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To see what is right, and not to do it, is want of courage or of principle. - Lura Theilen

Congratulations to **Mongol Solo** on your release...

Congratulations to **Warlock Brother-T** on your release...

Congratulations to **Outlaw J.W.** on your release to a 1/2 way house...

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

Welcome **Bandido Rusty** to the NCOM Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter Mailing List...

Sons Of Silence MC Eastern North Dakota Brothers Behind Bars Run: Thank You to All... This was a very successful run... Fun time... Great planning... The **Solid Brotherhood** Red River Valley **North Dakota** Chapter donated \$ 200.00 which brought the Total to \$ 950.00 dollars raised for the **Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter**... On behalf of all the **Brothers Behind Bars** from the 84 MC s & myself - Thank You...!!! The Run really re-enforces the value you all place on the BBB Newsletter... Without this Run & the other donors from the many Motorcycle Clubs throughout the country the newsletter would cease to exit... This Run always reassure me that the time & effort that Kari & I put into it is worth it & valued.... I know those who receive via the U.S. Mail Really Appreciates All you do for them.... I see the letters all the time... I would also like to single out several of the Brothers that make this Run Happen... Thank You General, Nuck, Frog, Lone Wolf, Who, Pike, Magoo, & Big Paul (Retired)...

Editor's Note: There was a very large police presence for the BBB Run in North Dakota. I plan on writing something up for a future issue.

Editor's Note: Congratulations to **Outlaw Flapper** on his 50th year anniversary in the **Outlaws MC**... **Outlaw Flapper; Milwaukee, Wisconsin** Chapter has been a very big help with this **Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter**...

Editor's Note: For **May** there were 2 Issues, For **June** there were 2 Issues, For **July** this is the 2nd Issue...

Editor's Note: Currently we are sending over 350 copies of this newsletter to members of 84 Motorcycle Clubs...

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

Disclaimer: The News Media does NOT always tell the Whole Truth... It tends to sensationalize the News to Sell Newspapers.

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

Editor's Note : It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that are getting the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**84 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, Black Pistons, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Cloven Hoofs, Damned Deacon, D.C. Eagles, Death Squad, Derelicts, Devils Diciples, Diablos, El Forastero, Finks, Fly-In-Wheels, Forsaken Few, Free Souls, Estedes, Galloping Goose, Ghost Riders, Grim Reapers, Gypsy Joker, Hellions, Hells Angels, Hells Lovers, Hells Outcasts, Hermanos, Hessians, Hidalgo's, Highwaymen, In Country Vietnam, Iron Coffins, Iron Horsemen, Invaders, Iron Wings, Iron Mustangs, Legion Of Doom, Liberty Riders, Long Riders, Marauder's, Misfits, Mohawk Valley Riders, Moloch, Mongols, Motopsychoz, Nomads, Outlaws, Pagan's, Peckerwood, Phantom's, Pharoahs, Reapers, Red Devils, Renegades, Sadistic, Salty Dogs, Satans Soldiers, Scorpions, Set Free Soldiers, Sin City Deciples, Sons Of Silence, Sovereign, Sundowners, Thunderbirds, Thunderguards, Unforegiven, Unforgiven, Vagos, Vietnam Vets / Legacy Vets, Y-Rohirrin, Warlocks Pa, Warlocks, Winos Crew And Wheels Of Soul... With newsletters going to Australia, Canada, England, France, Finland, Germany, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, & Wales.

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

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

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Biker Newsbytes: Compiled & Edited by Bill Bish, NCOM

Hawaii to Eliminate Ethanol in Gasoline: Legislation to repeal the requirement that gasoline offered for sale in Hawaii contain a percentage of ethanol was signed into law by Governor David Ige, & the new law becomes effective Dec 31, 2015. The law recognizes that the requirement of blending ethanol into gasoline does not produce any economic benefit for the state & the import of ethanol creates an economic burden for state residents. Ethanol increases water formation, which can then corrode metals & dissolve plastics & rubber, especially over a period of time when the vehicle is not used. Current high-performance specialty parts along with pre-model-year '01 cars & parts may be most susceptible to corrosion, & no motorcycles or ATVs are approved for higher blended fuels. The lifespan of vehicles & equipment can be dramatically reduced with the wrong fuel, & owners could be confronted with breakdowns. More than a dozen states have ethanol mandates, according to the Nat'l Conference of State Legislatures, but only Hawaii & Florida have passed such a repeal. Florida ended its mandate in 2013, the same year the Environmental Protection Agency proposed reducing the amount of ethanol in fuel, acknowledging that a Fed push wasn't working as well as expected. There have been no changes to Fed law on the issue since the EPA report, but Pennsylvania Republican Senator Pat Toomey & Calif Democratic Senator Dianne Feinstein have introduced a bill seeking to repeal the corn ethanol mandate in the Fed Renewable Fuel Standard.

California Requires Motorcyclists to Remove Helmet for Traffic Stops: Known as the "Identity Confirmation Act," Assembly Bill 346 will require a motorist to give LE an unobstructed view of their face during a traffic stop, said California Assembly-Member Scott Wilk (R-Santa Clarita), author of the measure which primarily targets motorcycle riders. The Facial ID bill was inspired by a Simi Valley, CA police officer who told the assemblyman about having cases thrown out of court because he couldn't positively identify someone, Wilk told the Simi Valley Acorn, specifically relating the case of a motorcyclist who refused to remove their helmet. Wilk admitted to the paper that motorists are compliant 99% of the time, & currently if a driver refuses to show their face during a traffic stop, police can arrest them for resisting or delaying an officer, & can result in going to jail until they can go before a judge. "From an 'identification' legal view, all citizens are required to prove their identity when asked by LE," said Chuck Pedersen, State Legislative Director for ABATE of Calif. "From a helmet ticket defense, an officer cannot ask for you to remove your helmet for the purpose of inspection. I don't see a need for this additional legislation." Nonetheless, AB 346 passed near-unanimously through the State Assembly, was approved by the Senate, & is now headed to Governor Jerry Brown's desk.

Handlebar Height Limit Repealed in South Dakota: Just in time for the 75th Sturgis Rally, starting July 1st, ape-hangers are now legal in South Dakota. The \$20 fine for riding with your hands too high was wiped off the books as Governor Dennis Daugaard signed Senate Bill 85, effectively abolishing South Dakota codified law that prohibited such handlebars. Until now it was a petty offense in South Dakota if you rode motorcycle on a public street or highway with the handlebar grips positioned at or above shoulder height, but as of now there are no more regulations on where to hang your hands.

Earplugs Beneficial, But Illegal for Ohio Motorcyclists: Ohio's motorcycle operator manual says hearing protection, like earplugs, can help reduce noise while allowing a rider to hear important

sounds like horns or sirens, but it also says riders should adhere to state laws, which creates a problem: using earplugs in Ohio while operating a vehicle is illegal. There are exceptions for emergency personnel, or road workers, & even for people who wear hearing aids...but not for motorcyclists. It isn't the sound of the motorcycle causing all the noise; "It's the wind noise that can cause permanent hearing loss," explains A.I.M. Attorney Ralph C. Buss, who has represented the interests of motorcycle riders for over 30 years. "Deafness is a serious problem that people don't think about, don't address," Buss said in an interview with WCPN public radio in Cleveland. Atty Buss challenged that law in court. His client: Tom Varsel, who happened to be a retired noise expert for GM who was pulled over for riding his motorcycle in Ohio while wearing earplugs. Varsel was fined \$37, but his case continued to an appellate court. He lost a constitutional challenge to the earplug law, but the case raised interesting issues of health & safety that the court ruled were matters for the legislature to address. "What's clear is that wind noise on a motorcycle can be very intense, intense enough to damage your hearing," says Eric Healy, a professor of hearing science at the Ohio State Univ who testified in Varsel's case. "And what's also crystal clear is that earplugs can remedy that, almost completely." To determine the level of wind noise motorcyclists' face, Healy took a recording device for a drive with PhD students. Imagine a mannequin head with anatomically correct ears, stuck out a window, & the measurements recorded from that experiment, Healy says, matched previous work published in well-known British journals in the mid-1990s. He found that at speeds as low as 35 mph, wind noise exceeded 85 decibels. "Sounds over that are known to cause hearing damage. The levels that we measured were in the range from 110 to 130db," Healy told WCPN radio host Tony Ganzer. Even helmets don't prevent the wind noise, though earplugs offering some 30db of potential reduction, might help. But the wording of the law in Ohio & other states, which dates back to 1989 & was enacted largely in response to stereo headphones in cars, doesn't allow earplugs to be worn by motorcyclists or motorists. A similar law in Calif, which allowed only for "custom earplugs," was amended in 2004, allowing individuals to wear earplugs that don't block the sounds of horns or emergency sirens. Under exceptions to their Headphone & Earplug law, it was added (V C Section 27400): "(d) A person wearing personal hearing protectors in the form of earplugs or molds that are specifically designed to attenuate injurious noise levels. The plugs or molds shall be designed in a manner so as to not inhibit the wearer's ability to hear a siren or horn from an emergency vehicle or a horn from another motor vehicle."

Spreading Motorcycle Awareness: Nate Hudson, co-owner of "British-American MC", a bike shop in Long Beach, Calif, is currently in the middle of a 17,000-mile ride all over the U.S. to spread a motorcycle safety message for riders & awareness from car drivers. He visits the Dept Of Motor Vehicles office in every state's capital, where he hand delivers a request that the authorities consider including motorcycle awareness in both the driver's license exam & the state's drivers' education curriculum. Hudson's journey is being sponsored by Allstate Insurance Company, & he's riding a tricked out Indian Roadmaster donated by Indian Motorcycle painted in Allstate blue with logo & trim. So any photo of his bike, therefore, becomes a social-media ad for Allstate. Posts & pictures about "The Ride Of Awareness" are published on social media channels, from Instagram to Twitter to

Facebook, an efficient & credible user-generated content reaching online many more bikers than any television spot or print ad.

Pakistani Police Exempt Female Passengers from Wearing Helmets: Reacting to public protests over a traffic regulation in which it was made mandatory for motorcycle riders as well as pillion (passengers) to wear a helmet, including women, police in Karachi have announced exempting female pillion riders from wearing a helmet. Inspector General Sindh Police, Ghulam Jamali announced here on June 10 that the decision was made after the repeated appeals of citizens. In an earlier statement, the police said in case of riding pillion without helmets, both will be fined, regardless of whether the pillion is male or female. The people took the decision with a violent reaction when it was made mandatory for women as well to wear a helmet as a passenger, & some citizens also contacted the court in this regard to exempt women from this sanction. But before the court could take any action, IG Police keeping in view a number of complaints, appeals & violent reaction by the public, immediately announced to withdraw its decision, so now following the announcement women are exempted from the restriction to wear a helmet as a pillion rider.

Survey Reveals Riders' Pet Peeves: In an online survey of motorcyclists conducted in June by Erie Insurance, nationwide respondents were asked to share their top 5 pet peeves about both other motorcycle riders & car drivers: Top 5 Complaints About Fellow Riders: #1: Riding Recklessly (ie: speeding, weaving through traffic, doing wheelies) - 56%; #2: Passing on the Shoulder - 41%; #3: Lane Splitting - 36%; #4: Wearing shorts, sandals, tank tops, etc - 35%; #5: Riders who don't wear helmets - 28%. Top 5 Complaints About Vehicle Drivers: #1: Drivers who don't check their blind spots before changing lanes - 55%; #2: Texting while driving - 53%; #3: Reckless Driving (i.e., speeding, weaving in & out of traffic) - 50%; #4: Drivers who tailgate - 43%; #5: Not signaling when turning or changing lanes - 42%.

