. The holy atmosphere of the Church becomes truly electrified as All the smart phones, iPads, PCs & laptops beep & flicker! Final Blessing & Closing Announcements. **1.** This week's ministry cell meetings will be held on the various Facebook group pages where the usual group chatting takes place. Please log in & don't miss out. **2.** Thu's Bible study will be held live on Skype at 1900hrs GMT. Please don't miss out. **3.** You can follow your Pastor on Twitter this weekend for counselling & prayers. God bless & have a nice day... **And Jesus wept...**

Stuck behind bars: Families await biker releases as lawyers claim innocence - May 27, 2015 - Texas - By J.B. Smith; www.WacoTrib.com - The jailing of 175 people in the deadly Twin Peaks shooting has left some local families in a desperate cycle of waiting, worrying & trying to clear their loved ones'...

- **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.

- **Cody Ledbetter**, a 26-year-old with a pregnant wife & toddler, missed the funeral of his stepfather & motorcycle mentor, Danny "Diesel" Boyett, one of the 9 people who died in the gun battle.

- **In Robinson**, the wife & young daughter of Boyce Ray Rockett are anxious for the return of the family's breadwinner.

- **And in Hewitt**, family members of Matt Clendennen are struggling to run his landscaping business & handle awkward questions from customers, acquaintances & his 4 children & stepchildren. "I think the hardest part is telling your 4-year-old son, 'Your dad's not coming home yet,'" said his wife, Sheree Clendennen. "He wants to be like his daddy, wants to do the mowing or whatever. That's been real hard. . . . I try not to let him know about what's going on. He's in pre-K & needs to be learning about getting his shapes & colors right."

These 5 are among the 24 McLennan County residents being held on \$1 million bond in the Twin Peaks shooting. Interviews this week with their attys & families indicate that all 5 are members of the Cossacks or Scimitar motorcycle clubs, which Waco police say clashed with the rival Bandidos MC in the Twin Peaks parking lot just after noon.

Accounts from their attys & families share a common thread: that these were family-oriented men who didn't go to the restaurant looking for trouble. Dozens of Cossacks & Scimitars showed up around lunchtime at the restaurant, where a 1 p.m. meeting was scheduled for the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents, a biker advocacy group. The Bandidos are heavily involved in the confederation, but the Cossacks & their allies the Scimitars are not part of it. Police last week said a group of bikers showed up uninvited to the gathering, presumably referring to the Cossacks.

But Michael White, a Bell County atty representing John Wilson, said his client had a much different understanding. Wilson, a top officer of the local Cossacks chapter, said police had encouraged the Bandidos & Cossacks to mend fences, & he thought his club was welcome at the Twin Peaks meet-up, White said. "He is devastated & his wife is devastated," White said. "He told me very clearly that he never would have brought his son to something that was going to be a volatile, hostile environment." White said Wilson is distraught after seeing people he knew killed in front of him, & he is anxious to see his son, who is being kept separate at the jail. White said Wilson should have a strong case at his bond-reduction hearing because he is not a flight risk & does not have a criminal history. But he said the future of Legend Cycles is in doubt. Wilson, a former sales manager at Legend, bought the business in 2014 & moved it to 3201 Interstate 35. "He's going to try to reopen, but he's afraid the publicity might ruin him," White said. Fellow Cossack member Cody Ledbetter, 26, also claims he had nothing to do with the shooting, said his Waco atty, Jason Darling.

New member: Ledbetter, a local car dealership employee, is a new member of the Cossacks. He went to Twin Peaks with his stepfather, Danny Boyett, a mechanic & local Cossacks leader who bought him his first motorcycle, Darling said. "He had gone

there with his stepfather to have lunch & have a meeting on some legislative stuff," Darling said. "He had not planned to be there long. He has a wife & child & another on the way, & he was planning to attend a birthday party that afternoon." He said it appears Ledbetter hit the ground as soon as the shooting started. He said Ledbetter was traumatized by the shooting of his stepfather & his inability to attend the funeral. "He's obviously devastated by the loss of a family member," he said. "It's a nightmare for the family."

Attys for Boyce Ray Rockett, of Robinson, & **Matt Clendennen**, of Hewitt, say the men were unprepared for the violence & not involved in it. Both men are buddies & members of the new local chapter of the Scimitars MC. Sheree Clendennen said the club members are "big old teddy bears" who like to ride motorcycles & raise money to buy Christmas presents for disadvantaged kids. "That's why I liked the group - everything they were involved with was helping people out," she said. She said that when her husband left that Sun afternoon, he told her he was going to a motorcycle meeting but gave no indication of trouble. He later texted that he was taking cover in a back room at the restaurant. Matt Clendennen grew up in Woodway & served as a firefighter for more than 3 years in Marlin & Hewitt, said his father, Dave Clendennen. He earned a business degree from Baylor Univ in 2011 & worked with his father to start a franchised landscaping business. "He's just a hardworking, takes-pride-in-what-he-does kind of guy," said Dave Clendennen, a longtime accountant at Baylor. "People like him." Baylor has given Dave Clendennen time off to run his son's company until the legal trouble can be sorted out, but he said the business needs Matt back. He said longtime customers know that his son "was at the wrong place at the wrong time," but the widely distributed photos of him in jailhouse orange could hurt business. "It can kill you," he said. "If this thing goes on & on, you can't recover. It can't go on much longer for us." Matt Clendennen's atty, Clint Broden, of Dallas, said his client has a June 5 bond-reduction hearing. "He's an innocent person with lifelong connections to Waco who owns his own business & has a family," Broden said. "I think he's a poster child for a lower bond." Rockett's atty, Will Hutson, of Waco, said his client was also uninvolved in the deadly dispute. "From everything I've received, he was not outside & did not have a weapon," Hutson said. "At the time of the shooting, he was retreating into the restaurant. He was probably on the patio & saw something happening. He was unarmed & had no idea what was going to happen." He said he thinks his client has a strong case for a bond reduction. "He has a toddler & he has deep roots in the community," Hutson said. "He's a person who has no known criminal history. I took his case because I think the guy didn't do anything. I think he was there at the wrong time."

But Hutson said it's hard to fathom how the local justice system is going to process so many people in this case. "This is uncharted water," he said. "I've never heard of anything like this in my life. . . . This is going to take years to resolve. Hopefully within the next 2 or 3 weeks, we can get some resolution on the bonds."

After hearing you talk, I now know that the dead do contact us...
I don't have a Bucket List, but my Fucket List is a Mile Long...
We'll always be best friends, because you know too much...
Man alive! But I wish you weren't...

Please be patient, even a toilet can handle only one asshole at a time...

Pagan's biker gang member shoots at girlfriend, sticks gun in her mouth - May 27, 2015 – Florida - By Katie Kustura; www.News-JournalOnline.com - A member of the Pagans MC is facing felony charges after he fired 3 gunshots at his girlfriend & stuck the handgun into her mouth, police said. Mark Grimm Jr., 29, of Daytona Beach, was arrested Tuesday & charged with false imprisonment, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon & aggravated assault with intent to commit a felony, records show. He was being held at the Volusia County Branch Jail on \$200,000 bail Wed afternoon. Sarah Dean told Daytona Beach police she was sitting on the couch in her home about 2 a.m. Tuesday when Grimm, a WyoTech student, entered after flipping a flower pot outside, according to a charging affidavit. Grimm pointed a handgun in Dean's direction & fired a shot that struck the wall about 2 feet away from Dean. The 26-year-old woman ran to the kitchen & then into a bathroom, during which Grimm fired 2 more shots in Dean's direction, according to the affidavit. Grimm gave chase, grabbed Dean & shoved her onto the shower floor. Grimm put the gun in Dean's mouth & said "You don't know what it's like" & then "She is going to [expletive] die!" the affidavit states. The MC member then fled the scene. While Dean was receiving treatment for minor injuries, including chipped teeth, at Halifax Health Medical Center, she received a text message from Grimm that said "I have killed for less," according to the affidavit. The Pagan's MC is 1 of 8 MCs identified as an O.M.G. by the U.S. Dept of Justice. The Pagan's are known to distribute drugs, according to the DOJ. Records show Grimm was charged in January with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He was awaiting trial in that case. In April 2014 Grimm pleaded no contest to carrying a concealed weapon.

Feds Take Aim at Biker Gang's 'Colors' – May 31, 2015 – U.S.A. – By Dan Frosch & Nathan Koppel; www.wsj.com - Gov't will try to seize group's logo, saying it serves as a license to commit crime... Fed prosecutors are trying a novel legal tactic to strike at the heart of what they consider a notorious outlaw motorcycle gang: using trademark law to take away its treasured logo. In a pending racketeering trial in Los Angeles, the Justice Dept will attempt to legally seize the black-and-white emblem worn on leather jackets by members of the Mongols MC, which depicts a muscled, ponytailed warrior with a Fu Manchu mustache speeding on a chopper. The trial was to begin in early June but was delayed last week after the case was assigned to a new judge.

