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Editor's Note: Currently I have worked on restarting and hopefully rejuvenation this newsletter. This newsletter is dear to my hear for having helped Brothers Behind Bars. We used to send over 350 copies to over 85 Motorcycle clubs, I would be honored if we could get this to every brother from ever club around the world.

Editor's Note: I would like to Thank every person who has helped me get these Newsletters ready to be mail...

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Editor's Note: If we don't work together on the culture we love then our grandkids might just be reading about us instead of riding like us !!!

We are starting this BBB newsletter anew, we are starting with a new idea, a new outlook. But it will still be the letter to get the news to the Brothers Behind Bars. I want everyone to understand that I operate on a open book and open mind. If you have anything you would like to add to this or to help with this, I will take any information. I am not saying it will always make it in. I am looking to add some more sections and possible some areas if any of the Brothers Behind Bars would like to write to me and add anything.

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- If we all do a little bit, Then no one has to do a lot...
- There can be no "I", there has to be "We"...
- One heart, One Voice...

Editor's Note: It is too hard to keep up with counts, But for your info here are the Clubs that use to get the Brothers Behind Bars Newsletter (**85 Clubs**) in Prison: Avengers, Bandidos, Banshees, Barons, **Black Pistons**, Boozefighters, BPM, Breed, Brother Speed, Brothers 8, Brotherhood Nomads, Brothers Of Wheels, Chosen Few, 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.

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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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This business is guarded by shotgun, 3 nights a week, you guess which 3...

SANTA ANA – A federal judge has rejected the U.S. government's unprecedented efforts to gain control of the prized patches that adorn the vests worn by the notorious Mongols motorcycle club, ruling that prosecutors attempts to seize control of the outlaw organization's trademarks are unconstitutional. The written ruling, released Thursday morning by U.S. District Judge David O. Carter, marks a setback for federal prosecutors who two months ago persuaded a Santa Ana jury to find the Southern California-based club guilty of racketeering. Attorneys for the Mongols described the ruling as a victory for all motorcycle clubs. At the center of the legal battle was control of the patches that depict the club's name and an illustration of a Ghengis Khan-type character with a ponytailed motorcycle rider wearing sunglasses. "The Mongols motorcycle club was able to defend the First Amendment for themselves and all motorcycle clubs," said Stephen Stubbs, an attorney for the Mongols. The U.S. Attorney's Office did not immediately comment on the ruling. Carter's ruling is unlikely to stand as the final word in a case that has drawn national attention. The first-of-its-kind effort to convict the Mongols organization, rather than specific members, of racketeering in order to strip members of their well-known insignia is almost certain to make its way before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and possibly to the U.S. Supreme Court. Carter upheld the racketeering conviction and tentatively agreed that the government can keep seized guns and ammunition from the Mongols. But he ruled that efforts to take control of the Mongols' insignia and patches violates the First Amendment's freedom of speech protection and the Eight Amendment's protection against cruel and unusual punishment. "Not everything repugnant is unconstitutional," Carter said. "And what does the government plan to do with the tattoos of the (Mongols' insignia and patch) on members' backs, arms and other body parts? ... That certain individual members fo the Mongol Nation displayed the symbols while committing violent crimes or were rewarded with other patches for the commission of crimes does not justify the government's attempts to bootstrap a conviction of the motorcycle club into censorship of uncharged members or supporters." Attorneys for the Mongols have described the patches that adorn members' leather "cuts" as the organization's "Holy Grail," and they have said that the government taking control of them would mark a "death penalty" for the group. "I'm happy that this is not a death sentence here," said Attorney Joseph Yanny, who represented the Mongols in the racketeering trial. "But I don't like the fact the club has been labeled a criminal organization." Prosecutors have argued that taking the Mongols' trademark is the only way to stop the "cycle of crime" committed by club members. The Mongols have countered that the crimes were committed by "bad apples" who are no longer involved in the club. In December, jurors agreed that the Mongols organization engaged in drug trafficking, vicious assaults and murder. Much of the violence – which included attacks, some fatal, in bars and restaurants in Hollywood, Pasadena, Merced, La Mirada, Wilmington and Riverside – was tied to a decades-long rivalry between the Mongols and the Hells Angels motorcycle club.

I Smile Because You've All Finally Driven Me Insane...
I Prefer Dangerous Freedom over Peaceful Slavery...
I rode mine; Trailering your bike is a sickness...

