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FBI arrests president, members of MC – April 1, 2009 - *Detroit, Michigan* - Associated Press - Federal authorities on Wednesday accused the Michigan-based president of a national motorcycle club of trafficking drugs & unlawfully possessing body armor. The U.S. attorney's office in Detroit announced the indictment of Jeff G. "Fat Dog" Smith, 54, of Mount Clemens on a charge of possessing 2 body armor vests. The Devils Diciples president previously was convicted of a violent felony, making the body armor possession a violation of federal law, officials said. Smith & 16 other members in Michigan also were charged with using a telephone for drug trafficking. Another man was charged with making false statements. Phone & e-mail messages were left Wed afternoon with Smith's attorney Andrew Wise. The charges came after federal agents searched 2 Devils Diciples properties, a Port Huron chapter & the national headquarters in Macomb County's Clinton Township. The defendants were appearing in Fed court Wed afternoon. Fed authorities say they seized 42 firearms, 3,000 rounds of ammunition, 3 bullet-proof vests, \$12,000 in U.S. currency & 15 casino-style slot machines. Also taken were 1,000 Vicodin & OxyContin pills, 1 ½ lbs of methamphetamine & 55 lbs of marijuana. The Govt's forfeiture complaint filed Wed against the Port Huron property said agents found a sign that read, "Feds are After Us, Be Sharp." Possessing body armor as a violent felon is punishable by up to 3 years in prison & a \$250,000 fine. Using a telephone for drug trafficking is punishable by up to 4 years in prison & a \$250,000 fine.

Pigeons fly cell phones into Brazilian prison – Apr 1, 2009 – *Brazil* - By Stan Lehman, AP - Inmates have devised an innovative way to smuggle in cell phones into a prison farm in Brazil: carrier pigeons. Guards at the Danilio Pinheiro prison near the southeastern city of Sorocaba noticed a pigeon resting on an electric wire with a small cloth bag tied to one of its legs last week. "The guards nabbed the bird after luring it down with some food & discovered components of a small cell phone inside the bag," police investigator Celso Soramiglio said Tue. One day later, another pigeon was spotted dragging a similar bag inside the prison's exercise yard. Inside the bag was the cell phone's charger, Soramiglio said. The birds were apparently bred & raised inside the prison, smuggled out, outfitted with the cell phone parts & then released to fly back. "Pigeons instinctively fly back home, always," the investigator said. Soramiglio said that police have not discovered who raised the pigeons nor the name of the inmate who was going to receive the cell phone, but that he hoped the telephone carrier would provide the info. "Some of them are members of organized crime groups that use cell phones to talk to family & friends & to give & receive orders for criminal actions outside & inside prisons," Soramiglio said. He did not want to elaborate further until investigations conclude. In 2006, Sao Paulo's notorious First Capital Command used cell phones to coordinate a wave of assaults on police, banks & buses that left more than 200 people dead in South America's largest city. The gang's leaders are based in prisons, & use smuggled cell phones to plan & execute drug deals, kidnappings & bank robberies.

The Cowboy's Honeymoon: A cowboy & his new wife had just got married & found a nice hotel in High River for their wedding night. The man approached the front desk & asked for a room. He said, 'We're on our honeymoon & we need a nice room with a good strong bed. The clerk winked, 'You want the Bridal'? The cowboy reflected on this for a moment & then replied, 'Nope, I reckon not. I'll just hold onto her ears.'

FBI arrests MC members - April 1, 2009 - *Michigan* – By Paul Egan; The Detroit News - The FBI is executing a series of arrest warrants today on alleged members of the Devils Diciples MC, officials said. Club members were being arrested this morning in the Clinton Township & Port Huron areas, an official said. One federal official said Tuesday that as many as 22 people were expected to be arrested this morning. The arrests come as federal authorities investigate Detroit-area motorcycle clubs. The FBI is also in the midst of an extensive investigation of the Detroit-based Highwaymen MC. The ATF is investigating the Outlaws MC in the Detroit area. Last Sept & Oct, the FBI executed a series of search warrants in Macomb & St. Clair counties in connection with a drug trafficking investigation of the Devils Diciples. Agents seized a variety of pills, weapons, gambling equipment & club memorabilia, Fed court records show.