Quotable Quote: "Be as beneficent as the sun or the sea, but if your rights as a rational being are trampled on, die on the first inch of your territory." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882) American poet & philosopher

The 2nd Waco Massacre - Who's Responsible for the Waco Massacre? - July 12, 2015 - *Texas / U.S.A.* - By Outlaw RoadBlock 1%er; <http://freeroadblock.us> -Swanton's lips are moving, I wonder what lying version he's telling this time?

In my opinion, the last vestiges of freedom for the biker population are hanging by a thread. I believe that if we don't do something immediately, our lifestyle will be history. The recent slaughter of bikers by LE in Waco, TX should be a rallying cry for all of us. Just think: 27 individuals were shot by LE, 9 fatally, in public. Only one was shot by a Cossack MC member. The carnage at Waco was the culmination of everything I've been preaching about for the last 30 years. That atrocity should be the catalyst that moves us forward. The Waco 9 were someone's brother, father, husband & friend. They could have been any of us.

When I hear eyewitnesses saying that people bled out while the cops did nothing to save them makes me sick & angry. LE had no right to blindly shoot these people down, but certainly had every obligation to save them.

We know who pulled the triggers. But who was behind this massacre? The answer may surprise you. How many times have you heard a politician promise to get tough on crime if elected? Public safety is a winning platform in large cities, a guaranteed ticket to office. Most middle-class Americans find it a comforting thought. Only a few have learned firsthand how it can go wrong when that elected official abandons integrity to climb on the Power Trip train.

As Waco proved, media-hungry politicians are willing to unleash trigger-happy LE on the citizens of our country. They just weren't expecting it to turn into a major cluster-fuck. Fortunately for the politicians, there were other distractions elsewhere in the news, & they happily left the carnage to the locals. My point? The next time you see a politician promising to get tough on crime, ask yourself what that really means for you, your family & friends.

Years ago, as a convicted felon, I lost the right to vote. I never realized how important it is to have that voting right until now.

Recently we've seen politicians lining up behind our Pres to kiss the asses of groups who riot & destroy their own neighborhoods. The Waco massacre, however, proves that approach won't work for the biker community. The politicians' lackeys would just gun us down. We have to use a different approach.

Waco has forced us to take a good look at what's in store for the biker culture if we don't step forward & defend our lifestyle. The good news is, we have a platform in place & the tools to protect ourselves.

The Platform: Attorney Richard Lester & his group set up the National Confederation Of Clubs almost 30 years ago. The NCOC is the parent organization for the State's Confederation Of Clubs. The COC's are made up of members from each State. The COC is a neutral entity fighting for all bikers' rights.

The Tools: Voting: we must organize a voting block capable of influencing the vote for State politicians, Judges & Sheriffs. These Political figures usually win with a small majority of votes. How many bikers, family members & friends do you think are in each state? Yes, we are American Citizens & we can vote & it will make a difference. **Courts:** we have a guaranteed Constitutional right to seek relief in the courts, both State & Fed. I hear too many people say the courts won't rule in our favor. That's wrong. Judges aspire to become appellant judges or Supreme Court justices. Those positions require confirmation. Any judge who repeatedly rules against the Constitution will not be confirmed. They are in a Catch-22 situation that requires they rule in favor of Constitutional law.

Constitutional Law: is not prosecuted by the Gov't nor does it put anyone in prison. The citizen or his attorney assumes the duty as prosecutor. Constitutional law provides monetary damages, both compensatory & punitive. The rules of Constitutional law requires a simple preponderance of the evidence, instead of proof to the exclusion of a reasonable doubt.

Media: Judging from the sudden drop in coverage, I believe the media realized how they were duped by LE's version about the Twin Peaks' shootout. There are a few true journalists out there who actually do investigative reporting, instead of cheap sensationalist garbage. They wanted to speak to eyewitnesses, but

people were understandably afraid. Journalists concerned with accurate reporting will pay attention as more facts come out.

Again, folks, look at the Waco Massacre, on U.S. soil, carried out by U.S. LE, U.S. citizens slaughtered without cause. What choice do we now have — work together & fight for our rights, or risk getting gunned down in the streets to advance a politician's career?

I choose to fight for my rights. I hope you will join me. Let's show everyone who the real organized criminals are & out those responsible for the violence against our families & lifestyle. RoadBlock 1%er

Conditions of Bond for Waco Victims – Did They have more Freedom in Jail? – July 25, 2015 – Texas – By NCOM Christian Unity; <https://NCOMChristianUnity.wordpress.com> - When over 170 people were detained in Waco after the Twin Peaks shooting under the nefarious charge of 'engaging in organized crime' many of them were released on bond. The original bond for every single one of them was \$1,000,000. It was near impossible for any of them to raise the 10% or \$100,000 to bond out. As lawyers sought lower bonds, they were successful in reductions of \$25,000 to \$100,000 bonds for the detainees. The conditions of their bonds, depending on the judge, were still egregious. Many of the releases were ordered to wear monitors that they had to pay up to \$275 monthly charges. There were also gag orders placed on them. A quick perusal of the conditions will give you an idea of the challenges they face. Many of these folks are hardworking, community minded motorcycle riders & have never committed a crime in their life. Here are a few: If there were members of a MC, MM, or organization working together, because of the non-association stipulation, they would have to give up their job. Because of the non-association stipulation, if you were a member a mc, mm, or organization that went to the same church, you will have to quit attending your church. If you are not allowed to leave your county & Grandma, who lives in another county falls & needs your assistance, you will not be able to go & care for her. If you work a swing shift at work, you will have to get on another shift since you have to be in your house at 10pm & not allowed out till 6 am. If your work takes you out of your county, you have to quit. There are no parole officers overseeing these terms. For each change needed, your lawyer would have to make an appeal to the judge. Surely, you can observe for yourself & find a multitude of other situations that cause you to wonder if these detainees had more freedom in jail?

Zach Tipton GBNF - June 24, 2015 – Florida – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - This Fri will mark a year since Black Pistons MC Member Zachariah "Nas T" Tipton was shot & killed by Iron Order MC prospect Kristopher Stone. It was & remains a bizarre case that still stinks of political corruption & injustice. Tipton died after he assaulted Stone for insulting him. Insulting members of other MCs is the whole point of the IO. The club is very public & its members are very performative. The club, which was started by policemen, insists on wearing an outlaw patch with a state bottom rocker. They also choose to wear black & white & that has always been intended to enrage the American Outlaws Association & the Black Pistons. Last Sat, a woman named Susan Cooper Eastman wrote a feature article in Jacksonville's Folio Weekly magazine in which she explained how very much she didn't get the dispute between Tipton & Stone.

Boy Scout Patch - Eastman wrote: “I can understand competing criminal enterprises having turf wars over their trade routes or their customer base. I can understand if the Outlaws & the Hells Angels fought over their territories like the Sinaloa & the Juarez cartel in Mexico or the Crips & the Bloods in Los Angeles or the way the Trafficante family offed rivals to take over the criminal underworld in Tampa. “But the Nippers brawl was over embroidery. “Pardon me & respect to the dead & all that, but Zachariah Tipton, father-of-three & all-around-joyously boisterous guy, died because of something along the lines of a Boy Scout patch sewn onto a motorcycle jacket? Because of the colors black & silver?”

Honor: Yes Susan, some men fight over matters of honor. Some men die for the Red, White & Blue. Some men fight when you grope their wives. Some men fight when you step on their toes & refuse to apologize. Some men fight when you interfere with their right to make a living. Zach Tipton died because the Jacksonville chapter of the **IO** went out of its way to insult somebody, knowing that somebody would fight, then used the fight as an opportunity to kill a member of another MC in order to enhance their territory & reputation. Tipton punched Stone in the nose. The encounter lasted less than ten seconds & Tipton was already backing away from his killer when Stone fired at least 4 shots, one of which struck Tipton in the head. Then **IO** club officers ingratiated themselves to local police, used official, military connections to spirit Stone away & corrupted the official investigation. Then **IO** members crowed on social media for months that Tipton should have brought more than his “fists to a gunfight.” Then members of the same MC hacked this site & shut it down for 19 days in order to silence criticism of them. They got away with that, too. They consider themselves to be above the law. Police consider the Iron Order to be colleagues in the law. Local authorities did not give a damn about Zach Tipton’s life. They presumed that he was a criminal doing a criminal thing to a brave, young hero & the night Tipton died they concluded that Stone’s murder of Tipton was justifiable homicide.

Controlling The Narrative: After that, official Jacksonville decided to dominate the narrative with silence. State Atty Angela Corey said nothing for 134 days. A reasonable person might wonder why she said nothing. A cynic might conclude she was trying to manipulate public perception of a murder. Last November 12, Corey finally spoke & declared that Stone would not be charged “with any crime.” She said that Stone acted reasonably, in fear of “great bodily harm.” Not charging Stone was a legal error committed at Corey’s discretion. The clear case law, from *E.A v. Florida* states, “Great bodily harm defines itself & means great as distinguished from slight, trivial, minor, or moderate harm, & as such does not include mere bruises as are likely to be inflicted in a simple assault & battery.... Whether the evidence describing such harm or injury is within the meaning of the statute...is generally a question of fact for the jury.” Corey simply chose not to uphold the law & there was nothing anybody could do about it. Yes Susan, injustice makes some people fighting mad, too.

The Official Report: Corey & her assistant, Brian Brady, issued a report & an edited videotape that was intended to justify Tipton’s murder. The report also took pains to vilify the Black Pistons. The report states that Tipton attacked Stone, not because he felt insulted, but because the Black Pistons were “muscle” for the Outlaws & the attack was the fruit of the Iron Order’s refusal to

pay a “tax” to the big club. The report is all nonsense like “At approximately 8:08 p.m.” & it is blatant propaganda. There is no bringing Zach Tipton back but there is no reason to just ignore the lies & innuendos of Corey’s written report on Tipton’s murder either. History has a right to know who the **IO** were, who Angela Corey was & who Zach Tipton was. This morning Jonathan J. Luca, a Jacksonville Atty who has counseled both the Black Pistons & the AOA & who is familiar with the facts of the case, spoke to The Aging Rebel about the Tipton whitewash.

An Opposing View: “The biggest legal issue for me,” Luca said, “is how Angela Corey presented this case to the public – as a ‘notorious biker gang member’ versus a military service member. And that she actually chose not to arrest Stone & appointed herself judge & jury. She doesn’t do that for just anyone.” Luca finds it unfair that the Outlaws “continue to have the term ‘gang’ pinned on them for nonexistent illegal activities while the Iron Order avoids gang designation by its key membership personnel. In reality, the **IO** should be the prime definition of a ‘gang’ & charged with RICO & conspiracy.” Luca is still bothered by “the lack of alcohol or drug testing on the shooter & the absence of first aid offered by the Iron Order members who were standing there. They walked over, looked at the body then walked away.” Typical of the propagandistic style of the State Atty’s report is a line which reads, “The video depicts the members of the Black Pistons fleeing the scene after the fight. No member of the Black Pistons can be seen giving aid to Zachariah Tipton.” In the reality which is not edited by prosecutors & policemen to serve their own ambitions, the Black Pistons did render aid. But the edited video does not show it. Which is exactly, precisely, misleadingly, sophistically, what the report states. Seven months after the release of the report, that still bothers Luca, too. “Contrary to Angela Corey’s assertion, after she conveniently trimmed the video, the Black Pistons did actually render aid.” The passage in Corey’s report that rankles Luca most reads: “Zachariah Tipton was found with brass knuckles which had fallen out of his pocket, 2 full clips of hollow point rounds inside his pants pocket, 3 pocket knives inside various pants pockets, & a nylon gun holster clipped to the inside of his waist band. A gun was not recovered from Zachariah Tipton, however, this is after the member of the Black Pistons came to the body of Zachariah Tipton & walked away with the rolled up vest.” Luca responds, “The brass knuckles were actually a belt buckle & attached to his belt. There was no fingerprinting of the items allegedly taken from Tipton’s pockets – the magazines & the knives. I am bothered by the accusation that the Black Pistons came wearing teeth guards. The police interviewed very view promotional or organizational riders. It is important to me that the video shows an **IO** member pick something up from between vehicles & keep it.” In the official account, Kris Stone was so terrified of Tipton that he wet himself. Luca said, “I don’t see the shooter’s pants being wet immediately. Finally,” the lawyer said, “the vest was not rolled or concealing anything. That’s merely more spin by Angela Corey.” “For a few short years an influence stirs,” the poet John Masefield wrote about the aftermath of a man’s death. A year later, Zach Tipton’s influence still stirs.