For years, Fed authorities have claimed that the Mongols name & logo, which the club has registered as trademarks with the Fed Gov't, serve as a source of intimidation & a banner under which members have committed crimes. By taking over the trademarks, which would make it illegal to display the Mongols "colors," the Justice Dept believes it can essentially neuter the club.

Leaders of the Mongols-which started as a group of primarily Hispanic bikers in Calif and, according to prosecutors, grew to more than 60 chapters including branches in Sweden & Germany-dispute the characterization of the club as criminal. They say they are a band of loyal motorcycle enthusiasts who are being unfairly persecuted by authorities because of the actions of a few. "L.E. is going out there trying to demonize & vilify us. But we are just like everyone else," said David "Lil Dave" Santillan, the Mongols' Internat'l Pres. "We are a motorcycle club. We just want to ride & be free."

The case is playing out in the wake of a bloody shootout among rival bikers in Waco, Texas, in May that left 9 dead & 18 wounded,

an event that drew Nat'l attention to the subculture of OMGs. That turf-war incident-which didn't involve the Mongols-exploded into violence after members of one gang began wearing a patch that signified its dominance in Tx, infuriating a rival group.

MCs around the nation are watching the Los Angeles trial closely. "They are worried that if they can do this to the Mongols, they can do it to anybody," said Donald Charles Davis, an expert on motorcycle clubs who chronicles biker news on his blog, the Aging Rebel. "The idea seems to be that you can ban MCs by stripping them of their insignia." The case against the Mongols dates to 2008, when Fed prosecutors charged dozens of members with crimes ranging from murder to weapons trafficking to money laundering, after undercover agents with the ATF infiltrated the group. Prosecutors won convictions against members including former Pres Ruben "Doc" Cavazos. But they went a step further & formally sought to take possession of the club's trademarked name & logo. That is an unusual use of Fed forfeiture law, which empowers the Gov't to seize assets from convicted criminals.

In a statement announcing the 2008 indictment, Thomas O'Brien, then U.S. atty in Los Angeles, said a forfeiture would allow police officers to stop any member wearing the gang's patch "and literally take the jacket right off his back."

But lawyers for the Mongols have won preliminary court rulings in recent years that found the Gov't can't seize the group's name & insignia because the club, itself, hadn't been charged with criminal conduct.

In an attempt to sidestep that argument & appropriate the logo, Fed prosecutors in 2013 indicted the entire Mongol Nation, charging the group with a racketeering conspiracy. The Gov't is expected to argue that displaying Mongols paraphernalia is tantamount to making a threat & that the club remains steeped in violence & criminal activity. In court filings, prosecutors alleged that prospective Mongols had to show their willingness to commit crimes on behalf of the gang before being accepted & permitted to wear its patch. They also said that Mongols, acting under the authority conveyed by the gang's name & logo, "murdered, attempted to murder, assaulted, & threatened those who posed a threat to the Mongols Gang." A lawyer for the Mongols said the club has modified its code of conduct to bar substance abuse & criminal activity, noting that the Gov't's allegations are based on the actions of members who have since made deals with prosecutors. The Mongols have said a minority of its members have been charged with crimes. They say the asset seizure would violate the First Amendment rights of members to proclaim their association with a group by wearing its distinctive logo.

"Any organization—whether it's a MC or L.E.-is made up of individuals," said their lawyer, Joe Yanny, noting that the group had banished members who committed crimes. "There are people in here that have made mistakes. But most of these clubs have cleaned up their act." A number of organizations have sided with the Mongols in criticizing the case, including the libertarian Cato Institute, which has long condemned Gov't use of forfeiture powers. Tim Lynch, a lawyer for the group, said prosecutors should focus on addressing the alleged illegal conduct of Mongols members rather than "going after the very lifestyle" of the club. "Motorcycles are also a vital part of the organization," Mr. Lynch said. "Can the Gov't pressure them into giving up their motorcycles & force them to ride in mini cars?"

Biker experts say that if the Gov't succeeded in seizing the Mongols' logo, it could have a chilling effect on other motorcycle organizations. "If anyone from another MC commits an illegal act, then the precedent is there," said William Dulaney, a professor at Air Univ in Alabama & an expert on biker culture. "That organization's colors could conceivably be confiscated."

Questions: **1.** Why does Air University have William Dulaney, a professor & an expert on biker culture? **2.** How is "Biker Culture" germane to the (below) described course of study?

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PhD Commando improves US/Afghan cultural communication - Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama - By Staff Sgt. Gregory Brook; 42nd Air Base Wing Public Affairs; www.Maxwell.AF.mil - He walks into the library holding a large box. It is a huge library, the Muir S. Fairchild Research Info Center on Maxwell, but his size makes it look small. His left arm is covered in a full-sleeve tattoo, & on his right is a family crest. He flashes a big smile & extends his hand in a warm greeting. Cradled by his crested arm, the box is filled with tactical gear; he's getting ready to deploy to Afghanistan for his 3rd 1-year tour. **Dr. William Dulaney**, professor of organizational communication at the Air Force Culture & Language Center, & faculty member of the Air Univ's Air War College, is not a typical academic. He is a biker; he rides a Harley & is a member of the **Hell on Wheels MC**. He wrote his dissertation on the *subculture of bikers* that exists in America. He has become a sought after authority on the subject of biker culture in America, appearing in several documentaries & television shows dealing with the subject. He was once what he calls a

"snake-eater," a member of the Air Force's special operations community. He was medically retired in 1998. He doesn't tell many people about that time, adding that he believes his service is nothing when compared to what his brothers & sisters in arms serving today have done & are doing. He is the kind of man that spends his spare time providing input to United Nations Security Council resolution 1325, designed to improve the lives of women & children post conflicts. He has been working on it for over a decade. The snake-eater decided to become an academic while taking a public speaking course, hoping to become a more persuasive speaker. He took the course when he found himself having to lobby for funding at the Pentagon for a drone program he worked in. He was the last person in the active duty Air Force with operational experience working with drones at the time, in the mid-1990s. He was filling a lieutenant colonel's position, Dulaney said. "I was an E-5, I had no formal power, no rank" he said. "I was not a persuasive person. I didn't know anything about persuasion. I heard about this local teacher at the Florida State Univ campus in Panama City who was a really good teacher of public speaking. I also heard he was a biker, & as a biker I thought, 'I've got to go meet this guy.'" On the 1st day of class, he met his teacher Gary Posnansky. After showing up late for his first class, Posnansky made a point of embarrassing Dulaney in front of everyone. Posnansky asked Dulaney to stay afterward to talk to him. "We walk outside, & I'm carrying my helmet, & he asks me, 'What do you ride?'" Dulaney said. "I told him I ride a '53 H-D. He looks at me & says 'Oh, that's cute. That's my '47 Indian Chief right there.' We immediately fired up the bikes, & headed to the local bar & talked. It changed my life." Dulaney was already curious as to why people think the way they do about one another & especially why they judge others. Posnansky pushed that curiosity even further, setting the then active duty Airman on his path to earn a doctorate in intercultural communication. "I'd always had these thoughts, & I'd taken some classes to try to explore them," he said. "I'd never met anybody who could articulate it & help me along that journey until Gary gave me his dissertation to read. For me it was really an introspective journey to understand myself, but also why people are the way they are to each other." After earning his doctorate, he spent the next 10 years as a teacher & researcher at various schools throughout the country before abruptly quitting in 2009 & going to work for the military again. "One day an old Navy Seal skipper called me up & asked me if I knew any commandos with Ph.Ds," Dulaney said. "They needed some help doing village stability operations in Afghanistan. I was on the tenure track. My package was complete & instead of turning it in, I walked into the dean's office & handed her my resignation." His goal was to apply the idea of culture to the problem set of war. He applied how a culture & a region react & relate to internal & external forces, bringing attention to this important perspective in conducting warfare, specifically when that understanding can prevent the need for kinetic realities, Dulaney added. He began working for the Air Force Culture & Language Center in 2012 in a position that allows him to reach a wide audience. Dulaney teaches at AWC & Air Command & Staff College in the Political Military Area Strategist course. He also teaches at the Squadron Officer College & at Internat'l Officer School on Maxwell. He teaches at the Special Operations School, Hurlburt Field, FL, at the Air Advisor Academy, Fort Dix, N.J., Senior Executive School in Washington, D.C., & at the Internat'l Health Specialists Program at the Pentagon. "The cool thing about working at the AFCLC is that you can teach anywhere your skill-set is needed," Dulaney added. His mentor believes his

success & ability is due to his humble nature & acceptance of others. What Dulaney understands is that other people do know things, he accepts that, Posnansky said, during a phone interview. Dulaney credits Posnansky for teaching him the importance of actually learning about different cultures rather than dismissing them. “If you are going to be running around Afghanistan, you better know what the Afghans know,” Posnansky said. “If you don’t, you aren’t going to be real successful. If you really want to make a change, you need to find out & understand who these people that you are walking around are.”