FBI nabs 11 locals in motorcycle gang raid - April 1, 2009 – *Michigan* - Nearly 20 Devils Diciples members were arrested today as part of an investigation into drug trafficking by the FBI, Michigan State Police & the County of Macomb Enforcement Team. The following individuals are facing charges of using a communication facility in furtherance of drug trafficking, according to a statement from the FBI:

- Paul Anthony Darrah, aka Pauli, age 44, of Macomb Township, DDMG-National Vice-President
- Cary Dale Vandiver, aka Gun Control, age 49, of Mt. Clemens, DDMG-National Warlord
- Alexis Catherine May, 56, of Burtchville
- John Renny Riede, also known as Bear, 61, of Bay City
- Christopher Raymond Marrocco, also known as Slomo, 31, of Algonac
- Gary Lee Nelson, 42, of Marine City
- Charles Edward McCarthy, Jr., also known as Chuck, 48, of Roseville
- Dean Anthony Tagliavia, 41, of Port Huron
- Lauri Ann Ledford, 39, of Kimball Township
- Jennifer Lee Cicola, 38, of Macomb Township
- Vernon Nelson Rich, also known as Vern, 44, of Kimball Township
- Deborah Ann Heacock, 46, of Port Huron
- Michael Vernon Darrah, 47, of Marine City
- Howard Joseph Quant, also known as 44, 52, of Jeddo
- Timothy Paul Downs, also known as Space, 51, of Chesterfield Township
- Paula Mileha Friscioni, 43, of Fraser
- David Roy Delong, also known as Reverend, 55, of Port Huron was charged for making false statements.
- Jeff Garvin Smith, also known as Fat Dog, 54, of Mt. Clemens was charged with being a violent felon in possession of body armor.

Possessing body armor as a violent felon is punishable by up to 3 years in prison and/or a fine up to \$250,000. Using a telephone in furtherance of drug trafficking is punishable by up to 4 years and/or up to \$250,000. In addition to the indictment & criminal complaints, federal forfeiture complaints were filed against the following properties: 2424 Little Street, Port Huron, Devils Diciples Motorcycle Gang Clubhouse – Port Huron Chapter & 43653 Gratiot, Clinton Township, Devils Diciples Motorcycle Gang Clubhouse–National Headquarters, State Headquarters, & Detroit/Blue Water Chapters. Investigators also seized 42 firearms, 3,000 rounds of ammunition, 3 bulletproof vests, \$12,000 in U.S. currency, 1 1/2 pounds of meth, 55 pounds of marijuana, 1,000 vicodin/oxycontin pills & 15 casino style slot machines, according to the FBI.