A funeral procession pulled into a cemetery. Several carloads of family members followed a black truck towing a boat with a coffin in it. A passer-by remarked, “That guy must have been a very avid fisherman.” “Oh, he still is”, remarked one of the mourners. “As a matter of fact, he’s headed off to the lake as soon as we bury his wife.”

Broden Strikes Back - June 26, 2015 – *Texas* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Dallas Atty Clint Broden, who is doing most of the heavy lifting in the Twin Peaks case, filed a motion for sanctions against the city of Waco this morning. Broden, acting on behalf of his client, a Scimitars MC patch holder named Matt Clendennen, subpoenaed the “video or set of videos taken by the Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, Texas on May 17, 2015.” Broden wrote, “The subpoena is necessary & material to assist (Clendennen) in his upcoming examining trial set in this case as well as in connection with a pending motion to amend his bond conditions. Undersigned counsel had previously discussed the contents of the video with the Atty representing the Waco Twin Peaks franchisee, Patrick Keating, & was told that the video is consistent with Mr. Clendennen’s defense that he did not participate in nor encourage any violence on May 17, 2015 at Twin Peaks. The video would therefore support Mr. Clendennen’s argument that there is no probable cause in his case & that he should not be held on restrictive bond conditions.” The subpoena was served yesterday on Patrick Keating, who is the Atty for the former Waco Twin Peaks franchise. Keating “agreed to accept service of the subpoena & has the video in his possession” but the city of Waco immediately filed a motion to quash the subpoena on the grounds that the video relates “to an open criminal investigation.” Waco, has taken a grotesquely North Korean attitude toward evidence in the case. Given the totality of what is known about the Twin Peaks Massacre – it is impossible to understand what motivation Waco officials have except to protect their own reputations, fortunes & liberty.

Many Secret Videos: In a bond hearing a couple of weeks ago an Assistant District Atty named Michael Jarrett made numerous references to video of the incident. The Waco Tribune-Herald breathlessly described Jarrett’s assertions as “revelations” & “detailed glimpses...of what occurred.” Jarrett said that some video – he didn’t say which one it was, or who shot it, or where it was as he spoke – showed members of the Cossacks MC “spreading out across the patio in sentry positions.” He alleged, “The video clearly shows Bandidos executing Cossacks & Cossacks executing Bandidos, some at point-blank range.” On May 20, The Associated Press reported it had seen the video Broden subpoenaed. The AP reported: “only one of the dozens of bikers was seen firing a gun from the patio of the Twin Peaks;” “when gunshots start at 12.24 p.m. on the video most bikers, other patrons & staff immediately run away from the windows & into the restaurant’s interior;” “at least 3 people can be seen holding handguns;” “One camera angle shows bikers running into the men’s bathroom. When there’s no space left in the bathroom they dash toward the kitchen.”

Today’s Motions: The motions Broden filed today ask to court to compel Keating to comply with the subpoena & note that “it is clear...that Mr. Keating has been bullied into a Catch-22 position by the City’s Motion to Quash.” Broden also wants the court to, “impose sanctions against the City of Waco and/or its Atty for filing a frivolous motion in this case without any legal standing in order to attempt to thwart the subpoena process set forth in the Code of Criminal Procedure & in order to thwart Twin Peaks from producing the video in question to Mr. Clendennen so that Mr. Clendennen can begin preparing his defense for the examining trial set in this case. The sanctions should be in the amount of any & all Atty fees that Mr. Clendennen is forced to spend to defend against the City’s motion to quash & in his efforts to enforce the lawfully issued subpoena which the Twin Peaks franchisee has

indicated it would comply with absent the interference from the non-party City.”

Bikies meeting a fundraiser, not an interstate summit - June 26, 2015 – *Australia* – By Michael Inman; www.CanberraTimes.com.au - Like many young people, Luke Jardine dreams of home ownership. But he never could have imagined the Rebels MC would help that dream come true. His father, Tony Jardine, a life member of the Rebels, had planned to sell his H-D to build a granny flat on his Qld property so the 23-year-old, who has Down Syndrome, could learn to live independently. The Rebels had other ideas. Hundreds of Rebels bikies will descend on Canberra this weekend to attend a charity event to raise funds for Luke’s new home - contrary to police claims the congregation had been a summit for interstate chapters. Police had alleged the gathering had been designed as a NSW state meeting, hosted by ACT-based Rebels. Police said the ACT’s lack of anti-consorting laws had enabled the meeting & made the territory an “attractive” place to host bikie summits. But Canberra Rebels member Wayne Clark said the territory had been chosen to host the fundraiser because it had been conceived & organized by local members. Clark said the fundraiser would include charity auctions & memorabilia, with all money donated to build Luke’s dream home. “We’ve got people coming from everywhere, not for a meeting, for a fundraiser,” Clark said. “Not for a political agenda, not a club agenda, not a secret meeting.” Clark said the Rebels normally kept their silence in the face of negative media reports, but decided to speak out after police made public statements that warned Canberra could become a bikie hot spot without the introduction of anti-consorting laws. “Enough is enough. We normally keep our mouths shut, but we want to tell the public our side of the story on this one for Luke. “The public have no reason to be in fear [that Canberra is a bikie meeting place]. We are here for charity, to raise money for Luke.” Jardine said the support from Rebels members – who had already donated \$12,000 - had been overwhelming. “I read the paper & the police propaganda machine is in full spin, using this to try & bad mouth the Rebels. I was disgusted,” Jardine said. “We’ve travelled all this way for Luke, because the local boys have offered to do it, & it’s a great thing.” Luke, who has spent the past days visiting Canberra’s many tourist attractions, has written a speech he will deliver at the fundraiser. “I wanted to say thanks to my dad’s friends & the Rebels for helping me build my dream house so I can follow my dreams to be a man,” Luke said.

Organized crime charges likely coming after police raids – June 26, 2015 – *Canada* – By www.Saskatoon.CTVnews.ca - The Saskatoon police say organized crime charges are likely coming in the aftermath of major police raids earlier this year. In Jan police raided properties in Saskatchewan & Alberta, including the Hells Angels clubhouse in Saskatoon. Police say they seized \$8 million in drugs & around 200 guns. 14 men were arrested including 2 alleged Hells Angels members & the Pres of the Fallen Saints MC. Police say they expect to make 12 more arrests soon & bring forward evidence for organized crime charges to the prosecutor’s office.

Impossibilities in the World:

1. You can’t count your hair.
2. You can’t wash your eyes with soap.
3. You can’t breathe when your tongue is out.

Put your tongue back in your mouth, you silly person.

Outlaw MC gets vest seized after Wonder Lake bar fight returned – June 27, 2015 – *Illinois* – By Chelsea McDougall; www.NWHerald.com - One of the leather vests seized from Outlaw MC members was returned to the club as the appeal over the remaining 3 is pending. McHenry County sheriff's police seized 4 leather vests from Outlaw club members after a bar fight in Wonder Lake in 2013. Three vests were worn by club members Luciano Flores, Kathleen McKeivitt & Robert Bellmore & forfeited as part of their plea deals. A 4th was returned to the MC earlier this month. Joel Rabb, the Atty for the Outlaws, unsuccessfully has argued the vests were property of the club, & not of the 3 men who forfeited the items. A judge ultimately sided with prosecutors & ordered the 3 vests to remain in the custody of the McHenry County Sheriff's Office. The Outlaws acted together, the vests identified their club membership, & they participated in the fight, McHenry County Judge Sharon Prather said in her April ruling. A video played at one of the hearings showed club members entering the bar wearing the vests & later violently punching & kicking the victim repeatedly. A 4th vest also was seized at the time of their arrest. Because criminal charges were dropped against the defendant wearing it, prosecutors did not pursue forfeiture proceedings, according to Norm Vinton Chief of the state's atty civil division. The civil property dispute is not over, however. Rabb said he filed a notice of appeal & "will continue to press this matter until my client's property is returned."

Park Hall Academy pupil escorted to prom by The Outlaws biker gang – June 27, 2015 – *United Kingdom* - By Mike Lockley; www.BirminghamMail.co.uk - It was a case of GCSEasy Rider for Danielle Caines – the country's only pupil escorted to her school prom by The Outlaws biker gang. Forty members of the The Vagrants, a chopper clan which is a chapter of the notorious international outfit saddled with an unsavoury reputation, gathered at Danielle Caines' Bromford home on Friday night. And the 15-year-old's friends could Harley – sorry, hardly – believe their eyes when she rolled up at Park Hall Academy in Castle Bromwich flanked by the petrolhead patrol. Danielle, who switches to Solihull College in September, was inside a blacked-out Chrysler Estate, donated & driven by one of the gang. Dad John, resplendent in top hat & tails, also went along for the ride. Danielle's cream prom dress certainly contrasted with the sea of leather & denim that flanked the school driveway. The Outlaws, their faces covered by scarves, formed a guard-of-honour as Danielle walked through the door. Father-of-four John made contact with the local Outlaws through a friend of a friend. "I was after an eye-catching vehicle for Danielle's big night," said the 41-year-old. "And he knew someone, an Outlaws member, who had one. "When I asked the bloke if we could use it he said 'I can do better than that... "They've been wicked. They didn't want money or anything. "Danielle's a very quiet girl & I wanted to do something to boost her confidence. Her friends were a bit shocked. We'd kept the whole thing quiet."

Who are The Outlaws MC? What's more, The Outlaws were on hand to escort Danielle & dad home at the end of the evening. "It's certainly caused a stir in our house," added John. "My 13-year-old son, Owen, wants to go one better & be taking by helicopter to his prom. "I've told him there's no chance, but you never know..." John will certainly have no trouble hiring one for the night. A lucrative industry has been spawned by parents' desires to see their kids arrive at the school gates in style. Earlswood company City Limos offers a 27-foot stretch Mini,

complete with fibre optic lighting, leather seats & a non-alcoholic bar. Boss Peter Davies said: "We try to do cars that no-one else has, like the stretch Mini, so nobody else at the prom is in the same vehicle." Style comes at a cost, however. The stretch Mini costs £35 per seat. For those who "ain't goin' in no plane", enterprising Stourbridge couple Justine & Tag Majid offer the A-Team van. It's perfect for those who want to be the "Face" in the crowd. At £190 an hour, it's a BA trip with honours. And Sutton Coldfield firm Prom Vehicle has reached for the skies in its attempt to pull in party punters. It's customised a 16-seater party bus to look like a plane – complete with wings. There are speakers under the vehicle which roar like jet engines & the windows inside show a runway rather than the street. A bold move, but will it take off?