By Associated Press WACO, Texas — No one will be convicted or otherwise held accountable for the 2015 shootout between rival biker gangs in Waco restaurant parking lot that left nine people dead and at least 20 injured, prosecutors in Central Texas said Tuesday. In a statement announcing all charges will be dropped in the deadliest biker shooting in U.S. history, McLennan County District Attorney Barry Johnson said any further effort to prosecute the case would be a "waste of time, effort and resources." "In my opinion, had this action been taken in a timely manner, it would have, and should have, resulted in numerous convictions and prison sentences against many of those who participated in the Twin Peaks brawl," Johnson said. "Over the next three years the prior district attorney failed to take that action, for reasons that I do not know to this day." The shooting outside of a Twin Peaks bar involved rival biker gangs, the Bandidos and Cossacks, and occurred as bikers from various groups were gathering to talk over matters of concern. Fights and gunfire broke out. Waco police officers monitoring the gathering also fired on the bikers, killing at least two. Surveillance footage showed many bikers running from the scene and ducking for cover after gunshots rang out. A smaller number could be seen pointing and firing weapons, slinging a chain or participating in fistfights. Law enforcement officers recovered dozens of firearms, knives and other weapons from the restaurant and adjacent parking lot, many of which officers organized indiscriminately into piles on the pavement and in the back of a police vehicle, dash-cam video showed. Law enforcement officials took the extraordinary step of arresting 177 bikers after the shooting, then charged 155 of them with engaging in organized criminal activity. Many were held on a \$1 million bond. Former District Attorney Abel Reyna ultimately dropped charges against all but 24 and re-indicted them on riot charges. Those were the cases that came to an end Tuesday. Only one case was prosecuted in court and that ended in a mistrial. More than 100 bikers have filed civil rights lawsuits alleging McLennan County, the city and others violated the plaintiffs' civil rights by arresting them without probable cause after the shooting. "It's a travesty that so many people were rounded up and then investigated, instead of vice versa," Mark Snodgrass, president of the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, said Tuesday. "A lot of these people's lives were put on hold for four years." In a statement, Reyna said he disagrees "with the overall result as well as several statements and accusations within Mr. Johnson's press release; however, it is solely his decision on how to proceed with any case in the District Attorney's Office."

Civil rights suits filed against officials in Twin Peaks case

Six bikers implicated in the deadly May 17 Twin Peaks shootout have filed civil rights lawsuits against Waco and McLennan County officials.

Dallas attorneys Clint Broden and Don Tittle filed the suits Tuesday night and Wednesday on behalf of bikers Matthew Clendennen, Robert Bucy, George Bergman, Noe Adame, John Vensel and Jorge Salinas.

The lawsuits, filed in an Austin federal court, allege the bikers' civil rights were violated because they claim they were falsely arrested after the shootout. They claim their rights to due process under the law were violated.

The lawsuit names as defendants McLennan County District Attorney Abel Reyna, Waco Police Chief Brent Stroman, Waco police Detective Manuel Chavez and a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper referred to in the lawsuit as "John Doe."

Reyna, Stroman and Chavez did not return phone calls Wednesday.

"In the aftermath of the incident at Twin Peaks, defendants Stroman, Reyna and Chavez apparently concluded that the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution ceased to apply and could be ignored, given what they perceived as an immediate need to announce the re-establishment of law and order in their town," Broden said, adding he expects "numerous" other civil rights lawsuits to be filed on behalf of other bikers.

The lawsuits allege that Reyna, Stroman and Chavez conspired to see that 177 bikers were arrested on identical engaging in organized criminal activity charges with little evidence other than the fact that they all were bikers, were wearing vests indicating which group they are associated with and had gathered for a biker coalition meeting when the shootout erupted, killing nine and wounding 20.

'Absence of facts' "Rather than investigating the incident and relying on actual facts to establish probable cause, defendants theorized that a conspiracy of epic proportion between dozens of people had taken place and willfully ignored the total absence of facts to support their 'theory,'" the lawsuit alleges.

Vensel, of Collin County, is a member of the Vaqueros Motorcycle Club of Dallas County, the lawsuit says.

Adame, of Dallas County, is a security officer and a member of the Desgraciados Motorcycle Club of Kaufman County.

Bergman, of Dallas County, is also a member of the Desgraciados Motorcycle Club, the suit says.

The Vaqueros and Desgraciados are support clubs of the Bandidos.

Clendennen, of Hewitt, is a Scimitar; while Bucy and Salinas, of Ellis and Lampasas counties, respectively, are both Cossacks, according to the lawsuit.

The Scimitars are a Cossacks support club.

Thomas “Grub” Freeland, Jr., a founder of the Warlocks Motorcycle Club, died last week near Columbia, South Carolina.

Freeland grew up in Lockhart, Florida, north of Orlando and enlisted in the Navy in 1965 when he was at 17. He spent nine months assigned to the USS Tutuila in support of Naval and Army operations in the Mekong Delta and 29 months aboard the USS Shangri-La.

Freeland, and 12 other sailors, founded the Warlocks while aboard the Shangri-La. He founded the Orlando, mother chapter of the club when he got home. In his later years he moved to his father’s home town in South Carolina.

Freeland owned more than 30 Harley-Davidson motorcycles in his life.

In addition to his brothers in the Warlock Nation, he is survived by his wife Cindy; his son Thomas Morton Freeland III, his grandson, his sister Fran Strawn and his brother Mike,

Harry Joseph “Taco” Bowman, a former regional president, national vice-president and ultimately the international president of the American Outlaws Association from 1984 until 1997, died after a long illness at the Federal Medical Center, Butner near Durham, North Carolina., passed away, Sunday, March 3, 2019. He was born in Marysville, Michigan on July 17, 1949 to his parents, Harry Joseph & Geraldine Bowman who have preceded him in death along with his brother, John Patrick Bowman. Harry is survived by 3 siblings, Peter Bowman, David Bowman, and Sharon Lamar; 3 daughters, Kellie (Brian) Weddle, Krystin (Jonathan) Bagwell, and Kortney Bowman; grandchildren, Steven & Justin Osgood, and Malin & Roman Bagwell; 6 great-grandchildren also, several nieces, nephews, and thousands of Brothers worldwide. Harry served as the International President of the Outlaws MC. He was a loving father, grandfather, Badass Outlaw, and True 1%er.