Rockefeller Drug Law Reform – Apr 3, 2009 – *FAMM* – *Washington, DC* - Families Against Mandatory Minimums, a national advocacy organization dedicated to reforming mandatory minimum sentencing laws, today applauds New York state leaders responsible for approving legislation that substantially overhauls & reforms New York's Rockefeller drug laws, once the toughest in the nation. FAMM also congratulates the efforts of families, incarcerated & formerly incarcerated individuals & advocates who made these changes possible. The agreement, included as part of the New York budget bill, now awaits Governor David Paterson's signature. It will restore judicial discretion in many drug cases, expand drug treatment & alternatives to incarceration, & provide retroactive sentencing relief for people serving prison time for low-level drug offenses. It also allows approximately 1,500 people incarcerated for low-level nonviolent drug offenses to apply for resentencing & increases penalties for "drug kingpins" & adults who sell drugs to young people. Deborah Fleischaker, director of state legislative affairs of FAMM, issued the following statement in response to today's news: "New York's decision to eliminate its draconian Rockefeller laws marks a step toward policies that are both tough & smart on crime. Mandatory minimum sentencing laws are a driving force in skyrocketing prison populations. Many states & the federal Gov't followed New York's lead & enacted mandatory minimums in the 1970s & 1980s, believing these "one-size-fits-all" sentences would dry up the drug supply & eliminate drug addiction. Sadly, mandatory minimums in New York & elsewhere have the opposite effect, filling our prisons with drug addicts instead of drug kingpins, & causing the erosion of faith in the fairness of the criminal justice system because of severe racial disparities caused by these laws. Being tough on crime is not enough. States must figure out how to protect public safety, without wasting thousands of lives & millions of dollars. By repealing the Rockefeller drug laws, New York has just taken an enormous step toward finding that balance. New York has joined the growing wave of states that recognize the harm caused by mandatory minimum sentencing. From Michigan's elimination of most of its drug mandatory minimum laws, to Nevada's decision to repeal mandatory sentencing enhancements, to Pennsylvania's decision to have its Sentencing Commission study the effectiveness of mandatory minimum sentences, states are waking to the idea that mandatory minimum sentences lead to bloated budgets, fail to protect public safety, & are bad criminal justice policy. Contrary to the claims of those who oppose these reforms, removing the mandatory minimum sentences for drug crimes is not "soft on crime." Politicians need to concern themselves with crafting smart criminal justice policies, instead of settling for the expensive & unworkable status quo. The New York reforms, though long overdue, are good news for New Yorkers & the rest of the nation. A recent report by Pew Center on the States shows why. One in 31 Americans are under some form of criminal justice control - in prison, on probation or on parole - & one in 100 are in prison or jail. The cost of this overreliance on corrections is staggering - last year it was the fastest expanding major segment of state budgets, & over the past 2 decades, its growth as a share of state expenditures has been second only to Medicaid. State corrections costs now top \$50 billion annually & consume one in every 15 discretionary dollars."

The Sunburned Penis: A guy was out at a nude beach with his cute lil blonde girlfriend all day. When he came in his Penis was burned to a crisp. So he asked his buddy what to do. "Stick it in a glass of milk that will help it." So the guy stuck it a glass of milk & watched TV for awhile. His girlfriend came in & said "Ohhhhh! So that's how you reload it!"

Hells Angel hid loaded gun down pants - Apr 4, 2009 - *Australia* - A Hells Angels gang member hid a loaded semi-automatic gun down his pants when Sydney police pulled over his H-D, a court has heard. Officers attached to Strike Force Raptor swooped on Christian Manu Birch, 39, of Alexandria, as he was riding his motorcycle in Garden St, Eveleigh on Friday. When officers asked Birch if he was carrying anything he shouldn't be, Birch - dressed in full Hells Angels colours - allegedly told them about the gun in the front of his pants. Parramatta Local Court heard yesterday that officers had removed the weapon, a black, semi-automatic .45 pistol with a fully loaded magazine & 7 rounds of ammunition. Further checks revealed Birch was disqualified from driving until 2012 & held an R-class learner licence, which restricted him to riding bikes below 660cc. He was not approved to ride a H-D, the court heard. Shortly after the arrest, police & NSW Crime Commission officers raided Birch's home in Wyndham St, Alexandria. They allegedly seized a shotgun & 27 rounds of ammunition from a cupboard near the front door. A Hells Angels jacket, a ballistic helmet & a large amount of liquid, allegedly drug-making chemicals, were also seized. The court heard that Birch, who works in security, had engaged a team of private lawyers to work for him. He did not appear in court & did not apply for bail. Detective Superintendent John Alt, commander of Strike Force Raptor, said officers had monitored Birch for some time before the order to arrest him was made. "We were reacting to intelligence," he said. Supt Alt said it was one of the first arrests for the newly formed squad. "With the weapons seized & the other documents & paraphernalia, there will be a large number of investigations & forensic testing taking place." Supt Alt said the arrest should serve as a warning to all outlaw motorcycle gang members.