Three More Twin Peaks Defendants File For Reduced Bond Hearings - June 1, 2015 – *Texas* - By Ethan Hutchins; www.KWTX.com - Three more defendants jailed after the May 17 shootout at Twin Peaks in Waco have filed seeking hearings to reduce their \$1 million bond. The newest motion requests were filed by Justin Waddington, Daryle Walker & Diego Obledo, district clerk records showed. The 3 joined 48 more who filed similar motions last week & the week before. Eight defendants in the same case already had their bonds reduced to \$25,000 & have been released from custody. The latest 2, husband & wife William & Morgan English, both of Brenham, were released after posting bond on Mon afternoon, jail records showed. Two other bikers, Jeff Battey, 50 of Ponder, & Christopher Stainton, 41, of Georgetown, were released earlier after posting \$1 million bonds for which they were required to provide \$100,000 in cash. In all more than 175 people were arrested in connection with the May 17 motorcycle gang shootout at Twin Peaks restaurant that left 9 men dead & 18 others injured. A Houston lawyer was in Waco Mon to discuss release of the rest of those arrested & said in a news release he would stay here until the bond issue was resolved. “It appears the public defender’s office in McLennan County is involved in this scurrilous activity,” said Paul Looney, a Houston atty with Looney & Conrad, P.C. It should be pointed out that McLennan County does not have a public defender’s office, a local atty said. “I’ve never seen anything like the lawlessness that the authorities have perpetrated on these people & now to add insult to injury they are trying to cover their own tracks in exchange for bond,” said Looney. I will be in the reception area of the McLennan County D.A.’s office tomorrow morning at 8:30 with the intention of not leaving until we have the issue of bond resolved.” Looney met with First assistant District Atty Michael Jarrett but the outcome of that meeting was not known. Court coordinators for both 19th & 54th district judges have said hearings on the filings will be set next week & following weeks as time allows.

Hells Angel sues Surrey blogger for defamation - June 1, 2015 - *Canada* - By Keith Fraser; www.TheProvince.com - A member of the HAs has filed a defamation lawsuit & is seeking a court injunction against a Surrey blogger who purports to out gangsters. Damiano Dipopolo, who is employed as a longshoreman, says a series of articles written last month by a man who runs an anonymous blog called “gangstersout” is damaging to his reputation & character & could result in him being fired from his job. In the lawsuit filed in B.C. Supreme Court, Dipopolo turns the tables on the blogger, identifying him as Dennis Watson, & says the articles falsely allege he is involved in a criminal organization, is involved in a drug trafficking ring & has infiltrated the union that represents the longshoremen for illegal purposes. “To be clear, I have never been convicted or charged of a criminal offence,” says an affidavit filed by Dipopolo. “I make an honest

living. I have gotten a few traffic violations but that is it. Watson’s allegations are incredibly defamatory to me & hurt my character.” One of the articles also implies that he would threaten or actually commit violence against Watson or his daughter, he says. “It is a very serious allegation that needs to be defended against because it could have criminal repercussions.” The affidavit says that Dipopolo has never met Watson, spoken to him on the phone or traded emails with him. “First & foremost, I am a family man. I have a loving common-law wife & 6 children with a 7th on the way. Above all else, my family is of utmost importance to me.” Dipopolo adds he coaches Little League, attends a Catholic church, is a member of the Italian community & contributes to charity. He’s been a longshoreman since May 2012. “I became a longshoreman as it was good pay, a great pension & stable employment. It also required relatively little in the way of training or education. I have a family that I need to support & this job allows me to do so.” The matter started with an article Watson wrote on his blog May 9, a followup to an article on organized crime & the port of Vancouver written by Vancouver Sun reporter Kim Bolan, says the affidavit. The May 9 blog stated that Dipopolo was the president of the Kelowna Hells Angels & that during his tenure, the Kelowna Hells Angels collectively were charged in a large drug trafficking ring & convicted of operating a huge stolen car ring in Kelowna, says the affidavit. Dipopolo has been described in a B.C. Supreme Court judgment as a Hells Angel, but says: “The collective group has never been charged in a large drug trafficking ring nor convicted of a huge stolen car ring.” Dipopolo says that he had his lawyer send Watson a “cease & desist” letter, but the letter “seemed to make the situation worse” & resulted in another article being published. The plaintiff’s defamation suit is seeking general, special, aggravated & punitive damages. It also seeks an injunction restraining Watson from publishing any further defamatory posts & an order requiring the defendant to remove the defamatory material. In a brief phone conversation, Watson repeated some of the comments he’d made on his blog on Fri & Sat in response the lawsuit. He said the claims being made by Dipopolo were “completely unrealistic.” Watson said he wanted to be in court on Tuesday for a hearing in the case but could not do so for work-related reasons. “I want a chance at a fair trial.” He objected to being named in The Province’s story, citing concerns for the safety of him & his daughter, & said he was worried he’d lose his job if he was identified. In the post on his blog on Friday, he said he needed more time to respond to the lawsuit & didn’t think a B.C. court had jurisdiction since the server of his website is in the United States. “I have defended my right to free speech in a U.S. court while residing & posting from Canada. You’re not the first.” But Watson added that since Dipopolo raised a legal concern, he was removing 2 posts, from May 9 & May 16, “under duress.” But 2 other posts will remain on the blog, he added. Watson said he objected to his real name & home address being placed on the record in the lawsuit since he gets death threats on a daily basis. In the Sat blog post, Watson said he had looked over the lawsuit again & called it “bizarre.” “I want to file a counter claim for costs & damages since my daughter has been traumatized by this application but can’t because they are proceeding when I can’t get there.”

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.
- Margaret Mead

2 Has sent to prison after downtown biker brawl - June 2, 2015 – *Nevada* - By David Ferrara; www.ReviewJournal.com - After more than 6 years, the last of 13 men were sent to prison Tue for their roles in bludgeoning 3 Hells Angels rivals & 3 other people outside a downtown Las Vegas wedding chapel. Earlier this year, John Merchant, 55, & James Sexey, 48, admitted to coercion & battery resulting in substantial bodily harm with the intent to promote, further or assist the activities of a criminal gang in connection with the Dec 2008 brawl at A Special Memory Wedding Chapel on 4th St & Gass Ave. In handing down a 2-to-10 year sentence for each, District Judge Kenneth Cory admonished them about the biker gang lifestyle. “Whatever you guys think you’re doing, palling around with the Hells Angels,” the judge said, “there’s nothing but grief that will come to you. And that’s because of the conduct of not just the Hells Angels, but the Mongols, the whole bunch.” Authorities have said the melee injured at least 6 people, including 3 Mongols, 2 of whom were stabbed. It’s unclear if Merchant & Sexey are still members of the motorcycle gang. “I would certainly hope that you’re able to put this behind you,” Cory said. “We cannot put up with criminal gangs who choose to fight it out among each other in public places.” Sexey tried to have his sentencing postponed, saying he needed back surgery, but the judge said the case had lingered long enough. In all, 13 men were charged in the wake of the melee, which came as the Hells Angels were leaving a wedding ceremony of their own & saw 3 Mongols at the chapel for another wedding. The 13 men attacked the Mongols, hitting them with their fists, feet, bottles & trash cans. Prosecutors called it an unprovoked attack. Defense lawyers had said their clients acted in self-defense because Mongols had months earlier attacked & killed a Hells Angel in San Francisco. One of the defendants, John Dawson, has since died. He had pleaded guilty to battery charges prior to his death. Others have pleaded guilty. Some have been sentenced to prison, others to probation.