The Hells Angels have been vacating their notorious East Village clubhouse and residence in recent days, an exodus spurred by the apparent transfer of their six-story building to a buyer. The new owner, Nathan Blatter, president of the Whitestone Realty Company in Brooklyn, said he was not available for immediate comment. So where are the fearsome self-styled bad boys heading on their Harley hogs after 50 years at 77 E. Third St.?” “We don’t know,” said a lean, longhaired member of the famed outlaw motorcycle club. As he moved packing material out through the clubhouse door over the weekend, he shielded his face from this reporter’s camera. Two motorcycles belonging to Angels were parked outside. Across the street was a bright orange pickup truck splashed with yellow lightning bolts and the words “Hell Bound” pierced with a pitchfork symbol on its tailgate. A pickup truck parked across the street from the Hells Angels E. Third St. clubhouse this past weekend. Maybe it’s an official Hells Angels’ moving truck? Last Thursday, The Villager rang the bell on the clubhouse door repeatedly after learning the Angels were leaving. Finally, a muscular biker of middle age came outside, his face nearly covered by a sock cap and huge sunglasses. “No pictures,” he said, declining a request to pose for a photograph. “But you can take photos of the clubhouse if you want.” Was he going to miss it? “Of course, I’m going to miss it,” the black-clad biker replied as he walked west toward Second Ave.

The building has some distinctive touches. The ground floor’s red-brick facade bears the Angels “death’s head” insignias. There’s also plaque commemorating deceased club president “Big Vinnie” Girolamo, along with his motto, “When in doubt, knock ‘em out.” The rotund biker died in 1979 before he could stand trial for allegedly throwing his girlfriend Mary Ann Campbell off the roof of the clubhouse to her death, reportedly because he believed she was an F.B.I. informant.

The federal government tried for years to shut down the clubhouse under a 1984 law that allows seizure of properties used for drug trafficking. In 1985, it was one of 12 “H.A.” hangouts raided by F.B.I. agents across the country. The G-men arrested 15 New York City members and confiscated drugs like cocaine. The incident and the resulting convictions became part of an unsuccessful 1994 civil lawsuit by the government to take over the East Village clubhouse. All that, of course, was a long time ago. Several newcomers to the East Village seem to revere the Angels as heroes. A Hells Angels New York City Chapter member did not want his photo taken as he helped pack things up last weekend as the club was vacating its longtime E. Third St. clubhouse.

Three teenage female students who live in a dormitory run by the New York City Conservatory for the Dramatic Arts, at 81 E. Third St., said they would miss the bikers’ presence on the block. “I won’t be able to tell my friends anymore that I live next door to the Hells Angels,” one said, plaintively. Nina Holton, 18, a Barnard student who was photographing Angels motorcycles on Saturday, said her mother lives on E. Third St. “She’s upset and sad that they are leaving,” Holton said. “She feels they added character to the neighborhood and now they’ll be replaced by some developer who’ll build condos.” Holton believes the Angels helped keep the neighborhood safe and provided a sense of community. “I’d pass the clubhouse late at night, and a couple of them would be outside and they’d nod,” she recalled. “They were like eyes on the street.” Others on the block are clearly terrified of them. “They’re known for being menacing and they cultivate that image,” said a longtime block resident who asked only to be identified as a community activist. She claimed the Angels had “assaulted” a friend of hers and her boyfriend’s. “I try to stay as far away from them as possible,” she said. “It’s a myth that they make neighborhoods safe.”

The woman noted that the Angels have become known recently for “ridiculous disputes over parking spaces and their stupid cones” used to reserve public spaces as their own. “One of them shot someone in the stomach over a parking cone,” she said. She was referring to now-deceased Angel prospect Anthony Iovenitti, who was accused of shooting David Martinez, 25, in the early-morning hours of December 2016. A rumble erupted after Martinez had gotten out of his Mercedes-Benz to move an orange cone blocking his car’s way. Assault and weapons possession charges were dismissed against Iovenitti after he died at 52 of an aneurysm during a motorcycle trip in 2017. Captain John L. O’Connell, commanding officer of the Ninth Precinct, said there were “no interactions” with the club since his arrival last year “except for one short fight.” In that instance, a 22-year-old deliveryman was sucker-punched in the face for parking in front of the clubhouse in late December 2018, according to the Daily News. O’Connell noted that his cops have taken away the Angels’ cones “because they’re not allowed to reserve spots on a public street.”

Criminal defense lawyer Ron Kuby has represented members of the club for years. He dismissed claims by some in law enforcement that the Hells Angels are into rackets and operate like organized crime. "Think of it as a church," he said of the group. "Members of clergy who violate the law don't make the church a criminal enterprise." The New York City Hells Angels are actually incorporated in New York State as the Church of the Angels, a nonprofit religious organization. That name was used when club members purchased the property in 1977, for a reported \$1,900. The moniker was used again last year in a preliminary memorandum of contract to sell the property to 77 East Third LLC, a limited-liability company linked to the aforementioned Nathan Blatter, EV Grieve reported last month. A 2013 court dispute over a deceased Angel president, Sandy Alexander, who had held title to the deed, was settled last year, apparently leading to a sale.

Kuby said he doesn't know the buyer or the club's current president "and I have no authorization to speak to the press with regard to the business sale." He also couldn't provide a "nose count" on the number of members in the club. He only said that most of them are just "looking to be left alone and to ride motorcycles with their colleagues."