Bikie Pres – Apr 4, 2009 – *Australia* - Comanchero bikie gang president Mahmoud "Mick" Hawi has Kings Cross police on the hop after the Supreme Court ordered they give him back a pair of blood-covered running shoes. The footwear was seized in a raid on his two-storey Bexley home in Sept 2007 after Hawi, 28, was charged with malicious wounding over an alleged glass attack on a 22-year-old female English tourist in the Sapphire Suite night club in Kings Cross. Detectives found the shoes in the laundry while searching for clues to the attack, court documents reveal. But there was a twist to the case. DNA tests found the blood on the runners was not that of the female tourist but of a male. His identity, the reason that he was bleeding & how the blood found its way onto Hawi's runners remain a mystery. The case against Hawi was dismissed in the Downing Centre Local Court by a magistrate not only because the blood was that of a man, but the woman declined to travel from Britain to give evidence.

Gang squad, lawyers plan first ban on bikie outlaw – Apr 4, 2009 – *Australia* – Gang squad detectives will meet police lawyers this week to start drawing up a historic Supreme Court submission seeking to ban the first of Sydney's warring outlaw motorcycle clubs. Police refused to name which club - the Comanchero, Hell's Angels, Bandidos, Notorious or Nomads - would be targeted by new legislation that provides for jail terms of up to 5 years if gang members are found associating. The legal brief is expected to include details of alleged criminal activity by gang members identified from police intelligence.

The graveside service just barely finished, when there was massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance. The little old man looked at the pastor & calmly said, "Well, she's there."

SA Police ready to tackle bikies – Apr 4, 2009 – *Australia* – Police are confident new laws aimed at breaking up Adelaide's bikie gangs will enable them to tackle the problem head-on. Crime Gangs Task Force officer-in-charge Detective Superintendent Des Bray has revealed to the Sunday Mail that police are ready to move against any gang that might be the subject of a declaration order. While declining to be drawn on the pending police application to have the Finks declared an illegal organisation, Supt Bray said the measures available under the Serious & Organised Crime (Control) Act would “complement existing police operational tactics”. Attorney-General Michael Atkinson has been considering the first police application, made under the new Act, since Dec 16. On March 24, Atkinson told Parliament that granting the application was “not a foregone conclusion” & he had written to those identified as members or ex-members of the Finks, giving them further opportunities to make submissions about the application. If Atkinson decides to declare the Finks an illegal organisation, police will have the power to apply to the Magistrates Court for a control order on any Fink - based on the fact that they are a member of a declared organisation. If a control order - which restricts contact with nominated persons & places - is breached, the person is arrested. Speaking for the first time about the measures available to police under the new Act, Supt Bray said the control orders were aimed at stopping members of outlaw motorcycle gangs “freely getting together & planning & conspiring to commit serious crimes that cause significant harm to our communities”.

Man sought over ‘Reservoir Dogs’ killing – Apr 4, 2009 – *Australia* - Police are hunting a Rebels bikie gang member over a “Reservoir Dogs”-style shooting of a man outside a Campbelltown car yard in Jan. The wanted man (pictured) has been singled out as the “missing link” by detectives who say he is the prime suspect in the death of Edin “Boz” Smajovic. Smajovic, 23, was a member of the Rebels’ Picton chapter. He died after being shot outside the Macarthur Auto Centre, in Blaxland Rd. Police investigating the killing have drawn up a picture of their main suspect from descriptions supplied to them. The man is of Islander appearance, aged in his late 20s & is 180cm to 190cm tall. He weighs about 120kg & can be distinguished by large forearms & a thick, black, shoulder-length “rat’s tail” hairstyle. Anyone who sees him is urged to contact police. Mystery has surrounded the daylight shooting on Jan 9 - a sunny Friday afternoon when police were called to the car yard after reports of shots being fired. Smajovic was found dead & the car yard’s owner, Anthony Tan, 24, was taken to hospital with a bullet in his neck.