Expat NZ gangster fights to stay in Oz - June 27, 2015 – *New Zealand* – By www.NZCity.co.nz - An online campaign opposing Australia deporting a former bkie gang leader to New Zealand has attracted about 1400 followers... Legal & social media campaigns have been launched to try to stop a former Australian bkie gang leader being deported to New Zealand. Aaron Joe "AJ" Thomas Graham, 48, was one of 14 people arrested in Tasmania's biggest crackdown on outlaw motorcycle gangs. His Australian visa has been cancelled & he's in a New South Wales prison pending deportation to New Zealand where he was born. But Tasmania's Mercury newspaper has reported that Graham has hired 4 senior lawyers who are preparing an appeal to Australian Immigration Minister Peter Dutton to reverse his decision to deport him. A Facebook page opposing his deportation has attracted about 1400 followers since Monday. Organizers of the Keep Aaron Joe Graham (AJ) in Tasmania site say he has lived in Australia for 38 years, has a wife & 3 daughters in Hobart, 2 sons in Queensland & grandchildren. A 12-hour fund-raiser is being organized for him in Hobart on July 11, with a hangi, raffles & auctions, & "face painting, lucky dips, balloons etc will be available to entertain the kiddies". Tasmania's police Assistant Commissioner Mark Mewis said last Fri that Graham was a fully patched member & former Pres of the Kingston chapter of the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang. Australian immigration officials confirmed he had a criminal history including drug, firearms & assault offences. In 2009 he was jailed for a sustained torture attack on a teenage insurance fraud investigator. The torture was captured on Graham's own security cameras.

Retirement - A True Story! Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars & 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees for cars (\$1.40), for buses (about \$7). Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up so the zoo management called the city council & asked it to send them another parking agent. The council did some research & replied that the parking lot was the zoo's own responsibility. The zoo advised the council that the attendant was a city employee. The city council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the city payroll. Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, or France, or Italy, is a man who'd apparently had a ticket booth installed completely on his own & then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect & keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day -- for 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollarsand no one even knows his name.

Central Texas Marine vet fights to clear name after Waco biker brawl arrest - June 28, 2015 – *Texas* - By Dane Schiller, Houston Chronicle; www.ExpressNews.com - A Marine veteran named Jorge Salinas stepped out of the Jack Harwell Detention Center on a recent evening after 40 days behind bars. Salinas, who had served 2 combat tours in Afghanistan, survived the shootout last month at Twin Peaks here but was soon arrested. He said all he did was try to save lives as the chaos erupted. “Unless going to eat & having a beer with my buddies is against the law, I haven’t done anything wrong,” Salinas said. “We aren’t criminals just because we ride bikes together, hang out together & wear colors.” The 24-year-old hugged his mother & father when he was finally released into the glow of a setting sun. He had a simple plea: “Let’s hurry up & get out of here.” Salinas - & 176 other people allegedly affiliated with motorcycle gangs - were each ordered held on \$1 million bail after the brawl at the restaurant. Nine people died & 18 were wounded. Waco police contend that many bikers came here May 17 with guns, knives & other weapons to settle a score born from an ongoing beef between the Bandidos & the Cossacks motorcycle gangs, which each had many supporters. It was not a spontaneous or isolated incident, according to Sgt. Patrick Swanton. His chief has said officers fired their weapons a dozen times as a way to protect their own lives & those of citizens. Each person arrested was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity & faces 15 years to life in prison if convicted. Salinas, who goes by Bubba in his hometown of Lometa, about 89 miles northwest of Austin, was among the latest of the bikers to be released from jail. An army of defense lawyers from throughout the region is challenging McLennan County authorities to justify the arrests of so many people. They also want explanations. Who shot first? Who was acting in self-defense? How many people were killed by police?

Rule of law: Lawyers have been able to have bail drastically reduced while contending that their clients are not the men police have described. Most of those arrested spent weeks behind bars. About a dozen remained in custody late last week. “Everyone who cares about justice, fairness & the rule of law in our state should be very concerned about the situation in Waco,” said Salinas’ Fort Worth-based lawyer, Brian Bouffard. He said most of the bikers involved appear to have done nothing wrong. “The Gov’t generally, & in McLennan County in particular, views the Constitution as an inconvenient obstacle to be avoided or steamrolled,” said Bouffard, a former Navy officer & prosecutor who served among Marines while stationed at Camp Pendleton in Calif. The district Atty’s office has repeatedly declined comment, as has the justice of the peace who handled the initial charges & set bail. “It seems to me that this situation has been bungled since the very beginning,” said Charlie Baird, who spent a decade as a judge on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals & does not have a client charged in the Twin Peaks incident. “One thing that is clear is there is no transparency in this investigation & how they are proceeding,” he said. “Release the videos. Release the ballistics reports. Release the autopsy reports. Release whatever is available.” Salinas, who has no criminal record & was honorably discharged in 2013, with a medal for good conduct & a combat action ribbon, said his next fight is to clear his name. He wants to repair a life that has been thrown into turmoil. While he was locked up, Salinas lost a plumbing job, had his personal possessions moved back into his parents’ home & had his H-D, which was impounded after his arrest at Twin Peaks, handed over by Waco police to the lien holder, despite him never having missed

a payment. “I’ll get past it,” Salinas said. “But I’ll have to rebuild everything.” For now, he must wear a GPS-tracking ankle monitor, & he has a court-ordered curfew. His father, George Salinas, said most people in Lometa are supportive. Some have come by to pray. He invites anyone with questions about his son to ignore rumors & knock on his door instead. He said that one of the toughest days of his life was seeing his son’s mug shot on the Internet. “I know that is not him,” he said. “It would be different if I knew he’d been in & out of trouble.”

A military life: Pulled by a desire to see the world, Salinas was in Marine Corps boot camp just days after graduating from a high school class of 30 students. He was named Mr. Lometa High School, having played basketball & 6-man football & run track. Within 6 months of graduation, he was on the ground in Afghanistan as part of the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion. He served both tours in the southern Helmand Province, near the Pakistani border. When he returned to Lometa in 2013, he missed the brotherhood of the military. He said he found his calling with the Cossacks after seeing their camaraderie at a few rallies in which there were cookouts & plenty of riders, as well as their families. He doesn’t talk about the war with his family, but he does at times with fellow Cossacks who also served. They nicknamed him “Jalapeño,” & the former enlisted man soon became a Cossacks officer. He helped launch a small chapter based out of Bell County, not far from Lometa. On the morning of May 17, he said, he was asked by a fellow Cossack to join a group ride to Waco to grab lunch & attend a gathering of Central Texas bikers. After a 90-minute ride, he was on the patio having a burger with a fried egg on top of it. He said he had noticed a few police on the far edges of the outdoor mall’s parking lot, but there were no officers walking inside the restaurant, as there had been on previous occasions when he’d been there with a large number of bikers. After the trouble began, Salinas said, things went crazy. “I heard a pop, not even something heavy,” he said of gunfire. “Whoever did that lit a match.” He flashed back to Afghanistan — diving for cover until he could “assess the situation.” He then hurried with other Cossacks for safety inside Twin Peaks.

Saving lives: While shielding themselves from gunfire, he & others helped usher waitresses into the protection of the large walk-in freezer. They themselves hugged the restaurant floor. At the same time, a rider he knew only as Bear was bleeding heavily after being shot in both legs. He & an Army veteran used belts as tourniquets, & Salinas put his bare hand over a wound to slow the flow of blood. The scrambling to help a fallen brother & the urgency of having another’s life in his hands was all too familiar. “We did our best,” Salinas said, noting that they also carried Bear to a police truck to try to save him. But Bear ended up dying, he said. He later saw a TV news report on Bear’s funeral while sitting in jail. After he was arrested, Salinas said, he & the other bikers were kept with their hands zip-tied behind their backs for about 18 hours. They struggled not only with the pain & discomfort, but with being treated like prisoners. “They told us they were going to take us to a safe place, interview us & let us go,” Salinas said. “The only thing that turned out to be true was we were going on a ride, & we went on a ride all right.” The bikers were taken to the city’s convention center, where, Salinas said, they literally had to help each other drink water & eat bread by holding items in their cuffed hands behind their backs & offering them to each other. From there, they were taken to jail. Cossacks & Bandidos were kept apart, he said.

The Cossacks: He didn't delve into the dispute between the 2 groups on the advice of his lawyer, but Salinas was adamant that they are different, saying Cossacks are not criminals or outlaws & don't tolerate drug use. "Everybody knows what they do. They've been on 'Gangland,'" he said of the History Channel show. The Bandidos & Cossacks have both been around since the 1960s, but the Bandidos have long been considered one of the largest outlaw motorcycle gangs in the United States, according to police. The Texas Dept of Public Safety said it considers the Cossacks to be an "emerging outlaw motorcycle gang," but the agency's 2014 Gang Threat Assessment does not mention the group. As for Salinas, home became a cell of about 10 feet by 30 feet, with 4 bunks, a shower, toilet, picnic table, television & pay phone. He read a few books, including "The Great Santini" about a Marine fighter pilot, watched television & did plenty of push-ups & squats. He was never allowed outside, he said, & only saw the sun through a skylight overhead. "I am not used to being in a confined space," he said. "You have to tell yourself, they can't stop time. Eventually, I'm going to get out of here."

Body of Outlaw Motorcycle gang enforcer Mark Easter had to be identified from his tattoos - June 28, 2015 - *Australia* - By Matthew Benns; www.DailyTelegraph.com.au - Detectives are hoping to speak with anyone who may have seen him between Tue & Fri... Rebels outlaw MC enforcer Mark Easter was so badly disfigured from gunshots to his head that police had to identify him from his tattoos when his body was found on Fri morning. The executed body of Easter, who was the Sgt at Arms of the Rebels' city chapter, was found by council workers near the Pacific Highway at Cowan shortly after his family had reported him missing. Detective Inspector Grant Taylor from the homicide squad said the 37-year-old from Little Bay in Sydney's south had last been seen by his de facto having dinner at Potts Point on Tue night. "We are very keen to hear from anyone who might have some knowledge of his movements between then & the discovery of his body on Fri morning," said DI Taylor. He said police are looking closely at his links with the outlaw motorcycle gang & confirmed Easter was a close associate of Rebels Windsor chapter Pres John Weston. Last week Weston, 35, was arrested & charged with the shooting of Summernats & MotorEx judge Laurie Starling outside his Central Coast car restoration business. Starling, who ran the Chop Shop car restoration business, was not known to the police & had no bikie connections. It is alleged he got caught in the middle of a feud between 2 underworld figures. The 29-year-old was shot multiple times in the stomach & bled to death at the wheel of his car in July last year. Three men were seen fleeing from the scene in a small silver car. Another former member of the Rebels outlaw motorcycle gang, Timothy Steven Rolfe, 29, was arrested & charged with Starling's murder in April. DI Taylor said police would be examining all possible leads in Easter's shooting & could not rule out a link to the earlier crime. "It remains to be seen as to why he was killed & we don't isolate any particular direction of inquiry there," he said. "Obviously we will be looking closely at his links to outlaw motorcycle gangs — that usually comes with certain hazards." A post mortem has not yet established the time of Easter's death but DI Taylor said the indications were that he died at some time on Thu.