FORMER Bandidos Centro chapter president George Bejat cried "I'm innocent" as he walked from a Brisbane court on bail over allegations, he and his housemate extorted a celebrity hairdresser. Bejat, 27, and former Bandidos sergeant-at-arms Zivko Stojakovic, 27, were granted bail by magistrate John McGrath today after they were last week charged with extortion over their part in an alleged bikie racket in June, July and September last year. The pair were arrested at their Fortitude Valley home. Thirteen other accused gang members and associates were also arrested in police raids at Logan, Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The duo today left Brisbane Magistrates Court with another former Bandido gang member, Grigori Kossian, who bolted from the court's front doors as his mates strolled out wearing the clothes, they were arrested in. Police alleged the former bikies were hired by a building company to collect outstanding debts from Brisbane hairdresser Fadi Haddad after he was late to pay them for fitting out a hairdressing salon on the Gold Coast. The court heard Mr Haddad told police he was "tardy" in repaying the work done because it was of "poor quality". Mr McGrath granted bail on numerous grounds, including on the basis of questions raised about the credibility of Mr Haddad as a witness given his own criminal history "I'm of the opinion the defendants may be convicted, they may not, it is impossible to go beyond that not having seen Mr Haddad give evidence," he said. Police prosecutor Sgt Adrian Lang opposed bail on the grounds the applicants would endanger the welfare of the public and be a risk of interfering with witnesses. Barrister Michael Byrne QC said both Bejat and Stojakovic had minimal criminal history and resigned from the Bandidos through lawyer Peter Shields in October 2013. Mr Byrne said six months had passed since the duo committed the alleged offences and there had been no evidence of any interference with witnesses. The pair were in a "show cause" situation because of their alleged association with a criminal organization under anti-bikie legislation. The court heard Bejat and Stojakovic owned and directed two companies in Brisbane, including a tattoo parlor on Milton's Park Rd cafe strip. The pair will reappear for committal call-over on April 28.

-Hundreds of mourners including motorcycle club members from around the world turned out to say farewell to much-loved biker Ollie Jennings. Crayford came to a standstill on Friday as a cavalcade of

bikers accompanied Mr Jennings' hearse through the town for "Ollie's Last Ride". It went from the Duke's Head to a service at Kemnal Park, Chislehurst, and back for a burial service at St Paulinus Church. Mr Jennings died aged 25 in a crash on the A228 Peninsula Way, near Hoo, last month, leaving family and friends devastated. But his funeral was testament to his popularity in Crayford and further afield, with motorbike clubs travelling from as far as Australia to pay their respects. Clubs in attendance included the Chosen Few from Belgium, No Name from Denmark, the Coffin Cheaters from Australia and Norway, as well as Hells Angels, Vikings, Road Rats, Iron Horses, Red Devils, F.U.B MC, Renegade MC and Mr Jennings' own club Commitatus MC. Mr Jennings' family said they were heartbroken over their loss, and Ollie - a son, brother, uncle, cousin, grandson, friend, and boyfriend - would be sadly missed by everyone who knew him. His mum Pam, step-dad Jim, and sister Emma, thanked family and friends for their support, and added: "The volume of people on Friday spoke for the man himself, Mummy's big little soldier." They gave special mention to Red Scaffolding, LARRY'S YC, Master Tattooers, Flaming Art, GB Tattoo, Bexley Rugby Club, and Invicta Boxing for cards, messages, flowers, letters, love and support; and furthermore, thanked everyone for allowing the family privacy at an exceptionally sad time. As well as all the bike clubs in attendance, there was further help from the National Chopper Club Kent, which provided outriders for "Ollie's Last Ride" and the Coffin Cheaters MC, which paid for Ollie's memorial stone. Mr Jennings' family were able to host many mourners at their own pub, the Duke's Head, but thanked The One Bell, Crayford Arms, The Bear and Ragged Staff, and Penny Farthing for accommodating others and helping to celebrate Ollie's life. A moving service included readings and poems from Ollie's family, the "Viking Prayer" and music including Free Bird by Lynyrd Skynyrd, Hey Brother by Avicii, The Sound of Silence by Disturbed, and Highway to Hell by AC/DC. Posting on Facebook on Friday Renegade MC wrote: "Today we say goodbye to Ollie of Commitatus MC, taken too soon but he left an impression on many lives. "He was well liked and respected by this club, energy of the youth with the heart of the old school, he will be sorely missed. Our condolences go out to his family, friends and his brothers worldwide. "We'll see you in Valhalla my friend!"

Three men who police identify as members of Sons of Silence motorcycle gang have been arrested in connection with an attack on a member of a rival motorcycle gang in a Rock Springs bar. According to a release from the PD, cops were called to the Saddle Lite Saloon around 3 p.m. Monday, where they found Bradley Chrisman bleeding from the head. Chrisman told officers that he is an enforcer for the Bad 7 motorcycle gang and that he was wearing his gang patch while sitting at the bar. Chrisman told police Cory Rutherford walked up and started hitting him, saying "give me your cuts or I will kill you." The word "cuts" is slang for the vest that has a gang member's patch on it. Taking away a biker's "cuts" is considered the worst possible insult among biker gangs, according to police. Two other men identified as 40-year-old Matthew Wedgewood and 34-year-old Nicholas Hanson joined in the attack. The three were all allegedly members of the Sons of Silence. Chrisman told police he was afraid for his life, so he gave up his "cuts" to stop the attack. Chrisman and several witnesses told police the three men left the bar with the vest as well as a .38 Special snub nose revolver and the key to Chrisman's motorcycle. The three men were arrested at various locations in Rock Springs and are facing charges including robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, accessory to commit robbery and intimidation.