Accused biker related gang’s tensions in wiretapped call – Apr 4, 2009 – *Canada* - In a series of profanity-laden, wiretapped telephone calls played to a murder trial Friday, an outlaw biker alleged to be at the heart of a mass homicide 3 years ago was heard explaining to a friend that tensions with the U.S. parent organization were near breaking point. “Uh, the people in the States are super, super fucking choked,” Wayne (Wiener) Kellestine told his friend Cameron Acorn, who at the time was being held in a provincial jail in Penetanguishene, Ont. The statement goes to the heart of the case against Kellestine, 59, & 5 other members & associates of the Bandido motorcycle gang. The 8 slain bikers were shot to death & found stuffed in 4 vehicles abandoned in a farmer’s field in Shedden, Ont., west of London. The 6 are jointly accused of murdering 8 other Bandidos, mostly from the Toronto area, in April 2006. They have pleaded not guilty to all charges. When the prosecution outlined its case at the launch of the trial this week, the six-man, six-woman jury was

told that the 8 victims were slain in a purge after the gang’s Texas-based leadership ordered their expulsion from the organization. Pitted against the Toronto group was a rival Winnipeg faction & Kellestine, described as the Winnipeg group’s only ally in Ontario with any real weight. Elgin County Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey has told the trial the killings followed a meeting on the British Columbia-Washington state border between the Texas leadership & Kellestine & co-accused Michael (Taz) Sandham, 39. And in one of his wiretapped conversations with Acorn, 2 days before the slaughter, Kellestine lends weight to that thesis. “You know I was out in Vancouver ... & I went to White Rock & they requested that I come there,” he says. On the face of things, Kellestine’s anxiety about the rift with Texas seems sincere. “I hope to God, um you know ... things are going to get better,” he says animatedly. If the prosecution’s core theory of the homicides is correct, however, Kellestine then tells his friend a flat-out lie. “I don’t want no part of this but I’m gonna try to salvage as many guys as possible,” he is heard explaining to Acorn, who mostly replies in single syllables. But citing a Bandido informant who was allegedly present when the killings took place & who will testify at the trial, Gowdey says that in the runup to the killings, Kellestine’s intentions were precisely the opposite. If one of the Toronto group were to be killed, Kellestine allegedly said more than once, then they would all have to be killed. The wiretaps played yesterday were orchestrated by the Ontario Provincial Police on behalf of another police force, that of Durham Region, which was investigating another, ultimately unrelated homicide, that of Keswick drug dealer Shawn Dowse, who was beaten to death. Along with 12 other men, including Acorn, 2 of the 8 victims – Paul (Big Paul) Sinopoli, 30, & Jamie (Goldberg) Flanz, 37 – were targets in the investigation & undercover police tailed them to Kellestine’s farmhouse on the night they were killed. (With no idea of what was about to unfold, the Durham police called off the surveillance operation in the early hours of April 8.) Other intercepted phone calls played yesterday made clear the mounting tension between the Toronto Bandidos & the others on the eve of the killings. A sickly & reluctant Sinopoli is heard telling Flanz that along with the other Toronto Bandidos he has been summoned to a meeting at the Kellestine farmhouse near Iona Station “You’re going to have to pick me up,” he says, citing pressure from other Toronto Bandidos who were preparing to make the trip, including John (Boxer) Muscedere, the Bandidos’ Canadian president. “I have to go to church tonight, they’re freaking out on me,” he says. The trial has already been told that one of the 8 victims, Luis Manny (Chopper) Raposo brought a rifle to the Kellestine farmhouse that night, & used it in a gun battle with Sandham. But in other evidence aired yesterday, it was also clear Raposo was not the only one of the 8 who owned a weapon. So too, did Frank (Frankie) Salerno, whose huge Oakville house was searched after his death. Along with 23 bottles of methadone, police found in Salerno’s BMW a .32-calibre handgun, with its serial number filed off. After a break for legal arguments, the trial resumes April 14.

An old man goes to the Wizard to ask him if he can remove a curse he has been living with for the last 40 years. The Wizard says, ‘Maybe, but you will have to tell me the exact words that were used to put the curse on you.’ The old man says without hesitation, ‘I now pronounce you man & wife.’