Police Confiscate Guns, Cash during Meth Bust in Delaware County - June 29, 2015 - *Pennsylvania* - By Chad Perdelli; www.6ABC.com - Upper Darby (WPVI) A barber shop & 2 homes in Delaware County were raided as officials busted a methamphetamine ring over the weekend. The investigation

began after several complaints from people in the neighborhood where this alleged drug ring was taking place. In all, 5 people were arrested & 2 major drug operations were shut down. During the raids, Upper Darby police confiscated meth, which they say is making a resurgence in the township. They also found guns & thousands of dollars in cash. "The problem that I am seeing now is meth is starting to raise its ugly head. For years it's been heroin, heroin, heroin," said Mike Chitwood, Upper Darby Police Supt. Chitwood says Michael Marturano headed one operation. "Marturano is a known member of the Warlock motorcycle gang. He tattooed his colors all over his back," says Chitwood. Those who know him tell Action News he learned to cut hair while in prison. Once out, he opened Marturano's Barbershop in Drexel Hill, except police say it was mainly used to deal meth. A raid of the barbershop on the 800 block of Concord Rd & his State Rd apartment allegedly turned up guns, bags of meth & piles of cash. John McCauley allegedly ran the second operation. Police say McCauley, Charles Halfpenny & Margaret Guinen were cutting the drugs up when authorities burst thru the apartment door on the 3800 block of Berkley. A closer look at a hollow clock in the apartment uncovered bags & bags of meth - a drug that unlike heroin Chitwood says can often lead to violent crime. "The frightening thing about meth is that it not only destroys them physically & mentally but it also makes the nuts & whacky," he said. Chitwood say 2 motorcycles were also confiscated during the raids & police are checking to see if either of them were stolen. The investigation is ongoing.

Judge prevents public release of Twin Peaks video, issues gag order - June 30, 2015 - *Texas* - By Tommy Witherspoon; www.WacoTrib.com - A state district judge ruled Tue that a Dallas atty can have a copy of a Twin Peaks franchisee's video of the May 17 biker shootout, but the judge barred the release of the video to the public. Judge Matt Johnson of Waco's 54th State District Court also granted a prosecution request to place a gag order in the Matthew Clendennen case, preventing attys on both sides, LE officers & witnesses from discussing that case only in the media.

In arguing his case for release of the video, Dallas atty Clint Broden said he needs to review the video to prove his client's innocence & to help him prepare for an examining trial set for Aug. 10. Broden told the judge it "boggles my mind" that police & prosecutors can describe what is on the video but his client could not get a copy to help prepare his defense. He also said the Associated Press viewed the video & reported on it. He argued the city's contention that release of the video would impede its investigation is not valid because it posts videos of armed robberies on Waco PD social media accounts. "Former Supreme Court Justice (Louis) Brandeis may have said it best, your honor. 'Sunshine is the best disinfectant,'" Broden said. The judge said he placed the video under a protective order because he is concerned about tainting potential jury pools. Broden said he intends to appeal the protective order & the gag order to Waco's 10th Court of Appeals.

Waco Assistant City Atty Judith Benton asked the judge to throw out the subpoena, alleging in her motion that Broden was trying to "circumvent the criminal discovery rules by seeking records in a criminal case from a nonparty." Broden said in a motion that the city has no standing to intervene, saying the "video in question belongs exclusively to the Twin Peaks franchisee & that the city of Waco has no ownership interest in the video

whatsoever.” Broden also charged the district Atty’s office with violating the Michael Morton Act, a law that requires prosecutors to disclose evidence in criminal cases.

Prosecutor Mark Parker told the judge that the state has every intention of complying with the rules of discovery but said the case is complex, is still under investigation & forensic testing is ongoing. He said the DA’s office will comply with discovery, but had not intended on doing so in “piecemeal fashion” one case at a time. Broden countered that the video he was seeking does not belong to the state, but to Twin Peaks. Parker asked for the protective order, saying Broden intended to disclose it to the media in violation of ethical standards limiting pretrial publicity. Broden argued against the gag order & cited an opinion written by former Justice Felipe Reyna while he served on the 10th Court of Appeals. Broden noted the irony of citing that case when prosecutors who work for Reyna’s son, District Atty Abel Reyna, were in court pushing for a gag order.

Gang Land - After the deadly shoot-out in Waco, what do the Bandidos want? To be left alone. - July 2015 – *Texas* - By Skip Hollandsworth; www.TexasMonthly.com - In late May, 2 weeks after the furious gun battle at the Twin Peaks in Waco between the members of the Bandidos & the Cossacks, I drove to the Williams Funeral Home in Garland, a suburb of Dallas, where a service was being held for 40-year-old Manuel “Candyman” Rodriguez, the sole Bandido to die in the shoot-out. Bandidos had arrived from all over the country. They greeted one another in their traditional way, with bear hugs & kisses on the lips. On nearby streets, police officers stood watch by their squad cars, perhaps checking to see if any Cossacks were headed to the funeral home to resume the feud. “Oh, hell, no Cossack is going to show up,” Jeff Pike, the Bandidos’ 59-year-old Pres, told me with a shrug. “They aren’t that stupid.” Standing next to Pike was one of the Bandidos’ sergeants at arms, a thin smile on his face.

Most MCs are perfectly harmless, filled with bikers who go on leisurely weekend rides. But a few clubs around the country proudly call themselves One Percenters, a phrase taken from a former Pres of the American Motorcyclist Association, who declared in 1947, after a fight had broken out at a biker rally between members of 2 California clubs (the Boozefighters & the Pissed Off Bastards), that 99% of motorcyclists were law-abiding citizens & 1% were “outlaws.” And according to L.E. officials who specialize in biker crime, the Bandidos are among the most fearsome One Percenters in the land, Texas’s version of the James Gang, a group of unrepentant renegades who ride motorcycles instead of horses & who love to thumb their noses (or, to be more accurate, extend their middle fingers) at what they call “polite society.” On the Bandidos’ vests, which they call their “colors,” are patches that read “Expect No Mercy” & “God Forgives, Bandidos Don’t.” When they go on their rides, many of them carry chains, knives, brass knuckles, & heavy black flashlights, which can be used as clubs. They wear steel-toed boots, which can be devastating to someone who is kicked in a fight, & they keep pistols in their saddlebags or tucked into their pants. “You don’t mess with the Bandidos,” one LE official told me. “You cross them, & they can turn into very violent, very dangerous men.” Since the club was formed, in 1966, Bandidos have been getting arrested for all sorts of crimes: dealing drugs, running prostitution rings, stealing motorcycles, extorting money, committing assaults & murders. The founder of the club, Donald Chambers, a Houston shipyard worker, was sent to prison in 1972

for murdering 2 drug dealers in El Paso after he forced them to dig their own graves. His successor, Ronald Hodge, was convicted in Fed court of conspiring with other Bandidos to bomb homes & automobiles belonging to members of the Banshees, an upstart Dallas MC that was trying to move in on the Bandidos’ territory. Hodge was succeeded by Craig “Jaws” Johnston, who, along with other Bandidos, landed in Fed prison on charges that they had conspired to manufacture & sell as much as a thousand pounds of meth. In 2005 Johnston’s successor, George Wegers, was indicted & later convicted, along with 27 other Bandidos, on Fed racketeering charges after engaging in “intimidation, extortion, violence, & threats of violence against rival MCs” to maintain “power, territory, & profits.”

In 2006 I met Pike, who had taken over for Wegers, for a TX Monthly story I was writing on the Bandidos (“The Gang’s All Here,” April 2007). A wiry man with a crewcut, Pike lived just outside Houston. To my astonishment, he was completely congenial, telling me funny anecdotes about his days as an altar boy before he discovered motorcycles. He chuckled when I said that I had heard that the ATF was investigating him & his fellow Nat’l officers. He said that he didn’t commit crimes, & he added that most Bandidos, except for a few bad apples, didn’t commit crimes either. “Why can’t the Feds just accept the fact that we’re a bunch of old bikers who love to get together & have some fun?” said Pike. “We’re not out there shooting people, for God’s sake.” Other Bandidos I met turned out to be as good-natured as Pike. Yes, they looked intimidating in their colors. Many of them were as burly as professional wrestlers, with biceps the size of baseballs. Some had long hair, scraggly goatees, & tattoos covering their arms. But they cheerfully described themselves to me as basic blue-collar guys who had 9-to-5 jobs working as roughnecks, mechanics, welders, & carpenters. They talked about the freedom they felt getting on their Harleys & hitting the open road—“just getting away from everything before we go back to work,” one of them said. “But why is it so important for you to put on that vest with all those patches & ride with other guys wearing similar vests?” I asked one Bandido from San Antonio who answered to the nickname “F.O.” (for “F— Off”). “It seems a little silly.” There was silence. F.O. glared at me, his smile fading, & I felt something go cold in my stomach. I realized I had crossed a line that I didn’t even know was there. “You know, we have a saying we use with you citizens,” he finally said. “If you have to ask what we’re all about, then you’ll never be one of us.” He pointed to a patch on his vest that read “BFFB” (for “Bandidos Forever, Forever Bandidos”). “Nothing is more important than our club—nothing. If you mess with one of us, then you mess with all of us.”

Under Pike’s leadership, the Bandidos appeared to tone down their activities, & police investigations into the club led nowhere. But in 2013, the Bandidos began having some run-ins with the Cossacks, a small club, reportedly with no more than 150 members, their chapters located mostly in small towns stretching from west of Dallas to Longview (the Bandidos, by comparison, have more than 1,100 members across the country & in Central & South America, with 400 or so in Texas). According to L.E. sources, a new generation of Cossack leaders was wanting to make a mark on Texas’s outlaw biker landscape, which meant proving they could stand up to the Bandidos. There had been a few skirmishes between members of the 2 clubs: a knife fight outside a bar in Abilene, a shooting inside a bar in Fort Worth, a beating in Longview & another near Mineral Wells. Then, on May 1 of this year, 16 days before the gun battle in Waco, a confidential

Texas Dept of Public Safety bulletin informed its officers that the Cossacks had started wearing a patch that read “Texas” on the bottom of their vests without the approval of the Bandidos. The bulletin noted, “Traditionally, the Bandidos have been the dominant MC in Texas, & no other club is allowed to wear the Texas bar without their consent.” Although Pike & other Bandidos leaders later denied they were upset about the patches, a showdown seemed inevitable.

On May 17, a group of Bandidos-at least 20, by some estimates-thundered into Waco on their Harleys & headed for Twin Peaks, a restaurant just off Interstate 35 staffed by pretty young waitresses wearing skimpy tops. That afternoon, a quarterly meeting of the Texas Confederation of Clubs & Independents, Region 1-an organization that focuses on bikers’ rights & safety issues-was scheduled to take place on the patio. Among those who showed up were members of Waco-area “mom-and-pop” clubs, a sobriety biker club, & a club from Austin made up of men who ride classic H-Ds. A group of Cossacks was also in the parking lot, waiting for the Bandidos. The Cossacks had not been invited to the meeting, & it is not clear why they had come to Twin Peaks. According to one explanation I heard, a Bandido senior officer (not Pike) had laid a trap for the Cossacks. He had invited them to Waco, saying he wanted to meet to iron out their differences, when all along his plan was to have a team of Bandidos ambush the Cossacks. Another story maintains that the Cossacks were there to let the Bandidos know that Waco was now part of their territory because they had opened a new chapter in the city. Nor is it clear who started the fight. A Bandido on his Harley allegedly ran over a Cossack’s foot. A Cossack allegedly threw a punch at a Bandido. The fight suddenly escalated. A few bikers pulled out pistols & started shooting. Police officers, watching from another part of the parking lot, drew their weapons & fired off several rounds. (A police spokesman later said the officers thought the bikers were shooting at them.) When it was all over, 7 Cossacks & 1 Bandido had been killed. A biker who supported the Bandidos but wasn’t a member had also been killed.