6 Ellis County men remain in custody 2 weeks after Waco shootout - June 3, 2015 – *Texas* - By Bethany Kurtz Mirror; www.waxahachietx.com - Three of the Ellis County men arrested during the biker shootout in Waco on May 17 have been assigned court appointed defense attys. Midlothian residents Brian Logan, Robert Bucy, Jarrod Lehman, Christian Valencia, Red Oak resident Valdemar Guajardo Jr. & Maypearl resident Don Fowler were arrested & charged with organized criminal activity, which is a 1st degree felony, & booked into the McLennan County Jail. Five were still in jail as of 3 p.m. press time Wed, on \$1 million bonds, according to the county jail’s inmate list. Also on Wed, Fowler had his bond amount reduced to \$25,000 for the charge. Bucy, Guajardo & Valencia were assigned a court appointed defense atty, said Cathy Edwards, indigent defense coordinator for McLennan County. The 54th District Court Judge Matt Johnson denied Lehman’s request for a court appointed defense atty, Edwards said. Whether a judge chooses to accept or deny a person’s request to be assigned a court appointed defense atty depends on the person’s financial status & assets, Edwards said. Fowler had not requested to be assigned an atty as of 3 p.m. Wed & Logan told Edwards he had retained his own lawyer, but that lawyer had not sent a letter of representation to the county yet, she said. Alan Bennett, the defense atty in Waco who was assigned Bucy’s case, said he plans to file paperwork by Friday to get Bucy’s bond reduced so a hearing can be set in the next few weeks. Bucy is not ready to make a statement, Bennett said. Abelino Reyna, the District Atty for McLennan County, has shown a

willingness to lower bonds for other people arrested in the same incident to \$25,000, he said. The district atty’s office said Wed afternoon because the case is an open, active criminal case & an ongoing investigation, the office cannot & will not comment or address any questions, so it remains unclear as to why Fowler’s bond was reduced. “That is really a difficult bond for people to make if they are indigent & have a court appointed lawyer,” Bennett said. According to The Waco Tribune-Herald, bikers who had their bonds lowered to \$25,000 have had other conditions included in the bond agreements including that the men stay out of McLennan County except for court dates, wear ankle monitors, abide by curfews, & don’t associate with biker groups. As of press time, it was unclear what conditions, if any, came with Fowler’s reduced bond. The district atty has 90 days to get a grand jury to indict or bring a formal accusation against any person charged with a felony, Bennett said. If the 90 days expire before a grand jury decides, the person automatically gets released on a personal recognizance bond & his or her case can still be taken to the grand jury, he said. If the grand jury does indict the person, a trial will follow, he said. While Bennett said he was not ready to comment on the facts of Bucy’s case or connection to the incident, he did say he doesn’t believe the district atty will prosecute Bucy’s case based on the evidence he has seen so far. He is waiting for the bond reduction hearings of other people arrested in the same incident, which are scheduled for Friday, to see what evidence Reyna will present to the judge, he said. “I don’t think his (Bucy’s) case will see a courtroom,” Bennett said. “It doesn’t seem likely that they can prosecute more than 30 of them.” From his conversations with the district, Bennett understands Reyna is still weeding through all the evidence & plans to take his time, he said. The defense atty assigned to Valencia, Wes Hammit, said he received the assignment on Tue afternoon & planned to visit his client as soon as possible. Guajardo’s lawyer did not return phone calls. According to the arrest warrants for all 6 men, each was arrested for the same reason. The warrants state at least 3 members of the Bandidos MC & at least 3 members of the Cossacks MC had an altercation in the Twin Peaks restaurant parking lot. Waco police have not returned phone calls about what connection the 6 men from Ellis County may have had in the incident. “During the course of the altercation, members & associates of the Cossacks & Bandidos brandished & used firearms, knives or other unknown edged weapons, batons, clubs, brass knuckles & other weapons,” the warrants stated. “Cossacks & Bandidos discharged firearms at one another. Members of the Waco PD attempted to stop the altercation & were fired upon by Bandidos and/or Cossacks. Waco police officers returned fire, striking multiple gang members. During the exchange of gunfire, multiple persons were shot.” Nine people died as a result of the altercation, the warrants stated, & 18 others were injured. The Cossacks have a history of rivalry with the Bandidos MC, which is considered the second most dangerous O.M.G. in the nation, according to the U.S. Dept of Justice & previous Waxahachie Daily Light articles. According to multiple media outlets, law enforcement agencies were aware of “bad blood” between the rival gangs on May 17. Bucy, according to family members, is a known member of the Cossacks MC, & Fowler, according to Maypearl police, is a member of the Bandidos MC. “The Texas Dept of Public Safety maintains a database containing information identifying the Cossacks & their associates as a criminal street gang & the Bandidos & their associates as a criminal street gang,” the warrants stated. “After the altercation, the subject was apprehended at the scene, while wearing common identifying distinctive signs or symbols or had

an identifiable leadership or continuously or regularly associate in the commission of criminal activities.” When the Midlothian Mirror reached out to the Waco PD Public Info Officer Pat Swanton to explain the cause of the arrests, Swanton replied in an email that he could not offer any additional info or clarification. According to The Waco Tribune-Herald, Waco resident Matthew Clendennen, 30, jailed in the same incident & still in jail on a \$1 million bond, has filed a lawsuit claiming his arrest & detention are unlawful. The lawsuit, filed Friday in Waco’s U.S. District Court, names the city of Waco, McLennan County & Waco police officer Manuel Chavez who drafted the arrest warrants as defendants. Clendennen’s atty Clinton Broden, told The Waco Tribune-Herald warrants must include clear individualized probable cause & said there is no evidence his client committed any crime. Clendennen said his arrest has made his business suffer & could cause him to lose custody of his children, according to the article. At least 2 of the 6 from Ellis County have faced previous charges for crimes committed in the county. According to the Ellis County Sheriff’s Office, Bucy faced charges for property theft less than \$500 on Jan. 29, but it’s unknown whether he was indicted on the charge. In Aug 2014, Fowler was arrested for bringing a prohibited weapon into a weapons-free zone & exhibiting deadly conduct by discharging a firearm near bystanders, according to a previous Waxahachie Daily Light article & Maypearl Police Chief Kevin Coffey. By press time, it was also unknown whether he was indicted on that charge.

What Waco Police Still Won’t Reveal About the Biker-Gang Shootout - June 4, 2015 – *Texas* – By Mike Stone, Reuters; www.TheAtlantic.com - Two weeks after the fight between rival outlaw motorcycle clubs, cops won’t answer even the most basic questions about what transpired... As the Texas shootout that killed 9 motorcyclists fades from Nat’l headlines, local newspapers & a few larger media organizations have broken a series of small stories that prompted one alert Houston Press journalist to predict, “in the coming years, the Waco authorities’ handling of the Twin Peaks biker gang shootout will become a textbook example of how not to handle an emergency situation.” Two weeks later, Waco authorities still aren’t telling how many of the dead bikers were shot by police officers, how many cops fired their weapons, or how many total rounds they discharged.

Yahoo News filed **public records** requests to try to learn more, but reported last night that Waco authorities have asked state officials for permission to withhold documents. Police haven’t released any video of the shoot-out to the public. But a few news outlets have seen footage from one security camera. The New York Daily News sums up part of it: “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.” That doesn’t much sound like everyone present was conspiring to fight.

And **Brian Doherty** argues that the AP’s coverage of the video it saw raises questions about police behavior. “Despite police reports that the fighting & shooting began inside the restaurant & spilled out, closed-circuit footage of the restaurant seen by AP & reports from the restaurateurs indicate the shooting began outside, which is where the police already were,” he writes. “Police were already surrounding the restaurant in force, ready for action. How & why they began firing on the bikers & what happened before then should not necessarily be trusted merely from their mouths.”

No one believes all the bikers were innocent. Indeed, the meager eyewitness testimony that has trickled out suggests some bikers did at least some of the killing. Still, “more than 150 bikers are still being held in jail weeks after the shooting,” the San Antonio Express News reports. “At least 114 of those remaining in jail have been charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, according to online jail records. Many are being held on \$1 million bonds. At least 25 have bonded out in the more than 2 weeks since being processed, but more are expected to be released on lower bonds.” Little wonder: holding upwards of 160 bikers on a blanket bond of \$1 million was self-evidently excessive. An atty for one of the arrestees has filed a complaint against the justice of the peace who set the bond, the Waco Tribune reports, alleging that he “violated several judicial ethical canons,” including by telling the local newspaper, “I think it is important to send a message. We had 9 people killed in our community. These people just came in, & most of them were from out of town.”