I-90 thru South Dakota will be closed weekend: They are hauling a 200 ton lump of coal so that Obama can be added to Mt. Rushmore!

Look out Northland, here come the Hells Angels – Apr 5, 2009 - *Minnesota* - The Hells Angels MC has confirmed it is coming to Carlton County this summer, Sheriff Kelly Lake said. She said she expects 500 or more members in the area anywhere from the end of July to early August. “Hells Angels haven’t confirmed exactly what dates they’ll be here,” Lake said. Representatives of the Sheriff’s Dept & the Cloquet Police Dept have spoken with a member of the group’s Minnesota chapter that confirmed the club will be hosting its 2009 USA National Ride in Carlton County this summer, Lake said. Rooms are starting to be reserved at some local hotels. During their stay, members are expected to take rides into Duluth, St. Louis County & in the North Shore areas, Lake said. Carlton County Sheriff’s Dept & law enforcement in surrounding communities are expected to work together to increase law enforcement during the event.

Two men assaulted at a home - Apr 5, 2009 - *Magna, Utah* - ABC 4 News - Early this morning a Magna man heard someone banging on his door. He opened it & was beaten by 2 men. The attackers then went into a bedroom & beat the victim’s friend, who was spending the night. The second man said he was shot, but officials say there is no visible bullet wound. Both men sustained serious head wounds. The Salt Lake County sheriff’s office said the assault occurred at the same place the Sundowners MC holds its meetings.

The myths & mayhem of bikie gangs in South Australia - April 05, 2009 – *Australia* - By Nigel Hunt - Don’t be fooled - not even for a minute. Despite what the newly-activated bikie PR machine would have you believe, gang members are not in it just because they like riding motorcycles. Between them, Adelaide’s 7 bikie gangs contain more convicted criminals than any other club in South Australia - except Yatala Labour Prison. One club with 46 members boasts 1800 convictions between them, while another with 48 members shares more than 750 - all worn as an invisible badge of merit by their members. In no other club in SA do the members engage in so many types of crime - ranging from murder & other violent crimes to drug manufacturing & distribution to property crimes. And in no other club is the bashing, shooting or execution of rivals & other “targets” carried out by senior members. While Adelaide’s bikie gang members have been bleating loudly about the harsh & unfair nature of the Rann Govt’s new anti-bikie laws in recent weeks - and, yes, some aspects are just that - don’t imagine these guys would not think twice about squashing you if you got in their way or if they thought they could make a buck out of you. That’s what they do. For them, their colours & lifestyle are king & they have no respect for human life - particularly if it’s wearing rival colours.

In a candid interview with the Sunday Mail, Detective-Superintendent Des Bray, head of SAPOL’s Crime Gangs Task Force, torpedoed many of the myths espoused by gang members voicing their concern at new legislation aimed at controlling them & their illegal activities. He said the notion that the membership & purpose of a motorcycle gang was no different from other community clubs “is nonsense & not supported by fact”. “The collective criminal history & antecedents of an outlaw motorcycle gang could not be found in any other group outside of a prison,” he said. Not mincing his words, Supt Bray said the gangs were a major threat to society because of their conduct, depth of their criminal activity & the social & economic harm they inflict on the community. “They are the most significant organised crime threat facing SA & probably Australia at present,” he said.

And he is not a lone voice in his assessment of the bikie problem that confronts the nation - & is likely to be tackled head on with tough new laws in each state. A fortnight ago, Australian Crime Commission chief executive officer John Lawler graphically spelled out to a federal inquiry how the gangs had evolved from once being a nuisance to major organised crime groups that had infiltrated many areas of society to facilitate their crimes. He said they were “a real & present threat” to Australia. To succinctly illustrate his point about the criminal conduct of gang members in SA, Supt Bray revealed the results of analysis of 2 unnamed SA bikie gangs.