WOONSOCKET, R.I. — A year-long investigation by the Rhode Island State Police culminated Wednesday with more than 150 investigators swarming through northwestern Rhode Island seizing guns, drugs and arresting 49 people, many of them associated with motorcycle clubs that authorities feared were trying to establish turf in Rhode Island. The arrests were made in a coordinated series of pre-dawn raids that involved the use of explosive devices to breach heavily fortified building, an armored truck and battering ram to break down doors; and dozens of heavily armed SWAT team members and other officers, according to State Police Supt. Col. Ann C. Assumpico. She said the raids were conducted without incident. The investigation, dubbed Operation Patched Out, began last May after detectives received information that “some of the most violent motorcycle gangs in the country were establishing local chapters in northwestern Rhode Island.” The state police identified them as members of The Pagans and Kryptmen, who were “allegedly involved in gun and drug trafficking” and well as other illicit crimes. Through electronic surveillance and court-ordered wiretaps, state police investigators intercepted thousands of phone conversations and text messages while collecting other evidence detailed in a 1,300-page affidavit used to secure warrants for almost 30 different searches. The investigation revealed that the suspects were involved in “large scale gun and drug trafficking” and the widespread theft of stolen ATVs, lawn tractors, snow blowers and other equipment, as well as “fraudulent mortgage and bank activity,” said Lt. Col. Joseph Philbin. Assumpico said the operation was believed to be the “single largest takedown in Rhode Island State Police history.” Philbin, who spearheaded the investigation, said the motorcycle gangs had been involved in numerous acts of violence, including three shootings that had never been reported to law enforcement. At one point, he said, detectives learned one of the alleged gang members was en route to commit murder. The suspect was arrested at a motor vehicle stop near the alleged victim’s house and detectives seized a loaded 9-mm pistol. The suspect remains held behind bars. State police spokeswoman Laura Meade Kirk said the operation resulted in the seizure of 53 illegal guns as well as a large quantity of marijuana, crack, cocaine and heroin. Philbin said the authorities also seized silencers and a rocket launcher. According to a news release, more than 150 law enforcement officers — including members of the state police, along with federal, state and local police agencies — conducted a series of coordinated, simultaneous raids shortly before 4 a.m. Wednesday. Search warrants were executed at 29 locations in Woonsocket, Burrillville, Chepachet, North Smithfield and Warwick, Rhode Island; as well as Bellingham, Blackstone, Charlton, Milford, Massachusetts. The arrests included the presidents of the Massachusetts Pagans and the Rhode Island Pagans motorcycle gangs, authorities said. One leader was charged with more than 230 counts, according to Attorney General Peter F. Kilmartin.

club in a bar hour earlier by making fun of them, spitting on their vests, and hitting on the girlfriend of a senior member. A second man, whose name is banned from publication for now, has also been charged with Porter’s murder and will go to trial at a later date.

“From my experience as a forensic investigator, I know that in situations where there’s a lot of blood-letting, it’s very hard to contain the blood. I had been present at Mr. Porter’s autopsy and I knew his manner of death. I knew there would have been a lot of blood.” — RCMP Cpl. Kelly Lee

RCMP Cpl. Kelly Lee, a forensic identification specialist, took the stand Thursday morning, and reviewed photos she had taken as she assisted at Porter’s autopsy in the days following his death. Lee pointed out numerous wounds on Porter’s back, shoulders, arms, hands, and neck, most of them identical punctures. Under questioning by Crown prosecutor Erin Matthews, Lee listed the samples and items taken during the autopsy, including the clothes Porter had been wearing at the time of his death. Lee also showed the jurors a rectangular cardboard box, then opened it and took out a foldable knife, decorated with a blue stone and an inlaid image of an eagle. The blade, which measured a little under 1.5 inches at its widest part, glinted as Lee demonstrated how the folding mechanism worked. The police officer said she had been told by other investigators the knife had been found in a stream. Though fingerprints can remain viable on certain objects in water, none were retrieved from the knife, she explained, and it was then boxed and sent to the RCMP’s national forensic lab for DNA testing.

“We’ve been told through disclosure that the knife was found by a civilian who took it to police and was told to put it back in the stream. Do you have any knowledge of that?” defense lawyer Randy Piercey asked Lee upon cross-examination. She said she didn’t. Lee told the court she had also been in charge of a search at the Vikings Motorcycle Club headquarters in Cupids a week after Porter’s death, explaining the clubhouse appeared to be a converted old gas station with a banner on the outside, identifying it as belonging to the Vikings. The windows of the building were blacked out, she said, and the interior was essentially an open space containing a bar, a pool table, some seating and a couple of motorcycles. “I was instructed to look in particular for blood that may have transferred,” Lee said, since investigators believed Porter’s killers might have travelled from the crime scene to the clubhouse. “From my experience as a forensic investigator, I know that in situations where there’s a lot of blood-letting, it’s very hard to contain the blood. I had been present at Mr. Porter’s autopsy and I knew his manner of death. I knew there would have been a lot of blood.” Traces of blood were found on a doorknob, the door lock, the inside lower part of the door, on the outside of a garbage bin and on a bottle of Spray Nine, Lee testified. Also seized were Vikings colors - leather vests with the club’s patches on them - as well as a Bic lighter that had been located in a duffel bag behind a furnace and found to contain traces of blood. RCMP Const. Michael Nippard, who was the evidence custodian during the investigation into Porter’s death, showed the lighter and one of the vests to the court, and explained the chain of custody of all pieces of evidence seized during the murder investigation. Piercey questioned Lee about the week that had passed between Porter’s death and the search of the clubhouse, and the effect such a delay could have when it comes to retrieving evidence in general. RCMP Const. Michael Nippard, who served as evidence custodian during the police investigation into the murder of Dale Porter, shows a plastic evidence bag containing Vikings Motorcycle Club colours: a leather vest with Vikings patches, seized from the Vikings clubhouse in Cupids. Lee said although it isn’t an ideal situation, especially if the site is in use with people coming and going and objects possibly being moved, useful evidence could still be collected. Piercey also asked Lee about a white powder and a rolled-up \$5 bill seen in one of the photos taken inside the club. Lee said she had not identified the powder as part of her mandate. Earlier in the day,