The atty, Clinton Broden, said that it is unlawful to set bond in order to “send a message” & alleged that L.E. chose the justice of the peace to set bond “because of his lack of legal training & his willingness to ignore the requirements that each case be given individual consideration.” He also alleged an improper refusal to set probable cause hearings for some of the bikers until Aug 6. He’s also filed a civil-rights lawsuit on behalf of one of the bikers, who asserts that as a result of his wrongful jailing his ex-wife is trying to get sole custody of his children: *It was the policy of the City of Waco ... to cause the arrest & detention of numerous individuals belonging to motorcycle clubs who were in or around the Twin Peaks restaurant at the time of the incident, regardless of whether or not there was individualized probable cause to arrest & detain a particular individual & to do so based on ‘fill in the name’ complaints without individualized facts. This policy was carried out repeatedly, as a result, over 170 people were arrested & detained, with each one of those persons given the identical \$1 million bond, with no regard to their individual situation.*

Two other arrestees who claim to have been wrongfully jailed told their story to a local TV station. They are a married couple named English. Mr. English said he was at the wrong place at the wrong time. English said he came to Twin Peaks on that Sunday afternoon for a monthly meeting of the CoC to talk about legislation coming out of Austin for Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, but he didn’t make that meeting before violence did. “We didn’t even get to where we could see around the corner of the building when firing started,” said Mr. English. “We heard 2-3 distinct small arm fires, & we took off around to the back side of the building & after that I started hearing rapid succession of assault rifle fire.” “All the sudden I see a sea of people running towards me & we run around the building,” said Ms. English. The couple says they never saw the melee, they were just trying to keep stay away from it. Mr. English is a former marine. “He grabs me & pins me up against the wall. He just had me completely shielded & protected,” said Ms. English. “I was trying to hear where the shooters were so we didn’t run into the gunfire,” said Mr. English. After it calmed down, L.E. stepped in. “There was someone just a couple guys down from me shot in the stomach & we’re worried about him but the cops kept saying get down, get down,” aid Ms. English. “You have all these guns in your face, you’re gonna listen.” Maybe Mr. English decided to take his wife, a bank teller, to the Twin Peaks restaurant knowing full well that she’d find herself in the middle of a deadly biker brawl. I would bet against that. They got out of jail after their bail was reduced to \$25,000

each. *Soon after the shootout*, it became apparent that Waco was ill-prepared to handle the aftermath. And while the mass arrests & sky-high bail ensured that some guilty parties are now sitting in jail, the accompanying innocents that I worried about seem to have suffered too, even if it's impossible to say with certainty exactly who they are.

State commission inspects jails in wake of biker complaints - June 4, 2015 – Texas - By Olivia Messer; www.WacoTrib.com - The Texas Commission on Jail Standards performed an unannounced inspection of the McLennan County Jail & adjacent Jack Harwell Detention Center after 37 online complaints were received from suspects jailed after the May 17 shootout at Twin Peaks restaurant. The complaints alleged inadequate health care, inedible food, degrading treatment & sanitation issues. But the inspection, performed May 28, found both facilities in compliance with state standards, officials said. “An inspector reviewed the conditions of confinement while she was there on site, & we did not find any violations of minimum jail standards,” said Brandon Wood, executive director of the TX Commission on Jail Standards. Wood said a total of 10 inmates had 28 complaints issued on their behalf that fell within the purview of the commission to investigate. The other 9 complaints were not within the commission’s jurisdiction. “She did review all of those (complaints) on site, & there were no issues,” Wood said. “Normally, we don’t receive that many complaints on a single facility over a 7-day period,” Wood said. Many of the complaints had similar wording & appeared to follow a template, leading officials to think they were the result of a form letter that was circulated, he said. Houston atty Paul C. Looney said his clients William & Morgan English, 33 & 34, of Brenham, who were released Monday on \$25,000 bonds, reported they felt they had been “degraded & dehumanized repeatedly without any provocation” while in custody. Looney said the couple alleged a range of poor conditions related to food, cleanliness & crowding. “They said there were visible bugs in the food from time to time,” he said. “They both lost nearly 20 pounds because the food didn’t even appear to be safe.” He added, “People are eating only what they can tell is not infested with bugs.” Looney said his clients did not submit complaints to the commission on jail standards. Judy Bergman said her jailed husband - Burton George Bergman, 48, of Dallas - is innocent & called her from the scene after 9 people were killed & 18 were injured in the shooting. Police described a restaurant & parking lot full of bodies, blood spatters & weapons amid half-eaten burgers & half-drunk margaritas. Bergman said her husband, who is affiliated with the Desgraciados MC & is a truck driver, was walking up to the scene when the events unfolded. “He called me & said: ‘Honey, I love you. This may be the last time I ever talk to you because there’s a shooting,’” she said. She added, “He wasn’t near it, & he didn’t have a gun on him.” Now, Bergman said, her family is struggling to make up for the lost income while her husband is stuck in jail with a bond that has been reduced from an original \$1 million to \$100,000. “I don’t have that money,” she said. “They don’t care that people are losing their lives & their houses & their cars,” she said. “They don’t care. “Had he known that all of this was going to take place, he never would have put our lives in jeopardy like that.” But Bergman said she is frustrated by what she is hearing that her husband is experiencing in jail. “It took them 13, 14 days to get pillows,” she said. “They went 9 days & didn’t even have clean underwear.” Bergman said others in jail with her husband complained of issues related to medical treatment, & that she &

many others sent complaints to the commission & to the American Civil Liberties Union. Waco atty Seth Sutton, who represents Jeff Battey, 50, of Ponder, said, “The main thing was just that there were too many people.” Battey, a machinist, was the first to post a \$1 million bond & be fitted with an ankle monitor days after the shooting. Battey received minor medical treatment for a bullet wound to his arm before he was jailed, Sutton said. On the day he was released from jail, Battey went to a North Texas hospital for continued treatment of the wound. He was discharged that day. “(McLennan County Jail) Capt. (John) Kolinek does a wonderful job, but when you arrest that many people without probable cause, you’re going to have problems,” Sutton said. Battey is affiliated with the Bandidos MC, Sutton has said. Wood said 9 of the online complaints were not within his office’s jurisdiction & contained content alleging wrongful incarceration & other concerns related to the circumstances of the arrests. Other complaints did not fall outside of the minimum state jail standards. For example, Wood said the jail is not required to issue a pillow to each inmate. After the shooting, the jail ran out of pillows because of the deluge of inmates, but Wood said he thinks more were ordered & that issue was rectified. Minimum state jail standards do require a change of clothing at least once a week — or more, based on activity level & environment — but Wood said an inspector did not report a breach in that standard at either facility. Wood said both the jail & the detention center have passed every inspection in the last 3 years. Kolinek confirmed that the visit from the commission was a surprise to his staff & deferred to the organization for comment on the inspection. “We support their findings,” he said.

Visiting judge denies motion to recuse local judges in biker cases - June 4, 2015 – Texas - By Tommy Witherspoon; www.WacoTrib.com - A visiting judge Thu denied an attempt by an atty for 9 bikers arrested in the deadly Twin Peaks shootout to remove McLennan County’s 2 felony court judges from presiding over the cases. Adam Reposo, who represents 9 bikers associated with the Bandidos, failed in his efforts to prove 54th State District Judge Matt Johnson & 19th State District Judge Ralph Strother are biased & should not hear the bikers’ cases. Visiting Judge Doug Shaver, of Houston, rejected the recusal motion, but cautioned McLennan County officials at the end of the hearing to try to expedite the bond issues involving the jailed bikers as quickly as possible for the sake of the taxpayers paying for their incarcerations. Reposo tried to base his claims of judicial bias on an incident that occurred when Strother & Johnson intervened 2 weeks ago after 3 bikers from Austin, who were booked into the jail on lesser charges, were released on bonds lower than the \$1 million set for the others. Johnson & Strother had been told that those bikers’ assumed \$1 million bonds had been lowered by another magistrate, prompting the judges to meet with Jail Magistrate Virgil Bain & jail officials to find out what happened. No one lowered the bonds as they first thought. Bain set lower bonds for them because they were not charged with 1st-degree felonies, like the 174 or so other bikers in custody at that time. The 2 judges said at the time that no bonds would be reduced without their authority. Since last week, the judges have approved reduced bonds for 58 bikers after agreements were reached between prosecutors & their attys. A total of 47 had been released from jail as of Thu evening, including 3 who posted \$1 million bonds before the bond-reduction discussions began. Both judges testified about their involvement in those 3 bonds & said they have not rejected any agreements for reduced bonds since negotiations started May 30.

Increased security: Security at the courthouse was dramatically increased Thu morning with the anticipation that the 9 bikers would be brought to court at once. But Shaver ordered only 3 be brought at a time after consulting with sheriff's deputies. Only Justin Garcia, Reginald Weathers & Gilbert Zamora, whom deputies identified as members or associates of the Bandidos motorcycle gang, were brought into court. Over the objections of Reposa, Shaver said there was no need for all 9 bikers to be brought into court because his ruling would apply to them all. Shaver limited the scope of Reposa's questions to the recusal issue, although Reposa tried to launch into an argument that the complaints against the bikers don't actually allege the elements of a crime & are identical, creating the appearance that everyone there is guilty of the same criminal actions. "The judge obviously shut down where I was trying to go today, which is, if you read the complaint, then you see it doesn't allege a cause of action," Reposa said. "So I think the judge would agree you can't hold someone on \$1 million if they don't allege a cause of action, but I was chopped off. "But they closed out with the judge telling the district atty & basically admitted that you have people who don't belong in jail, & he said that is a problem, but it doesn't rise to the level of calling into question the fairness of the judges. That was his legal conclusion, & I respect that." Reposa said he doesn't think his motion was an exercise in futility because the hearing brought more attention to those he claims are wrongfully jailed. "I don't think it is a bad idea to have people focusing on the fact that there are people in jail who don't need to be in there," he said. "Hopefully, we will someday get to the conversation of whether or not they actually stated a claim in their arrest affidavits." Both felony courts had scheduled dozens of bond reduction hearings for each Fri in June & a few in July. But only one, from Fri's 54th State District Court docket, Lawrence Kemp, remains unresolved because of the agreements between prosecutors & defense attys. Both Johnson & Strother refused to comment on the proceedings after Thu's hearing.