In the first instance the gang’s members have more than 1800 criminal convictions between them - with more than 30% occurring after they became a member & more than 500 of them involving serious criminal activity. The breakdown of offences included violence (over 150 convictions, firearms & weapons offences (over 130), drug offences (over 250), property offences (over 250), public order offences (over 140), traffic offences (over 640) & other offences (over 240). Supt Bray said despite the 150 convictions for violence against gang members, there were a similar number that had not been successful. “Witness intimidation & fear are a significant factor that impact on the outcomes of investigations relating to offences of violence committed by gang members,” he said. Analysis of the second unnamed gang reveals its members have more than 750 criminal convictions between them. This gang has double the number of convictions for firearms & weapons offences than the other gang, while violence offences are of a similar scale. The breakdown of offences include over 130 convictions for violence, over 260 convictions for firearms & weapons offences, over 100 drug offences, over 120 property offences, over 70 convictions for public order offences & over 240 convictions for other offences, not including traffic matters. Those 2 gangs, & the other 5 in SA, have up to 250 members. Those 7 clubs have 10 clubrooms between them. In recent months gang leaders have been busy selling the peaceful, hierarchical nature of their clubs & telling the public that criminal behaviour by members is neither condoned nor encouraged by the leadership.

Such statements are inconsistent with the facts. Many of those involved with leadership roles within the clubs have a variety of criminal convictions - some still before the courts - for offences ranging from drug trafficking or manufacturing to serious violence or firearms offences. For example, Guy Clift, 34, the former Pres of the Rebels, is awaiting sentence after pleading guilty to trafficking ecstasy, possessing pistols & unlawful possession of \$275,000 in cash found hidden in a wall cavity. Another former leader of another gang, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, has an extensive criminal record. He was most recently sentenced & fined in Elizabeth Magistrates Court on August 29 last year for multiple firearms offences & possessing a Taser. In July last year he was given a 2-year suspended sentence in the District Court for possessing a commercial quantity of amphetamines for sale. He is still before the court on drug cultivation charges.

Interestingly, one of the main spokesmen on last month’s Freedom of Association Poker Run was the sergeant-at-arms of the Gypsy Jokers, one David Shannon, 51. While Shannon was quick to try to convince Channel 9 viewers the State Govt’s new bikie laws had united rival clubs & they were “no different in everyday life to people in other clubs such as football clubs, cricket clubs & so on”, what Shannon did not tell everyone was the new laws are aimed specifically at chaps like himself who

drive interstate to shoot rival gang members. In Nov 2000 in the Campbelltown District Court in NSW, Shannon was sentenced to 6 years prison with a 4-year non-parole period after pleading guilty to using a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence. He also pleaded guilty to possessing an unlicensed pistol. This arose following an incident in which Shannon & 2 other Gypsy Jokers travelled from Adelaide to NSW to try to kill a rival Bandidos member called Paul Bobos. That incident occurred near Morquong, south-western NSW, on January 30, 2000, when Shannon shot Bobos in the chest with a Smith & Wesson revolver as he was riding his Harley-Davidson to work. The trio were originally charged with attempted murder. Shannon appealed against the severity of the sentence, but in March 2002 the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal dismissed it. Shannon was released from prison in SA, where he served his sentence, on home detention in 2004. The circumstances of this incident alone render Shannon's role as spokesman for the gang in opposing the new laws somewhat inappropriate, if not farcical.

SAPOL's main weapon of attack against the bikie gangs, the Crime Gangs Task Force, has arrested or reported 130 gang members & another 246 associates since its inception in August 2007. They have also been responsible for 125 barring orders to licensed premises. The task force has also seized significant quantities of drugs from gang members - 16,100 street deals of amphetamines, 32,381 street deals of cannabis, 5884 ecstasy deals & 3461 deals of other illegal drugs. There have also been 43 pistols & 72 other firearms seized, while almost \$600,000 in cash has been seized & confiscated. There are few areas in which the tentacles of gang members have not ventured to facilitate their criminal activities. Gang members & their associates continue to seek dominance over others within licensed premises, primarily so they can establish markets for drugs. Their direct involvement in the security industry has diminished with legislative changes, but there is evidence many members have established relationships with "clean" security guards at such premises. It is also no secret that gang members are well established in the transport industry, either as owners of trucking companies, drivers, managers or employed in other capacities within the organisations. Besides making a few bucks, gang members utilise the transport industry to facilitate the shipment of illegal goods throughout Australia. Several trucking companies have come under close police scrutiny in Adelaide for this reason. The man police suspect was responsible for the murder of former Gypsy Jokers Pres Steve Williams was heavily involved with one of these companies. The man, a senior member of a bikie gang, has been instrumental in establishing a chapter of his gang in another state in recent years.