Among the dozens of media organizations that rushed to Waco to cover the story was the Washington Post. It described the fight as “one of the worst eruptions of biker-gang violence in U.S. history.” A CNN anchor asked me during a television interview why “a bunch of old bikers [the Bandidos]” would want to prove their manhood by fighting “a bunch of young bikers [the Cossacks]?” I found myself talking like F.O., trying to explain that these men have a loyalty to their clubs that surpasses just about everything else in their lives. The anchor shook her head, bewildered. As soon as the gun battle was over, the cops collared all the Cossacks & Bandidos they could find. (They have yet to say exactly how many members of the 2 clubs were arrested; Pike told me that 22 of his men were jailed.) All of the other bikers who were at Twin Peaks, including the members of the mom-and-pop clubs, who had nothing to do with the shootings, were also arrested, charged with engaging in organized criminal activity. In all, more than 170 bikers were taken to the county jail, each of them slapped with a \$1 million bond.

If the goal of the officers was to bring down-or even slow down-the Bandidos, they utterly failed. At Candyman’s funeral, in Garland, I watched the Bandidos give one another confident, gleaming looks. “What the f— were they thinking, coming after us?” one older Bandido told me. “As far as I’m concerned, the Cossacks are just a bunch of punks who’ve watched too much

Sons of Anarchy.” For his part, Pike told me he knew nothing about what had taken place in Waco. He had been laid up in bed, recovering from colon surgery. “Hell, no, I didn’t order any hit,” he said. “We don’t do shit like that. And we sure as hell wouldn’t do something like that in front of cops. My guys only defended themselves.” I asked Pike if the rumors were true that the Bandidos wanted to take revenge on the Cossacks for daring to confront them. He shook his head. “We don’t care about the Cossacks. If they want to wear a Texas patch, we don’t care. We just want to be left alone.” In the distance, a police helicopter began circling the funeral home. Pike & the other Bandidos ignored it. “You leave us alone, & we’ll leave you alone,” he said. “Is that too much to ask?”

Search warrant executed at biker club - July 1, 2015 – Georgia

- By Natalie Tejada, FOX 5; www.MyFoxAtlanta.com - Oconee County -A large group of LE officers raided a home in Bishop in Oconee County Tue night. Investigators came with search warrants in hand after multiple complaints about less than saintly activities at a club house for the Steel Horsemen MC. “With the gunfire down here, the other noise complaints, the loud parties, you had the stabbing, a reported sexual assault. It snowballed to the point that it’s time for us to take action,” said Chief Deputy Lee Weems of the Oconee County Sheriff’s Office. He also said there also appeared to be illegal alcohol sales taking place at the clubhouse bar which was adorned with Nazi & Confederate flags. Weems said Concerns about the clubhouse escalated after investigators learned of possible ties to the notorious Bandidos Motorcycle Gang. That outlaw gang has multiple chapters across the nation & officers say some Bandidos members out of Texas were even involved in a shootout at a Waco restaurant that left 9 dead. “New information tends to lead us to believe that they’re associated with a group called the Bandidos. Our inf is this is what’s called a support club,” said Chief Deputy Weems. FOX 5 has learned the MC moved into the home just south of Bishop about 2 years ago. No arrests were made Tue evening since no one was at the home when Oconee County deputies, Fed marshals, state revenue agents & Georgia state patrol troopers arrived. But the investigation is ongoing. “Evidence that we find here tonight combined with evidence from previous investigations may result in arrests warrants,” said Chief Deputy Weems. At around 10 p.m. Chief Deputy Weems said investigators discovered a small amount of narcotics, several hundred dollars cash & a ledger apparently of the illegal alcohol sales at the biker club house.

A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews & talking. Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church. Everyone started screaming & running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate. Soon the church was empty except for Bill Clinton who sat calmly in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God’s ultimate enemy was in his presence. So Satan walked up to Bill & said, ‘Do you know who I am?’ Bill Clinton replied, ‘Yep, sure do.’ ‘Aren’t you afraid of me?’ Satan asked. ‘Nope, sure ain’t.’ said the calm as a clam Clinton. ‘Don’t you realize I can kill you with one word?’ asked Satan. ‘Don’t doubt it for a minute,’ returned Bill, in an even tone. ‘Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying **Agony** for all eternity?’ Persisted Satan. ‘Yep,’ was the calm reply’. And you are still not afraid?’ asked Satan. ‘Nope,’ said Bill. More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, ‘Why aren’t you afraid of me?’ Bill Clinton calmly replied, ‘Been Married to your Sister for Over 30 Years.’

Pen Mightier Than Gag Order - July 1, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Dallas Atty Clint Broden is still throwing rocks at what he has started to call Waco's "Publicity Machine." In a 30 page emergency petition filed this morning with the Court of Appeals for the Tenth District of Texas, Broden wrote: "Whether real or perceived, there is a noxious odor surrounding the investigation by the Waco Police & the McLennan County District Atty's Office with regard to the "Twin Peaks Shooting" & the wholesale arrest of 177 motorcyclists based on identical, "fill-in-the-name" criminal complaints. "Nevertheless, as Justice Brandeis said: 'Publicity is justly commended as a remedy for social & industrial diseases. Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants; electric light the most efficient policeman.' "This sentiment is still recognized today by both Fed & state courts. As noted by the United States Supreme Court... 'the criminal justice system exists in a larger context of a Gov't ultimately of the people, who wish to be informed about happenings in the criminal justice system, and, if sufficiently informed about those happenings, might wish to make changes in the system.'"

Gag Order: Yesterday, at the request of McLennan County D.A. Abelino Reyna, State District Judge Matt Johnson issued an order that forbid Broden; his client, Scimitar MC member Matt Clendennen; & any witnesses from publically talking about Clendennen's case. What has happened in Waco is that local officials have defined what is true & what is bollocks by bullying, imprisoning or shouting down anyone who dares to disagree with them. Reyna for example, has already given an 18-minute television interview in which he said: Based on what he saw, nothing was telling him that all 177 arrested motorcyclists were not guilty; the motorcyclists were guilty because they were not "acting like victims;" "I'll bet on our own gang before I bet on their gang;" the motorcyclists were not at Twin Peaks "just to eat lunch;" & the motorcyclists would not get away with what they did, "not in this county, not on my watch." In other words, Reyna doesn't object to the vilification of the men he is prosecuting, only their defense. In this morning's petition Broden noted that the gag order: "Does not cover "the parties in the 176 other motorcyclist cases; the Attys, including the District Atty's Office, in the 176 other motorcyclist cases; LE as it relates to the 176 other motorcyclist cases; & any witnesses in the 176 other motorcyclist cases that previously made statements to LE or the District Atty's Office. Second, the gag order is not clear if it covers statements in connection with a civil case Clendennen filed in Fed court against the City of Waco, the County of McLennan & various officials. Third, the gag order does not cover the parties in the litigation in the 54th District Court of Dallas County between Twin Peaks & a neighboring restaurant over whether the neighboring restaurant loss business as a result of what happened at Twin Peaks." Broden wants the gag order vacated because, he argues, it violates "Clendennen's right to free speech under both the Texas Constitution & the United States Constitution" & because so far all the prejudicial noise is coming from the police & the prosecution.

Wait There's More: A second motion filed by Broden this morning highlights the games Waco authorities are playing to railroad Clendennen & the other defendants. The District Atty "has requested that the current pick-a-pal grand jury be held over to consider this case as well as the 176 related Twin Peaks 'cases,'" Broden wrote. "This is despite the fact that a randomly picked grand jury is set to be seated in approximately a week." Texas is

the last state to use the so-called "pick-a-pal" or "key man" method of selecting grand jurors. The system fills grand jury slots by allowing a judge to ask a crony to create the list of prospective grand jurors. The system is notoriously unfair & the Texas legislature overturned it this year. The grand jury made of political pals is the one Reyna wants to decide the fates of his victims even though he sid just yesterday that his "investigation" will take "months" to complete. The strangest thing about the aftermath of the Twin Peaks Massacre is that after 46 days important Waco officials like District Atty Reyna, Police Chief Stroman & braying jackass Swanton still don't understand that the whole world is watching Waco & the world is embarrassed by what it sees.

Anti-bikie laws are getting public used to loss of civil liberties, academic warns – July 1, 2015 – *Australia* – By Joshua Robertson; www.TheGuardian.com - There is no proof that 'severe & disproportionate' anti-association laws help to eradicate organized crime, Univ of Queensland researcher says... The spread of anti-terrorism-style laws through Australia's criminal justice system is conditioning the public to accept "severe & disproportionate" losses of civil liberties, a legal academic has warned. South Australia has drafted laws that would permanently tag members of motorcycle gangs as "criminal organization participants", leaving them facing the lifetime risk of jail for associating with others even if they had quit a gang. The measures were introduced despite the South Australian Gov'ts blueprint being under review in Qld, where its Labor counterpart has a taskforce to recommend ways to repeal or replace gang laws once touted as the World's toughest. Univ of Qld's Rebecca Ananian-Welsh said it was the latest example of "extreme measures" adopted from terrorism legislation under the same rhetoric but without proof that they helped eradicate organized crime. Ananian-Welsh & the Univ of NSW professor George Williams in a recent study traced the "creep" of Fed anti-terrorism laws, including the use of control orders, secret evidence, crimes of association & a shift in the burden of proof, into state criminal laws. They argued the Australian experience offered a "cautionary tale" to other countries, with high court judges unable to act on concerns in the absence of "constitutional protections for human rights or due process". Ananian-Welsh told Guardian Australia the South Australian bill had gone a step further than the Queensland laws by permanently eroding the rights of anyone who even tried to join a bikie gang. "It doesn't matter if you just flirted with the idea, attending a couple of meetings of a bikie gang in your youth means you are a member of a criminal organization then, now & into the future," Ananian-Welsh said. "If you look down the track, the potential for overreach is massive & it's hard to grapple with how broad it could get. If a group suddenly disbanded or a couple of people broke away & formed a different group or became part of another organization in no way related to bikies, would that then become a criminal organization?" The South Australian Gov't on Tuesday dismissed opposition calls to allow judicial review of the its declaration of 27 bikie gangs as criminal organizations & for secret intelligence to be shared with a parliamentary committee. The SA Atty-general, John Rau, said: "If the opposition wants to inject the courts back into that process again, all they're going to do is guarantee that one, we'll be in court forever, 2, we'll waste a great deal of money & 3, we're going to achieve nothing." However, Ananian-Welsh said the list of criminal organizations proposed by Rau had already inadvertently captured the Phoenix MC, a harmless social riders group that shared the same name as a self-styled "outlaw" MC in

New South Wales. This showed the unintended consequences of giving “massive discretion” to Gov’ts & police, Ananian-Welsh said. “Under the law, if the Phoenix MC went, ‘Oh crap, we’ve just been declared a criminal organization, let’s dismantle it,’ that wouldn’t change anything.” The laws would also be “totally useless” against groups that didn’t formally label themselves, such as the Calabrian mafia, “unless the mafia all started wearing uniforms”, she said. Ananian-Welsh said the South Australian Gov’ts position reflected the trend of Gov’ts “cutting out the courts in an experiment with how broad we can make the Gov’ts power”. “You see it in the proposed citizenship laws, the declared foreign places laws, metadata retention,” she said. South Australia has not adopted Queensland’s Vicious Lawless Association Disestablishment Act, which Ananian-Welsh said enabled the extreme scenario of 3 teenagers buying recreational drugs to be jailed for an extra 15 years or more at the discretion of the police commissioner. Her study with Williams found that at no point was the effectiveness of measures first introduced to deal with suspected terrorists considered as a factor in their adoption to tackle organized crime, she said. Banning bikies from public gatherings, clubhouses & wearing clothing & logos in licensed venues in Qld was “certainly pushing them out of the public eye, which is great for families on Broadbeach”. “But is this actually helping organized crime? I don’t know,” Ananian-Welsh said. “What it is doing is having a huge impact on civil liberties that potentially goes beyond bikie gangs. It’d be nice to know whether that’s having any commensurate impact on cutting crime because I just don’t know that it is. “Maybe the [Queensland] review will come down & say organized crime has been dismantled in the state. But until we’ve actually got something like that & while they’re still so controversial in Queensland, it seems really preemptive for South Australia to be jumping on the bandwagon.”