We are the people our parents warned us about – June 5, 2015 – Texas - By Dane Schiller, Houston Chronicle; www.chron.com - Waco shooting thrust Houston-born gang into the spotlight that it normally shuns... The green & white neon sign that once rose over Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco is gone, as is yellow crime scene tape that just weeks ago circled the building & parking lot.

But questions remain about the massive melee involving motorcycle gangs that ended with about 175 arrests, 18 people wounded & 9 dead. Most importantly, there's this: How many of those killed were shot by Waco police SWAT officers, who had come to keep order? And how could such public mayhem break out on the home turf of the Bandidos, who demand that members never draw negative attention to themselves or the organization? The Houston-born Bandidos, whose Pres lives in this area, is among the largest & most storied biker gangs in the world. Texas is so much its turf that the Hells Angels show respect by not riding in the Lone Star State without seeking prior approval.

Sgt. Patrick Swanton of the Waco police said officers fired their rifles to protect lives. Several are on administrative leave while the investigation continues, which is standard. But Swanton said results from ballistics & shell case tests that should determine who was shot by what gun are still pending. "We have nothing whatsoever to hide," he said.

Many of those arrested remain in jail, on charges of engaging in organized criminal activity, & most were originally ordered held on \$1 million bail. At least 1 lawsuit has already been filed alleging civil rights violations by police. Lawyer Clint Broden, who represents a member of a 4-person MC who was jailed, said he thinks police overreached & perhaps 25 people deserved to be arrested. Others were just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

A "**Freedom Ride**," scheduled for Sunday, has been organized to support those arrested. A handbill for the event reads: "We are riding into Waco. We are riding around Waco. We are riding through Waco over & over again."

Swanton said given how many people were at Twin Peaks, the probe is complex & will take months. "I can tell you some of the stories out there are ridiculous," he added. "We will be very transparent with what we can, but we will not try this case in the media." The Bandidos are not talking, either, declining many requests for comment. Those familiar with the gang say they expect that police are responsible for much of the death toll. Their suspicions grow as weeks pass without more details from authorities. And they are certain of one thing: such a fray is not how the Bandidos traditionally take care of business.

The Bandidos MC was founded in the Houston area on March 4, 1966, by a stocky, bearded longshoreman. He was a former Marine named Don "Mother" Chambers, & his crew made plenty of headlines in the late 1960s & early 1970s. Newspaper clippings chronicle arrests for beatings & murders. They were known to frequent some of the tougher beer joints along Houston's Telephone Road to the south & Jensen Drive to the north. Their mascot looks like a bearded, machete-wielding version of the cartoon Frito Bandito, who was unveiled in the late 1960s & had a brief stint marketing corn chips. It's not clear what inspired Chambers to form the group. He became El Presidente & is said to have ruled with a heavy fist. In just 4 years, Chambers led the Bandidos to more than 500 members, & their lack of tolerance for police attention was clear even from the start. Breaking the law was one thing, but getting caught & drawing heat was not acceptable. In the fall of 1969, Houston police put the pressure on, repeatedly stopping the Bandidos, searching them & asking questions in the hunt for 2 gang members wanted for a murder that apparently had nothing to do with Bandido business. Chambers, according to an old Houston Post story, oversaw having one of them snatched up in New Orleans, where he'd been hiding, then ordered him beaten & starved for 3 days before personally dumping him off at a Houston police station. The Bandido had a broken jaw, broken ribs, injuries to his head & kidneys, & an eye swollen shut. "Hell, they were picking us up for questioning," Chambers told a reporter of the police. "We couldn't even ride a bike. He brought the heat on us." Chambers later moved to New Mexico, to let tensions subside, after he was involved in a deadly shootout with a rival gang at an East End bar where they'd gone to hash out a peace agreement. But trouble soon caught up with Chambers, who was convicted of a double murder in the El Paso desert, apparently inspired by being shortchanged on a drug deal. He was sentenced to life in state prison, but was released on parole after 10 years. Chambers was not running the Bandidos when he died in 1999. He was buried wearing his Bandidos' "cuts," as the leather vests with large patches are known. His grave lies at a southwest Houston cemetery. It is flush to the thick grass & probably would not be spotted unless someone knew where to look. The letters "B.F.F.B" are chiseled into the bottom of the headstone. They stand for "**B**andidos **F**orever, **F**orever **B**andidos."

And there's a message from the founder as well: "We are the people our parents warned us about." Despite Chambers' wild times & the legend he left, most Bandidos today are not felons.

A recent review of criminal records found that about 30% had been convicted of felonies, but that is a higher rate than the Angels. Groups like the Bandidos require all members to wear "One Percenters" patches on their vests. They denote "outlaw bikers," part of the one percent of the nation's motorcycle riding community who are not law-abiding citizens. The stance goes back to a statement years ago by the AMA that 99% of motorcycle riders obey the law. "They tell you up front: 'We live by our own rules. We have our own morals, code of ethics, & this is our world,'" said Carlos Canino, head of the ATF in Los Angeles. He described the Bandidos as "a lot rougher" than the Hells Angels, but "not as outwardly sophisticated." "They'll fight at the drop of a hat," he said of the Bandidos. The Bandidos can be seen riding in or around Houston - there are 6 or 7 chapters in this area - but they have in the past few decades sought to fade into the background of the society they reject. Police contend the Bandidos have stayed involved in drug trafficking, prostitution & other crimes. "They're out there. They have never left us. Unless you travel in their circle, you just don't know," said a L.E.O. who has studied the Bandidos for years & asked to speak on the condition of anonymity. "Pretty much anything you find in the penal code, they have done it," the officer said. "It might not be a lot of them, but they have done it."

Houston lawyer Kent Schaffer, who has represented Bandidos for more than 30 years, said there are more police officers indicted on felonies every year in the Houston area than Bandidos. He said current members are not like the men of the 1970s, "when they all had long hair, beards, missing teeth & tattoos - some of the older guys look that way, but most look like mainstream society." They are engineers, oil field workers, computer programmers, he said, with college degrees, short hair & khaki pants. "Most of these people have respectable jobs, pay their taxes & don't have felony records," Schaffer said. He fears that what happened in Waco, & the resulting publicity, will set back the group's reputation. "They tried for years to show people we are not a bunch of gangsters," he said. He pointed to his representation of one Bandido recently charged here with a misdemeanor for being a member of a gang with a gun. Schaffer is challenging the definition of a gang, noting the man had never before been arrested.

The Bandidos claim to be the largest of the outlaw motorcycle groups in the Western Hemisphere, with about 1,100 members in North America, as well as parts of Central & South America. The largest numbers are in TX & Washington. They are rivaled only by the Hells Angels in terms of size & respect in the world of "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs," as they are labeled in law-enforcement reports. They are a secretive hierarchy of mostly white, blue-collar men who in many ways are a throwback to generations past. They insist they are the Bandidos MC, & not a gang. They pay dues, attend meetings & have a constitution, but follow their own rules & mete out their own discipline. Hispanics are permitted. Women & blacks are not. Members must own H-Ds & must wear their vests with red & gold patches when riding unless told not to do so. The colors are said to represent the Marine Corps, but sewn on the back of a black leather vest, they also match the skin of a coral snake, said a former member who rode more than 100,000 miles with the Bandidos over several years. Bandidos must be available whenever called upon, which includes

attending regular meetings & going on rides. The men can't lie to a brother, cheat him or make a move on his wife or girlfriend. And Bandidos are known to greet each other not with high 5s & handshakes, but with a hug or a peck on the lips. "It is basically a bunch of guys who feel they don't fit in with society for the most part," the former member said. "We just want to be left alone & do our own thing."

The former Bandido said the biggest misconception about the group is that it's a criminal organization like the Mafia, but he nonetheless asked to remain anonymous due to concerns for his own safety. "It is not that at all," said the man, who declined to discuss whether or not he'd broken the law as a Bandido. "There are maybe 10% of the people who make their living doing dirty deeds, if that." He stressed that members don't have to be criminals, & they don't have to commit crimes to be members. If they had a settle to score, he said, the public would never even know about it, because a cardinal rule of the group is to not draw attention.