St. John Canada...A hand. An arm still bearing a hospital bracelet. A toe tag. A shoulder with a recognizable tattoo. It wasn't easy stuff for family members of Dale Porter to see in Supreme Court Wednesday. The contents of his jeans pocket. A blue Helly Hansen jacket, cut by paramedics' scissors. A black T-shirt full of holes, worn the night Porter was fatally stabbed. Porter's loved ones were emotional, dabbing their eyes with tissues and comforting each other as photos from his autopsy were presented, but they did not leave the courtroom, determined to see to the end the trial of one of the men accused of his murder. Allan Potter, 55, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Porter - a 39-year-old fisherman and father of two - and leaving him in his North River driveway in the early morning hours of June 29, 2014. The motive for the murder, according to the Crown, was revenge for Porter having disrespected members of the Vikings biker

another forensic identification specialist, RCMP Sgt. Michael Wyllie, wrapped up the testimony he had begun on Wednesday. Wyllie described how he had examined a Birch Hills Taxi van for evidence and had taken a number of swabs from red stains on the vehicle's interior that had tested positive for blood. He said he sent them to the lab for DNA analysis. On cross-examination, Piercey questioned Wyllie about his focus on certain items in photos and a video he had taken at Porter's residence. Piercey showed the police officer a still image of Porter's kitchen table, taken from the video. Beer bottles, a mostly empty flask of rum, a two-litre bottle of Pepsi and a cigarette package were visible in the photo, along with other items, which Piercey alleged were marijuana and two syringes. Wyllie said he couldn't tell from the photo if they were syringes, and he had not made any note of syringes at the time. He hadn't collected the items as evidence since it was outside of his mandate for the murder investigation. However, two bags of white powder and a set of scales that had been found on Porter's kitchen counter were seized by other investigators, he said. "If it were a drug investigation and you were sent to a drug dealer's house, would it have been part of your mandate (to seize the alleged syringes and marijuana)?" Piercey asked. "Absolutely," Wyllie replied. Potter's trial is expected to continue this morning with testimony from an Ottawa-based DNA expert who was involved in the examination of evidence collected during the murder investigation.

PORTLAND, OR (KPTV) – Six members and associates of the Gypsy Joker Outlaw Motorcycle Club have been charged by a federal grand jury, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office - District of Oregon. The five-count superseding indictment includes charges of racketeering, kidnapping and murder. Those charged include: Kenneth Earl Hause, 61 of Aumsville, who is the GJOMC National President, Mark Leroy Dencklau, 58 of Woodburn, Earl Deverle Fisher, 48 of Gresham, Ryan Anthony Negrinelli, 36 of Gresham, Joseph Duane Folkerts 61 of Battleground

A sixth defendant was not named. All are members and associates of the club and are charged with conspiring to conduct and participate in the activities of a racketeering enterprise. With the exception of Hause, the U.S. Attorney's Office said the other five defendants also face charges of murder in aid of racketeering, kidnapping in aid of racketeering resulting in death, kidnapping resulting in death and conspiracy to commit kidnapping resulting in death for the June 30 to July 2, 2015 kidnapping and murder of Robert Huggins. Huggins was a former GJOMC member and resident of southeast Portland. The five defendants are accused of killing Huggins to maintain and increase their positions in the criminal club. "According to the indictment, since at least 2003, the Gypsy Jokers have engaged in a wide range of crimes, including kidnapping, murder, drug dealing, robbery, extortion, and witness tampering," said Assistant Attorney General Benczkowski. "Thanks to the efforts of ATF, the Portland Police Department, and federal prosecutors, we will work hard to hold accountable the leaders and members of this brutal and highly organized gang for their alleged crimes." "Kenneth Hause is the leader of a criminal organization that, through its many chapters and support clubs, has sowed violence and intimidation throughout the Pacific Northwest. This is an organization whose members and associates pride themselves on living outside the law and use kidnapping, assault, murder and other forms of violence to extend and maintain their power.

Kenneth Hause and his co-defendants will soon face the consequences of their crimes thanks to a seamless partnership of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies," said U.S. Attorney for Oregon Billy J. Williams. The superseding indictment states the GJOMC preserves,

promotes and protects its power, territory and profits through violence and intimidation as well as enriches its members through extortion, robbery and the distribution of narcotics. According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, the GJOMC is known for using fear through its members and associates as a tactic for establishing and maintaining its power. Additionally, the club oversees several support clubs in both Oregon and Washington, including the Road Brothers Northwest Motorcycle Club, Solutions Motorcycle Club, Northwest Veterans Motorcycle Club, High-Side Riders, and the Freedom Fellowship Motorcycle Club. The U.S. Attorney's Office said Dencklau, Fisher and Tiler Evan Pribbernow, 37 of Portland, were first charged in a four-count indictment. Pribbernow pleaded guilty to a single of conspiring to conduct and participate in the activities of a racketeering enterprise on November 7, 2018. Dencklau and Fisher are detained pending trial. Along with the criminal charges brought against the five named defendants in the superseding indictment, the government is seeking forfeiture of a property in Salem that is used as a GJOMC clubhouse.