6 Ellis County men arrested in Waco shooting out of jail- July 2, 2015 - Texas – By Bethany Kurtz; www.waxahachietx.com - The 6 Ellis County arrested during the Waco bike shooting in May are now out of jail & waiting to hear if their cases will be heard by a grand jury, 2 of the men’s lawyers said. Midlothian residents Robert Clinton Bucy, Christian A. Valencia, Brian Dwight Logan & Jarrod D. Lehman, Red Oak resident Valdemar Guajardo Jr. & Maypearl resident Don Fowler were all arrested on May 17 following a shootout between rival biker clubs at a Twin Peaks restaurant in Waco, according to arrest warrants from the Waco PD. Nine people were killed in the incident & 18 others wounded, according to reports.

Judge Matt Johnson, presiding over the 54th District Court, signed a court order to give the grand jury an additional 60 days to review evidence in the case & determine who of those involved should be tried, said Bucy’s Atty Alan Bennett, adding he doesn’t know if his client’s case will be dropped or when he would be tried before a jury. The district atty could also decide to drop any of the cases for a lack of evidence, Bennett said. “I think they will run them through the grand jury,” he said. “I think (the district atty’s office) will use the grand jury to isolate themselves, which they do all the time.” Until a trial date is set or the case is dropped, Guajardo & his private Atty Edward Klein can’t do anything to move the case forward, Klein said. “We are in hurry up & wait mode,” he said. Jason Chambers, criminal investigator for the McLennan County Criminal District Atty’s Office, who is handling media requests related to the shooting cases, did not return calls by press time.

Guajardo was originally assigned to a court appointed defense Atty after proving to the judge he could not afford one, said Cathy Edwards, indigent defense coordinator for McLennan County, in a previous Daily Light article. Guajardo later hired Klein to replace his court-appointed Atty prior to his bond reduction agreement being finalized & was later released on a \$45,000 bond, which previously set at \$1 million, Klein said. “He was able to raise the funds to hire a private atty & wanted to do so,” Klein explained.

Bucy was released on a \$75,000 bond, also reduced from \$1 million, Bennett said. Their bond reduction agreements require both men to wear an ankle bracelet with a GPS tracking unit attached, both lawyers said. Guajardo does not have any travel restrictions, Klein said. Bucy’s agreement originally required him to remain in Ellis County, excluding court hearings in McLennan County or to meet with Bennett whose office is in Waco, Bennett said. “We have negotiated some to allow him to travel to adjacent counties for work,” Bennett said. Bucy is required to pay \$250 per month for the GPS unit himself, Bennett added.

Valencia was released on a \$100,000 bond & Lehman was released on \$75,000 bond, according to an article posted by the Waco Tribune-Herald.

Logan, released on June 8, & Fowler, released on May 30, both had their bond set at \$25,000, according to their attys.

How low the district atty was willing to drop each person’s bond depended on a variety of factors, Klein said. Klein is representing several clients arrested in connection to the shooting, he said. “It varied some depending on where they were from, where they worked & what club they were in,” he said. “All of my guys got \$45,000 except for one guy whose was \$50,000, because he had a prior conviction.” The men Klein represents are all part of The Desgraciados MC, Klein said, explaining the name means “the disgraced” in Spanish. The Desgraciados are a North Texas MC based in Dallas & consider themselves supporters of the Bandidos, he said. The Bandidos & the Cossacks biker clubs were the 2 clubs singled out as initiating the shooting in police reports. “When the Bandidos come to town, they (The Desgraciados) serve the drinks & clean up,” Klein said, adding that this association increased the bond amount required for his clients. Bucy’s bond was higher because he & others in the Ellis County MC, wear Cossacks jackets & patches, Bennett said. “Because he is affiliated with the Cossacks, they (the district atty’s staff) absolutely refused to go any lower,” he said. “They have identified the Cossacks as one of the primary groups. Overall, he (Bucy) felt pretty good about getting down to that level.”

Johnson ruled Tuesday Matthew Clendennen’s atty, Clint Broden, could view surveillance video from the Twin Peaks restaurant, but barred the video from public release. Clendennen is suing the McLennan County & Waco PD for unlawful detention. Broden filed a subpoena for the video last week, but the city of Waco filed a motion to quash it, saying it would interfere with the ongoing investigation. Johnson stated in the gag order he acted to prevent pretrial publicity from influencing potential jurors. Only 6 of the 177 people arrested in the shooting remain in jail.

New sign for my front door: Due to the Price Increase on Ammunition... Do Not Expect A Warning Shot! Thank you for your understanding...

Beat Goes On In Cali - July 2, 2015 – *California* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - The City of Palm Springs cancelled an annual biker rally called American Heat yesterday. The weekend event, which was scheduled to begin Oct 23, was cancelled because of fears that the desert resort might be asking to host the next Waco. A group called Palm Springs Resorts, which is very influential in the city's tourist industry, issued a statement that read, "After carefully listening to the Chief of Police about the potential growing threat of violence between rival gangs, it was necessary for PS Resorts to debate the historical merits of this event against the potential of people being injured due to violence that might potentially follow this event." The city agreed. City Manager Davis Ready said, "With the P.D. & other jurisdictions help that weekend, there is a cost to that, & it could be up to a \$100,000 additional cost either to the city or to Palm Springs Resorts or to the promoter to have the kinds of additional security. Given that the promoter couldn't come up with the additional funds we decided to take this year off." The event's promoter is a Reno company named Roadshows, Inc. American Heat was the largest but hardly the only tourist event scheduled for Palm Springs in October. The city still hopes to rake in tourist dollars with events like the Palm Springs Women's Jazz Festival & Palm Springs Leather Pride.

Hollister: Safety is also a concern in Hollister, Calif where the Hollister Freedom Rally, it is a new name, starts tomorrow. Hollister PD Chief David Westrick answered a series of questions on his blog that included: "Chief, what about Waco, Texas & the shooting last year at the rally?" "I fully brief the elected officials on many different public safety disciplines as it relates to our event each year before our event. I have done so this year as well. Ultimately they weigh the information we provide & also the concerns of their constituents. It is their decision completely. They also provide budget, vote on contracts/memoranda of understanding & a few attend our planning meetings. I can say they always make informed decisions." "Chief are you going to do anything different this year for public safety?" "No, not really different. We are adding a few things behind the scenes to enhance officer / patron safety & will probably have better communications features. Public safety is the #1 priority with our event." "Can I have my pocket knife with me at the rally?" "All weapons, tools, blunt instruments, mace / pepper spray or anything resembling a weapon are not allowed in the event area by ordinance. Best advice – leave them home or in your saddle bags." You can read more of Chief Westrick's blog here.

Free Fun: The Hollister Rally's current name is the invention of new promoter ConvExx. The event is "free " but \$100 will get you: Tickets to a concert by the Fabulous Thunderbirds tomorrow night; a concert by The Guess Who Saturday night; a tee shirt; a pin; a lunch; access to Hollister's new photo tower; 2 poker walks; an "Exclusive VIP Kickstand Plate;" a raffle ticket; & front of the line access for a chance to meet Tommy "Chibs" Flanagan & Mark "Bobby" Boone Junior of the television show Sons of Anarchy. Hollister Mayor Ignacio Velazquez is stoked & ready. He told Katie Helland of the Hollister Free Lance, "I just want to see people out there having a good time & talking positively about their experiences here, which I'm sure is what's going to happen. I'm looking forward to a good rally."

WacoGate - July 2, 2015 – *Texas* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com - Waco is leaking lies again. Detective Manuel Chavez has admitted to a defense atty that he perjured himself when he presented a fill in the name criminal complaint to

Justice of the Peace Walter H. "Pete" Peterson on May 18. Chavez presented the complaint which began, "Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared the affiant herein, a peace officer under the laws of Texas, who being duly sworn, on path made the following statements & accusations: "My name is Manuel Chavez & I am commissioned as a peace officer with the City of Waco by The State of Texas. I hereby state upon my oath that I have reason to believe & do believe that heretofore, & before the making & filing of this Complaint, that on or about May 17, 2015, in McLennan County, Texas, the said" (insert name here) "did then & there, as a member of a criminal street gang, commit or conspire to commit murder, capital murder, or aggravated assault, against the laws of the State."

No Evidence: Peterson, who is a lay justice of the peace & not a lawyer, then ordered 177 people held on bonds of \$1 million each. He explained the very high bail amounts by saying, "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." Chavez has admitted & public officials in Waco are aware, that Chavez had no evidence at all about virtually all of the defendants against whom he claimed to have probable cause. Chavez has also stated that he did not write the affidavit to which he swore. He has stated that it was written by "someone" in the District Atty's Office. The McLennan County District Atty is Abelino "Abel" Reyna. The County's Assistant District Attys are Michael Jarrett & Brandon Luce.

Culpability: Chavez has also admitted that Peterson told him to swear to all 177 complaints & did not individually review each complaint – presumably to save time. In Texas perjury may be either a Class A misdemeanor or a third degree felony. Felony perjury is punishable by a term of 2 to ten years in prison. The Aging Rebel believes that Reyna, Jarrett & Luce are all aware of the misconduct. Under the rules of professional responsibility that govern American Attys, lawyers are ethically bound to report the misconduct of other Attys & judges.

South Australia bikies protest at State Parliament against proposed new laws - July 4, 2015 – *Australia* - By Sheridan Holderhead; Perth Now; www.AdelaideNow.com.au - About 200 people, including members of outlaw motorcycle gangs, gathered on the steps of State Parliament to protest against the State Gov't's proposed anti-bikie laws. The Gov't wants politicians, rather than the courts, to have the power to declare clubs & groups "criminal organizations", which will trigger bans on associating & wearing club colors. The contingent — which included members of the Gypsy Jokers & Rebels who are targeted by the Gov't's laws as well as Ulysses, Longriders & Compadres — rode from a hotel in Port Adelaide to Parliament in a show of solidarity. Protest organizer Robert "Bear" Cameron, a member of the Gypsy Jokers for about 20 years, said the concerns were about the Gov't's push to take the authority for declarations away from the courts. "Why should it be up to politicians to make that decision when they can't get anything right, let alone know if someone is guilty or not," he said. Failed independent Upper House candidate Mark Aldridge & members of the Liberal Democrats & the Free Australia Party also spoke at the rally. The Gov't's legislation would declare 27 bikie gangs, including the Gypsy Jokers, Hells Angels, Mongols & Rebels illegal, with no avenue for appeal. Earlier this week, the Liberals revealed they would oppose that part of Labor's plan in favour of a system where politicians could make regulations outlawing gangs that were subject to judicial review. Debate will continue when Parliament sits again later this month.