Which is why the shootout in Waco was such an aberration. "If this didn't happen, they'd still be under the radar," said the L.E.O. of the attention weighing on the Bandidos. "Whatever happened was not supposed to happen," he said. "Was it an overreaction by L.E., people watching or other people at the meeting who thought they were in danger? I don't know. I think the whole thing, from whatever triggered those fights to when the fights ended, something went wrong," he said. "It was a lot of panicking."

Police have not revealed the affiliations of the dead, wounded or arrested, saying they don't want to add to any gang's notoriety. One of those killed was a Bandido known as Candy Man. At his funeral in North Texas last weekend, riders from all over, including Hells Angels, Mongols & Vagos, among many others, showed up to pay their respects.

Larry Karson, a retired Customs Service agent who is an assistant professor of criminal justice at the Univ of Houston Downtown, said police owe the public an explanation. "Unlike the Waco siege of the Branch Davidians, with a lack of sympathy for outlaw bikers, there is little pressure by the public or the media on the Dept for more transparency in the investigative process," he said. "The public is only offered a police version of events or a blue wall of silence." The motorcycle riders in Waco were members of several groups gathered at Twin Peaks for a regional Confederation of Clubs meeting, which is seen as a neutral place where issues are discussed. There had been an ongoing dispute between the Bandidos & a smaller gang, the Cossacks. They had sought the Bandidos' permission to wear a large patch, known as a bottom rocker, on their vests with the word Texas, to show they were from here. But such a patch is sacred to the Bandidos. Still, the Bandidos had reportedly agreed to let the Cossacks wear the patch if the gang paid a fee, as well as adhered to other conditions. At some point recently, the Bandidos felt the Cossacks had not lived up to the agreement & withdrew permission. That led to a string of fights that never captured the public's attention, but collectively simmered heading up to the Waco summit. At some point, prior to the meeting getting underway, matters got physical, perhaps in the parking lot & a rest room at about the same time. Chaos ensued. The bikers had more than 100 handguns among them, as well as knives & chains, according to police. Bandidos are ready to fight when challenged & have little tolerance for disrespect, said the former member. "They don't take any crap," he said. "And they won't back down. If they do, they are in trouble."

Released bikers give clashing accounts of Twin Peaks shootout

- June 6, 2015 - *Texas* - By J.B. Smith; www.WacoTrib.com - As more bikers are released from McLennan County Jail, the accounts of what led up to the deadly shootout at Twin Peaks come into sharper conflict with each other. Police & prosecutors have painted the May 17 shooting as a clash of rival "gangs" - primarily the Bandidos & Cossacks motorcycle clubs - that were armed & prepared to settle scores in a public place. Waco police have said more than 300 weapons found at the scene show there was "criminal intent" among the 177 who were jailed in the immediate aftermath of the shooting. "(It) indicates to the public that these are not clubs, these are criminal gangs that came here with the intent or anticipation of violence," Waco police Sgt. Pat Swanton said in the week after the shooting.

Bikers & their attys give different accounts of the cause of the conflict, depending on their sympathies toward one group or another. But the bikers on both sides say they were shocked by the eruption of violence & tried to get out of the way, only to be arrested as co-conspirators. Matt Clendennen, a member of the Cossacks-aligned Scimitars MC, was released on bond Tue. He said he was on the patio sipping ice water & waiting to order lunch when the parking lot fight broke out, then immediately took refuge in an interior hallway. "I didn't have weapons of any kind," said Clendennen, 30, a former firefighter who owns a landscaping business in Hewitt. "The only thing I had was a miniature pocketknife. I'm a business person, a hardworking person, a family man. If I thought there was potential for violence with any organization, I would not be part of it. Why would I? Why put my family in danger?" Likewise, attys for Sandra "Drama" Lynch & her husband, Mike Lynch, of Mart, said the 2 were unarmed & unprepared for the conflict. Sandra Lynch had arrived before 11:30 a.m. to set up for a 1 p.m. regional meeting of the TX Confederation of Clubs & Independents, a bikers' rights coalition for which she is an officer. The group is headed by a Bandido, & Cossacks are not members. Sandra Lynch was surprised when she saw a large group of Cossacks arriving around 11:30 a.m., said her atty, Gary Smart of Arlington. "When the Cossacks got there, her heart just sunk," he said. "She just knew there was going to be trouble. (Cossacks) had been causing trouble around Waco for a while." At 11:33 a.m., she texted a friend from the biker confederation that a Cossack had just run into her in the parking lot. At that point, about 50 Cossacks had arrived, according to Lynch's text. "They were making derogatory comments & saying, 'Get out of our way, we're Cossacks,'" Smart said. Police have said the altercation started when someone's foot was run over, but Smart said Lynch had nothing to do with the fight, which started an hour after she was allegedly hit. "She didn't yell & scream," he said. "She's not going to start an altercation. It's not in her nature." Lynch was still in the parking lot directing traffic when the fight broke out, Smart said. "She started to take off running," he said. "She made it a short distance & then hit the ground. Bullets were whizzing over her head." The Tribune-Herald has not been able to contact Cossacks or Bandidos officials. Members of other local motorcycle clubs & groups that came for the COC&I meeting — such as Sons of the South, Boozefighters & American Legion Riders — corroborated the story that the meeting was meant to be a peaceful discussion of bikers' legislative priorities. Several of those confederation members say the Cossacks & allied Scimitars were attempting to crash their gathering & cause trouble for the Bandidos. The 2 groups have had violent clashes over the last 6 months, & a Texas law enforcement report in March

suggested the groups might be beginning a war. But a man identified as a top-ranking North Texas Cossack told a different story in a Washington Post article May 23. He said a leader of the Bandidos from Longview had contacted Owen Reeves, a Cossack from Bruceville-Eddy, & invited the Cossacks to powwow at Twin Peaks that Sunday about 11 a.m.

Anonymous source: The source told the Post that 100 Bandidos pulled up around 12:15 p.m., & a Bandido started a fight by running into a Cossack. "It was a set-up from start to finish," the otherwise anonymous Cossack told the Post. But Sandra Lynch, the COC&I organizer who made the reservation for the meeting on Twin Peaks patio, heard nothing about the prospect of truce talks or a rumble, her atty said. "She was not aware of any gathering to create peace," Smart said. "They had an agenda they were there to talk about. There was not going to be a truce or anything like that." He added that only about a dozen Bandidos were actually at Twin Peaks, which undermines the idea of a planned truce or fight between the rival MCs. Court documents show that Lynch had in her possession a beer koozie with the abbreviation for "Support Your Local Bandidos" & a vest patch reading "Support the Fat Mexican," a Bandidos nickname. However, her atty said that type of patch, in the shape of a H-D logo, is a fan patch, not a sign of actual affiliation. He said the Lynches' 9-member club, Los Pirados, is not a support club for any other group. Stephen "Bowtie" Stubbs, a Las Vegas atty who has represented MCs including the Bandidos, said the idea that the Bandidos were offering a truce was "baloney," as is the idea that they planned to war with the Cossacks on May 17.

'Against every protocol': "That is not what happened," he said. "It would go against every protocol. I've been part of this world for years & part of negotiations over conflicts. . . . It would not have happened at a COC meeting. COC meetings are neutral ground where nothing is supposed to happen. . . . If they were expecting Armageddon, it would not be at Twin Peaks. It would be somewhere less public with no cameras around." Stubbs said talks between feuding groups would take place among top-level club leaders with hundreds of club members waiting some distance away. Such talks could take many hours, he said. Stubbs said he has been in contact with various Texas MC Leaders who were at the scene, & he said 16 Bandidos were at Twin Peaks, including one who was killed & 15 who went to jail. He claims that the violence started when a group of about 50 Cossacks surrounded a group of about 7 Bandidos in the parking lot. McLennan County prosecutors said this week at a hearing that video from the scene clearly shows "Bandidos executing Cossacks & Cossacks executing Bandidos, some at point-blank range" & that Cossacks stationed on the patio jumped over the railings to join the fray. Clendennen said he was on the patio but wasn't expecting any kind of trouble. Clendennen said he joined the club a year ago because he wanted an organized group to ride with & found he got along well with the small local group of guys. "We're all hardworking men who enjoy riding motorcycles & giving back to the community," he said. Clendennen also has been friends with several local Cossacks, including Danny "Diesel" Boyett, a mechanic killed in the melee. "He was an incredible person, one of the most caring, giving people I've met," he said. Clendennen said he didn't know about any kind of violent feud going on between the Cossacks & Bandidos, though he knew there was some rivalry. He said he got a message from his motorcycle buddies a few days before that they would be meeting up at Twin Peaks & listening to a presentation on motorcycle legislation. He

said he had been to COC&I meetings before & thought they were public meetings, so Cossacks & Scimitars didn't need to be invited. Clendennen said that after the fighting started, he wasted little time taking cover inside. "There was a verbal altercation, & I heard the first gunshot maybe a minute or 2 after that started," he said. "It was a shock moment. You just freeze in place for a split second." He said he ducked inside & waited in a hallway leading to the bathroom, then fired off a text to his family to tell them he was OK. Soon, 2 police officers came in with rifles & made everybody get down on the floor. They escorted out a man from the bathroom who was bleeding from a wound, he said. The police put Clendennen in zipties & took him with a couple hundred others to the Waco Convention Center for questioning. He said he assumed he was just a witness, & when an officer interviewed him, he got the impression he would be released soon.