SPEEGLEVILLE, TX (KXXV) - A China Spring woman is thanking a motorcycle club after she was stranded on the side of the road in Speegleville with her son who has special needs. Ashley Ballew was heading to Waco on Highway 6 a few weeks ago to take her son, Benjamin, to therapy. Benjamin has cerebral palsy. "My van overheated. So I pulled over," Ballew said. Smoke was coming out of the hood of the car. When she opened the hood, there was brown liquid everywhere. "We sat there for about 10-15 minutes to cool off. I was going to drive it somewhere because I didn't know what else to do," Ballew said. "I put it in drive and it didn't go anywhere." Ballew called a tow truck but it was a hot day, and the van was starting to overheat. She decided to get Benjamin out of the car but ran into a problem. "The ramp went straight at an angle in the ditch and the weeds were to my waist," Ballew said. She tried to get Benjamin out several different times, but nothing was working. "I felt helpless. I didn't know what to do," Ballew said. Little did she know; help was just a few hundred feet away at K&W Bar and Grill right off Highway 6. "I saw her struggling and that didn't sit well with me," Pablo Ramos III said. Ramos and a few other guys in the bar, including the owner, noticed Ballew struggling to get Ben out of the car. They rushed over to help. "I look up and I see three men coming from the access road yelling, 'Stop! Wait,'" Ballew said. The men picked up Benjamin's chair and carried him across the access road to get to the air-conditioned building to wait for the tow truck. But the next day, Ramos couldn't stop thinking about what happened. "It was just tugging at my heart strings. I just didn't like the situation she was in," Ramos said. Ramos said he was raised by a single mother, too. He wanted to do something he hoped someone would do for his mom in that situation. He decided he wanted to donate money and went to the other members of the Boozefighters motorcycle club to see if they wanted to help, too. They did. The motorcycle club collected \$600 and the owner of K&W Bar and Grill wanted to help, so he donated \$500. The group didn't know how to contact the mother and son, so they posted on social media. Thanks to mutual friends, they found them. The men were able to hand-deliver the \$1,100 to Ashley and Ben to help with the cost of the repairs for the van. "I was just floored that there are still people out there who are willing to do those kinds of things for someone they don't even know," Ballew said. "We did what anybody would do, what any normal person would do. Just help somebody," Ramos said.

The Soul Brothers Motorcycle Club took issue Thursday with allegations that the group was responsible for a weekend shooting incident at a Fresno Motel 6 in which three people were wounded. Fresno Police Chief Jerry Dyer said Wednesday that shortly after 2 a.m. Sunday multiple people began firing weapons in the motel parking lot at Olive and Crystal avenues. Three people were wounded and taken to a hospital by a party bus. The shooting happened as hundreds of motorcyclists from Northern and Southern California were in town, part of a "halfway run," event. Motorcycle clubs come to Fresno every spring and fall in the events, which have been taking place for decades. Eric Duarte, president of the Merced chapter of the Soul Brothers, said "We had nothing (going on) on Olive and (Highway) 99. Absolutely nothing. "We rented a hall, we had security — we had all that. Everything that happened on Olive and 99 is the responsibility of Motel 6. They allowed the bikers to have a party in the parking lot with no security — nothing." Efforts to obtain a response from Motel 6 to the allegations were unsuccessful. A manager at the Olive and Crystal motel referred The Bee to Motel 6's corporate office, which did not respond. In a written statement, Duarte added: "I would like to respond to Chief Dyer's statement about the Soul Brothers' involvement in the shooting ... Let me start by saying our club held a two-day event in west central Fresno and Roeding Park. Both days were a success due in part to the large number of security officers hired for these events. That being said, the Soul Brothers Motorcycle Club had no involvement in what took place Saturday night at Motel 6. Nor were any club members even staying at that motel. Instead of placing responsibility on us, it should be placed on Motel 6. "People who attend our gatherings generally come from several hundred, if not thousands, of miles away to attend. They keep coming year after year because they enjoy what Fresno has to offer. "The problem is not violence on the motorcycle club scene, it's violence around Fresno. There are news reports of shootings every day in Fresno. We seem to be used as a scapegoat when the shooting took place on our weekend, even though it was nowhere near our event and no one in our club was identified to be involved. "We reached out to Fresno Police Department (Officer Campos) weeks prior to our event and there was no response." The Soul Brothers have 12 chapters in five states. The club embraced a multiethnic makeup decade ago when most motorcycle clubs were racially divided, as featured on the club's patch of a black arm with clenched fist crossed with a similar white arm.

Senior Moment: Several days ago, as I left a meeting; I desperately gave myself a personal TSA pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets or my purse. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. His theory is that the car will be stolen. As I burst through the door, I came to a terrifying conclusion. His theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, & that it had been stolen. Then I made the most difficult call of all, "Honey," I stammered; (I always call him "honey" in times like these.) "I left my keys in the car & it's been stolen." There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard his voice. "Are you kidding me", he barked, "I dropped you off"!!! Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come & get me." He retorted, "I will, as soon as I convince this cop I didn't steal your car." Yep it's the golden years...