Outlaw Motorcycle Groups' Efforts to Recruit Troops Worry Officials – July 6, 2015 – *Colorado* / U.S.A. – By The Gazette, Colorado Springs; www.Military.com - The Infidels MC, a group made up of troops, veterans & military contractors in Colorado Springs, drew attention recently with its pig roast to protest the holiest of Muslim holidays. While some people decried the club's gathering as tantamount to a KKK cross-burning, the group is not classified as an outlaw motorcycle group by authorities. But other, less- law-abiding motorcycle gangs are actively recruiting troops in the Pikes Peak region & worrying Fed agents, a Fed report obtained by the Gazette says. ATF Denver spokesman Chris Amon said his agency's concern over the interaction of troops & outlaw motorcycle gangs is obvious. "It always concerns us when people with specialized training in weapons & explosives is involved in a criminal enterprise," he said. Other experts say outlaw motorcycle life appeals to some troops. "I think it makes a natural draw for them," said Steve Cook, who heads the **Midwest Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association**. "You have to look at people in the military & fresh back from deployment -- they are into a warfare mentality." Even as the number of crimes involving troops & veterans continues to decline in the Pikes Peak region, the rising number of troops in the ranks of outlaw motorcycle gangs is setting off alarm bells. A May report from the ATF says outlaw MCs - Clubs known for criminal behavior - including the Sin City Deciples & others with chapters in Colorado Springs are pushing efforts to add troops to their ranks. "Since 2007, ATF & its LE partners, domestic & abroad, have discovered that documented OMG members have been employed as Fed employees & contractors, active-duty military, reservists & National Guardsmen," the report says. Colo Springs Police Lt. Mark Comte said local authorities are well aware of ties between the military & outlaw motorcycle gangs. "There are some that cater to the military that are of & for military," Comte said.

The Infidels: The Infidels are a growing club that has drawn the wary gaze of ATF. The agency says the club founded in 2006, with chapters near military bases nationwide, has been seen riding at events alongside notorious outlaw groups including the Hells Angels & Pagan's in other states. Police say the gang isn't considered outlaw, & isn't suspected of criminal ties. The Infidels, who didn't respond to numerous calls for comment, portray themselves as something far removed from outlaw gangs. "Infidels MC is a veteran-formed & -based MC for patriotic Americans & our supporting allies," the group says on its website. Sources familiar with the club say its leaders include several prominent Air Force Space Command contractors & a soldier from Fort Carson's 4th Combat Aviation Brigade -- people in positions of trust who carry security clearances. The group advertised the June barbecue as "in defiance of the Muslim holiday of Ramadan" on a flier that included comparisons of Muslim men to pedophiles. The anti-Islam rhetoric coming from people who appear to be on the Pentagon's payroll upsets Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations, the nation's largest Muslim rights group. "It would be great concern if these were members of the military or contractors, not because of the barbecue, but because of the extremist views it represents," Hooper said. The pig roast, while offensive, doesn't bother Hopper as much as the people behind it. It was a private, extremist party, he explained. The El Paso County Sheriff's Office kept a close eye on the event at the Infidels clubhouse near Peterson Air Force Base. A few dozen people gathered behind a guarded chain-link fence. The fence had a scrawled cardboard sign attached:

"Private Party No Media Beyond This Point." Sheriff's Lt. Rick McMorran said deputies were concerned that the party would draw protests from Islamic groups or worse from terror organizations. The barbecue's theme wasn't a L.E. concern, though. "From the standpoint of the Sheriff's Office, we don't get into the politics," McMorran said.

Outlaw groups: Other motorcycle groups in the Pikes Peak region have drawn closer scrutiny from police & deputies. Chief among them are the Sin City Deciples. One of the most serious recent tangles between the Deciples & LE happened last year. According to a police report, the Deciples & another motorcycle group called "Hells Lovers" got into a brawl at a Dayton St clubhouse in Aurora & a member of the latter group was shot & injured. Fort Carson Sgt. 1st Class Larry Morrison was arrested & charged in the shooting, but the case was dropped after witnesses refused to testify, authorities said. Morrison is now battling an Army discharge & claims he was never affiliated with the Deciples. In discharge paperwork the Army accused Morrison of a pattern of misconduct including affiliation with a banned group. Peter Page, an Aurora police detective, wrote in court papers that Morrison identified himself to officers as "Pres of the Colo Springs Chapter Sin City Deciples." A 2012 killing outside the Deciples' Colo Springs clubhouse is described in ATF's 40-page report on troops in outlaw motorcycle gangs. Virgil Means was shot & killed outside the building just west of downtown after he'd been thrown out & went back to retrieve his wallet. "Christopher 'Stone Cold' Mountjoy, an Army soldier & Sin City Disciples sergeant-at-arms, was convicted of manslaughter & sentenced to 21 years imprisonment," the report said. Three of the 4 men charged in Means' death were active-duty Fort Carson soldiers, including John Burrell & Eric Bartholomew. Several Deciples called as witnesses in the case were soldiers, too.

Recruiting troops: The ATF says more biker gangs nationwide are recruiting troops. The gangs, the report said "court active-duty military personnel & Gov't workers, both civilians & contractors, for their knowledge, reliable income, tactical skills & dedication to a cause." Two people familiar with the Colo Springs biker gang **Sons of Silence** said that group is pursuing soldiers & airmen with a new subgroup. "They call it the Silent Warriors, & it's almost entirely made up of active-duty troops," one of the sources said. Both sources requested anonymity out of fear of retribution. A source said the **Sons of Silence** recruitment of troops is driven by need. "They are an aging bunch," he said, explaining that soldiers & airmen will leave the ranks & add strength to a gang still dealing with the impacts of a Fed raid in 1999 that saw 39 members jailed. Police say it's no surprise that motorcycle gangs are seeking troops. "If you look at the history of outlaw motorcycle groups, they were started after World War II by soldiers," Comte said. And, with 40,000 active-duty troops in the Pikes Peak region, the military has plenty to offer the gangs. The ATF report says motorcycle gangs are accelerating efforts in the Rockies & across the country. "In states such as California, New Mexico, Colorado, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Connecticut, Pennsylvania & New York, OMG expansion is continuing at an increasing rate," the agency says in its report. Amon said one concern for his agency is that the troops recruited to outlaw gangs have clean criminal records -- felons aren't allowed in uniform -- & can act as firearm purchasing agents for outlaw gangs. "They'll have someone who can purchase weapons legally," Amon said.

Military crime down: The rise in military recruitment for motorcycle gangs comes as the number of crimes committed by military members plummets. The number of active-duty troops booked into the El Paso County jail topped out at 937 in 2011. Military bookings plunged after that, falling to 543 in 2014, according to data released to The Gazette by the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. According to documents obtained under the **Freedom of Info Act**, the number of Fort Carson soldiers involved in crime has tumbled, too. In 2012, soldiers were implicated in 2,916 criminal acts. In 2014, that number dropped to 1,224, documents show. The military credits the drop to crime-prevention programs, stiffer discipline in the ranks & a push to get wrong-doers out of uniform amid budget-driven downsizing by the Pentagon. But local military leaders aren't happy with what they see in the ATF report on motorcycle gang recruitment of troops. At Fort Carson, spokeswoman Dee McNutt said leaders want to keep troops out of outlaw clubs like the Deciples & away from groups with extremist views such as the anti-Muslim protest of the local Infidels chapter. "The Army has a longstanding policy regarding soldiers' participation in criminal organizations & extremist activities," McNutt wrote in response to Gazette questions. "Every commander has the inherent responsibility to enforce this policy & take appropriate action -- to include education & awareness training." At Air Force Space Command on Peterson Air Force Base, where several purported leaders of the Infidels work as contractors, a spokeswoman said joining an outlaw or extremist group can be a career-killer. Col. Kelly Thompson cited Pentagon regulations & Air Force instructions banning troops from those organizations. "What I can tell you is that military personnel should not participate in organizations that discriminate based on race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin & those who violate this prohibition are subject to disciplinary action," Thompson wrote. Space Command officials also said that employee conduct standards are built into contracts & contractors could face trouble if workers join extremist groups. Also, workers could lose their security clearances if they participate in extremist activities.

The allure of gangs: Cook, who heads the investigators association, said despite military rules, some troops will find the life of outlaw motorcycle gangs alluring. "The groups themselves have a lot of the structure similar to what the military has," Cook said. "They have foot soldiers & the chain of command. It's easy for guys to segue from one to the other." Comte said some outlaw motorcycle gangs are changing with time, eschewing crime for fellowship. "They evolved into what they are today," he said. "Some groups are still involved in that illegal activity, & some have become more of a social activity. Where they are at, at any time can be different now than it is in 6 or 7 months." The ATF, though, says motorcycle gangs remain on the rise in the ranks, at home & overseas. "OMG members continue to fly their colors while serving in Iraq, Afghanistan & destinations around the globe," the report said. Violence among motorcycle gangs is rising, too, the agency warned. Outlaw gangs are in a nationwide war for territory. Groups are jostling, fighting & sometimes killing to stake their claim, the ATF said. A recent example was a biker brawl in Waco, Texas, that left 9 people dead & led to 170 arrests. "As tensions escalate, brazen shootings are occurring in broad daylight," the agency wrote.

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Man admits destroying evidence in Hells Angels case - July 7, 2015 – *New York* - By Gary Craig; Rochester Democrat & Chronicle; www.DemocratAndChronicle.com - A Gates man has admitted that he destroyed a surveillance videotape that prosecutors say could have proved a member of the Hells Angels MC beat a man with a baseball bat. Timothy Stone, a 35-year-old Gates resident, pleaded guilty in Fed court in Rochester on Mon to assisting a racketeering crime - specifically, covering up proof of the assault. Stone also admitted to getting rid of the baseball bat. The assault happened 9 years ago at Spenders on Lyell Ave, but did not become the focus of a criminal prosecution until Fed prosecutors in 2011 made it the centerpiece of a racketeering case against members & associates of the Rochester chapter of the Hells Angels. Some defense lawyers contended that Fed prosecutors were overreaching, & turning an assault case into an opportunity to rupture the Hells Angels. Thousands of pages of court documents that have been filed or unsealed since the 2011 arrests show that the investigation has been far-reaching, with the FBI looking into allegations of methamphetamine dealing & murder plots. And in 2012, a new indictment alleged that 10 Hells Angels members & friends engaged in racketeering crimes & drug-dealing. Assit U.S. Atty Brett Harvey said in a news release that on May 31, 2006, a man at Spenders was assaulted with a baseball bat. "At the time, the bar was equipped with interior surveillance cameras that recorded the area where the assault occurred," the U.S. Attys Office said in its news release. "The surveillance recordings were stored on a computer hard drive. In the early morning hours on June 1, 2006, Stone — knowing that others had committed the assault with the baseball bat in aid of racketeering — went to Spenders, forcibly removed the hard drive & took it from the bar." Under the plea agreement & recommended sentencing guidelines, Stone faces 21 to 27 months in prison. His atty, Robert Wood, said that he plans to ask for probation at sentencing, now scheduled for Oct. 13. "He's gone through a lot of changes since this incident occurred," Wood said. "... He just wanted to move on & put it behind him." Stone's plea does not require him to testify against others. Stone was a friend of a Hells Angels member, but not a member himself, Wood said. Fed authorities allege that Hells Angels member Robert "Bugsy" Moran Jr. committed the assault. Harvey said at a 2011 hearing that the victim was overheard disparaging the Hells Angels at Spenders. Moran allegedly learned of the comments, went to the bar, & pummeled the man with a baseball bat. The beating victim has not been identified publicly. Stone's actions to get rid of the video helped prevent the assault from being solved quickly, Harvey said then. An informant told the FBI that Moran said the night of the beating, "Now you see what happens when you (expletive) with the Angels." Two men prosecutors have connected to the Hells Angels chapter - Richard Riedman & Paul Griffin - pleaded guilty last year to methamphetamine-related charges. Moran is not accused of any drug-related charges. His Atty, Scott Green, said he expects the criminal case to go to trial.

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