'Total shock': He said he got worried when he was sent to the McLennan County Jail on State Hwy 6, & was astounded when the group he was in was informed of their bond amounts. "It was total shock," he said. "My jaw dropped. Like, \$1 million, are you serious? What could I have possibly done to deserve a \$1 million bond?" Clendennen's atty, Clint Broden of Dallas, has filed a civil lawsuit against the city of Waco & McLennan County District Atty Abel Reyna, claiming unlawful arrest & detention. Clendennen said the incident has prompted his ex-wife to file a temporary restraining order that has kept him from seeing 2 of his children & explaining what happened. Meanwhile, he's trying to catch up on a busy landscaping season with his business & worried that the arrest will cost him future business, though no customers have yet canceled on him. And he says he is still trying to answer the questions of his 4-year-old who he has with his current wife. "I'm still trying to get him over the idea that I went to jail," he said. "He thinks you go to jail when you hurt somebody."

Bikers' continued jailing sparks Waco protest 3 weeks later – June 7, 2015 – *Texas* - By Emily Schmall, Associated Press; www.MSN.com - Several hundred bikers have protested outside a courthouse in Waco over the continued jailing of more than 100 bikers, friends & family members 3 weeks after a deadly shootout at a restaurant. Bikers proclaimed their constitutional rights & held signs Sun outside the McLennan County courthouse. The protest was organized by the Dallas chapter of the Sons of Liberty MC. Bikers circled the jail & detention center twice before parking in front of the courthouse.

The Confederation of Clubs & Independents urged members in an email to avoid the protest so as not to "exacerbate what is already a highly charged" situation. That group is the one that organized the May 17 meeting at a roadside restaurant that ended in gunfire. Nine people were killed & 18 injured.

Organizers, who have called the event a peaceful, silent protest, gathered in front of the courthouse to protest what they say is the violation of rights of many bikers who were arrested at Twin Peaks just for being at the scene of the crime...

Editor's Note: this should have appeared in a prior issue, as bikers are taking action now... My mistake... Mike

Where is the Public support & anger? – May 28, 2015 – *Federal Prison* – By Pagan Strube - What I want to know is why people aren't protesting the murder of these bikers by police just like the blacks & whites did when they joined together in Ferguson &

Baltimore? It's pretty fucking sick that the Biker community doesn't stand together like the blacks do in times like this & that they can't get support from clubs across the country. And what happened to all those people that benefitted from all the charity runs that the Bikers have done for them, where are they now when the bikers need them ?

Maybe we just don't have enough practice at it, but it still sucks! Next they will say that it was 2 terrorist groups or will start labeling bikers domestic terrorists rather than Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs.

\$1 million dollars bail is ridiculous for over 170 people & is nothing more than a move to break them & cause hardship for them because they are connected to the biker community in one way or another. There is absolutely no reason for these people to be held in jail on a million dollar bond with little or no evidence against any of them of doing anything other than them being a member of a club or organization. They are being held on felonious charges & that alone should be a good reason for people to be protesting.

Here is a perfect example of how the law has gotten out of hand & is being used entirely out of context of how & what it was intended for. They are looking for them to testify against others & or plea out to felonies to get released from prison is what it boils down to. They are proving that they can punish you anytime they want to by putting you in prison with either extreme bail or without any bail at all. The whole country should be up in arms about this, but it seems that we really are a nation of sheeple. People don't want involved until it is something that effects them directly & it seems like they are infringing more & more on our civil & constitutional rights every day.

If you are a member of any motorcycle club, they are gonna continue to punish you by putting you in prison with high bail & or without bail until they break you. The American people don't even realize where this is going & have no clue that they are all next on the agenda..... L&R, "Strube" PMC-13, 1%er

The Second Waco Massacre - June 16, 2015 - *Texas* - By Outlaw RoadBlock 1%er; <http://FreeRoadBlock.us> - In My Opinion; by W.T. "Roadblock" Harrell... Everyone should be outraged that several State & Fed L.E. agencies are responsible for the murder of 9 & the wounding of 18 at a legally scheduled political activist meeting of the Texas Coalition of Clubs & Independent bikers in Waco Texas.

On May 17th, 2015, undercover agents embedded in Texas' motorcycle clubs, & the Waco P.D.s conspired together to create a confrontation between two rival MCs. An undercover agent wearing a club patch told the Cossacks that the Bandidos invited them to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Texas COC. The agent said that the Bandidos had agreed to resolve the long simmering dispute with the Cossacks & the Scimitars MCs. Meanwhile Waco Police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton had put together a team of several L.E. agencies. They were set to handle the situation they knew would result when the uninvited Cossacks & Scimitars crashed the COC meeting.

Just like the 2000 Waco Massacre, Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton was there & learned firsthand from the feds how demonize the victims & justify killing them. He also learned how confuse the

situation so much as to hide the truth while absolving the cops of any wrong doing. The problem here is the cops were unable to slaughter all of the witnesses. The witness's version of events certainly don't confirm what Swanton claims is the truth. Swanton changed his story so many times that his reputation for truth & veracity is 0. And just think this was the guy in charge & responsible for 9 deaths, 18 wounded 160 persons in jail on \$1,000,000 Bond.

This was done in an attempt to discredit & possibly destroy the Texas Coalition of Clubs (COC) & Independent Bikers. This would indicate that they are afraid of Citizens assembling & working together to protect their constitutional rights. Here is what Waco Police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton had to say about the National Coalition Of Motorcyclists' press release that it had hired a former Texas Ranger to conduct an investigation into the shooting at Twin Peaks. Waco Police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton said his agency has "no problem at all with that, but added that the former Ranger, who is not named in the press release, would not be afforded access to any of the L.E. evidence gathered in the case. We have no problem with anybody looking at this," Swanton said. We have nothing to hide." Then added; "Obviously, we are going to maintain the integrity of our investigation, so we would not necessarily share info with an outsider. We continue to share evidence with the FBI, ATF, TABC, Texas Rangers & DPS' CID team. They are all working on this case with us." Even though Swanton said. "We have nothing to hide." He also said, no one is going to have access to the evidence except the FBI, ATF, TABC, Texas Rangers & DPS' CID team. Especially the hired former Texas Ranger investigator.

The news video below lays it out saying, "Only gang members were killed no police or citizens." This statement would mean that club members are not U.S. Citizens & therefore have no rights. Does that mean that we can now be shot down like rabid dogs in the streets? Bikers are hardworking tax paying members of society not Gov't slaves forced to support a corrupt out of control Gov't. The bottom line, does anyone believe the Bandido COC members would handle something like this in a public place totally covered by security cameras & hundreds of witnesses? How many times have you heard the cops say how smart & sophisticated they are? You just can't have both ways, no way. Is it something in the water?

Come join me & let's fight for our country & our rights. We have the tools, our Forefathers gave them to us in 1787. It's called the U.S. Constitution & Bill of Rights. Combining this with our thousands of votes we can & will win if we can work together.

A young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door: Over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr. Belser died last night. The funeral is Wed." Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days. "Jack, did you hear me?" "Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said...

Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over 'his side of the fence' as he put it," Mom told him. "I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said. "He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important. Mom, I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said. As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small & uneventful. He had no children of his own, & most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack & his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door 1 more time. Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space & time. The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture. Jack stopped suddenly... "What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked. "The box is gone," he said "What box?" Mom asked. "There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was 'the thing I value most,'" Jack said. It was gone. Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it. "Now I'll never know what was so valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about 2 weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package. No one at home. Please stop by the main post office within the next 3 days," the note read. Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old & looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read. Jack took the box out to his car & ripped open the package. There inside was the gold box & an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside. "Upon my death, please forward this box & its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter. His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch. Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! -Harold Belser." "The thing he valued most was... my time"

Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office & cleared his appointments for the next 2 days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked. "I need some time to spend with my son," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet, thanks for your time!" Think about this. You may not realize it, but it's 100% true. "Thanks for your time..."

U.S. Defenders:

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

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