Random Facts (16 of 35 / longest to shortest):

- **The roar** that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood surging through the veins in the ear.
- **Soldiers** do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.
- **The song**, Auld Lang Syne; is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.
- **The military salute** is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.
- **Glass takes** one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out & can be recycled an infinite amount of times!
- **If you stop** getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.
- **In ancient Greece**, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.
- **If you get into the bottom** of a well or a tall chimney & look up, you can see stars, even in the middle of the day.
- **The Swine Flu vaccine** in 1976 caused more death & illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.
- **Caffeine increases** the power of aspirin & other painkillers that is why it is found in some medicines.
- **Peanut oil** is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.
- **For every extra kilogram** carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.
- **Gold** is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.
- **Due to earth's gravity**, it is impossible for mountains to be higher than 15,000 meters.
- **Warner Communications** paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday.
- **The banana** cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

About MRF: The **Motorcycle Riders Foundation** provides leadership at the **Fed** level for states' motorcyclists' rights organizations as well as **MCs** & individual riders. The **MRF** is chiefly concerned with issues at the **Nat'l** & **InterNat'l** levels that impact the freedom & safety of **American** street motorcyclists. The **MRF** is committed to being a **Nat'l** advocate for the advancement of motorcycling & its associated lifestyle & works in conjunction with its partners to help educate elected officials & policymakers in **Washington** & beyond.

Random Facts (17 thru 24 of 35 / longest to shortest):

- *Avocados* have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.
- *The letter J* does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.
- *Your tongue* is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.
- *When a person dies*, hearing is the last sense to go. The **1st** sense lost is sight.
- *Kites* were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters & newspapers.
- *Airports at higher altitudes* require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.
- *Zero* is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.
- *In ancient times* strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

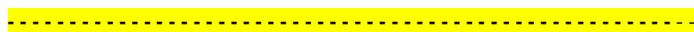
Random Facts (25 thru 35 of 35 / longest to shortest):

- *Strawberries* are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.
- *The tooth* is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.
- *The Earth* gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.
- *Drinking water* after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61%.
- *The moon moves* about 2" away from the Earth each year.
- *Intelligent people* have more zinc & copper in their hair.
- *Nine out of every 10* living things live in the ocean.
- *Everything weighs* one percent less at the equator.
- *A comet's tail* always points away from the sun.
- *Mickey Mouse* is known as "Topolino" in Italy.
- *The Univ of Alaska* spans **4** time zones.



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- 2002 VRSCA V-Rod. ...
- 2009 FLHT Electra Glide Standard.



MILWAUKEE (Sept. 5, 2018) – Harley-Davidson, Inc. (NYSE: HOG) announced today it will establish a new research and development facility in Northern California to support its future product portfolio, including the company’s first complete line of electric vehicles. “Recently we shared with the world our accelerated plans to build the next generation of Harley-Davidson riders globally,” said Matt Levatich, President and CEO of Harley-Davidson, Inc. “This new R&D facility in the heart of Silicon Valley will help us deliver on those plans and demonstrate our commitment to lead the electrification of the sport.” In July, Harley-Davidson shared details of its “More Roads to Harley-Davidson” growth plan. Through this accelerated plan, the company is expanding the Harley-Davidson community through new products, broader access and stronger dealers. As part of that strategy, Harley-Davidson will launch its first electric motorcycle, LiveWire™, in 2019. That motorcycle will be the first in a broad, no-clutch “twist and go” portfolio of electric two-wheelers designed by the company. It will be followed by additional models through 2022 to broaden the portfolio with lighter, smaller and even more accessible product options to inspire new riders with new ways to ride. The new facility in California, which will serve as a satellite of the Willie G. Davidson Product Development Facility in Wauwatosa, Wis., is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2018. It will initially focus on electric vehicle research and development, including battery, power electronics and e-machine design, development and advanced manufacturing. Long term, the company may consider expanding the center’s focus to an increased range of advanced technologies that uniquely leverage the rich talent in the Silicon Valley and support its most comprehensive and competitive lineup of motorcycles across a broad spectrum of price points, power sources and riding styles. The company has already begun recruiting top talent in electrical, mechanical and software engineering, with experience in developing and delivering a wide variety of EV systems from design through production. The facility will initially employ a staff of approximately 25, most of which the company intends to hire from within the Silicon Valley area. “This is an exciting time in Harley-Davidson’s incredible history, and it’s also an exciting time to join our company and help shape our future,” said Levatich.



Harley Davidson New Live-Wire electric bike,

Unusually for an electric motorcycle (and perhaps uniquely), the motor is mounted longitudinally, under the frame. A bevel gear changes the direction of rotation 90° to drive a gilmer belt that turns the rear wheel.^[3] The same bevel gear gives the drivetrain a unique whirring sound, compared to the sound of a jet turbine,^{[8][12]} or as a writer for *The Verge* said, "like an oversized vacuum".^[13]

According to *Wired* magazine, Mission Motors provided technical assistance on the motor controller.^[14]

Technical specifications include:

- Cast aluminum frame and swingarm
- LED headlight
- TFT dashboard
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- 74 horsepower and 52 pound-feet
- Electronically limited to 95 mph
- Single disc, 2-piston front brake
- 460 lbs
- 7 kWh battery (estimated)
- 17-inch front & rear wheels
- Trellis frame
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