Bikie members have also been involved with other businesses, including finance companies & tattoo shops, in recent years. One lucrative area has been hydroponics shops - with several gang members clearly identified as also being involved in establishing syndicates of growers to supply the product ready for sale. Several car yards in Adelaide are also affiliated with gang members. "It has been a common practice by some criminals to purchase vehicles from car yards, but to leave the car registered to the company to avoid demerit points for traffic offences," Bray said. "While this means they pay a corporate fine, they do not lose their license." Crime gangs detectives are now targeting such businesses, defecting many vehicles & examining company records.

One of the major - & most lucrative - growth areas for Adelaide's bikie gang members has involved extortion & blackmail. Since July 2007, Crime Gangs detectives have investigated 58 such cases committed by gang members or their associates. "These

offences provide significant income for the gangs & it is rare for these offences to be committed by people other than OMCG offenders or their associates," Supt Bray said. "Typically these offences will involve either threats or extreme violence or death to victims & others. "Some may involve severe beatings if they do not agree to pay very large sums of money by a due date. The amounts demanded may be for amounts as small as \$5000 or may involve hundreds of thousands of dollars." Since July 2007, 10 gang members or associates have been arrested & charged with such offences. There have been several recent arrests & police have been successful in having the alleged offenders remanded in custody due to recent changes to the Bail Act that now provided a "presumption against bail" for this type of offending. Perhaps the most immediate worry for the public when it comes to bikies is the associated violence. Gang members rely on this image & it actually helps them facilitate some of their criminal activities, such as extortion & blackmail. Supt Bray said the inter-gang violence which had flared in Sydney over the past month was not unusual, despite its bold, public display. Adelaide has experienced such violence on many, many occasions. "The level of violence is cyclical & fluctuates from time to time," he said. "Things will go quietly for a while & then there will be an explosion of violence which will be quite intense."

The violence, between Sydney's Hells Angels city crew & rivals the Comancheros, was unlikely to spread to Adelaide because the Comancheros' presence here is negligible. It will come as no surprise to many to learn that the prime movers behind Sydney's Hells Angels city crew were once Adelaideans. The chapter includes the likes of Angelo Pandelli, Peter Threadgold, George Petropolous & Leighton Dial - all once prominent members of Adelaide's Hells Angels north crew before moving to Sydney. Pandelli, who is well-known to both SA police & the Australian Crime Commission, is an office holder of Sydney's city crew. Petropolous & Threadgold were both charged with 3 counts of murder following the 1999 Wright St shootout with the Rebels, but the case later collapsed.

Supt Bray said the public should not be hoodwinked by the bikies' recent display of unity over the new legislation. Describing the Freedom of Association poker run as "just a stunt", he said it was aimed at portraying them as "ordinary folk" which they were not. "On their estimation, up to 700 people took part & they thought they had about 500 gang members from across the country," he said. "That means that 200 people outside of hardcore bikies, out of a population of one million people, saw fit to participate in the run & support them." And while the impressive collection of H-Ds made a lot of noise, so did the spectators - but not for the bikies' cause. Large numbers of people were cheering & clapping the police along the route, complete with signs & placards rallying support against the bikies. The public is also growing sceptical at similar events that raise money, which is then donated to a selected charity. "No amount of money these gangs donate to charity on one day can go anywhere towards making up for the social & economic harm they wreak on the community for the other 364 days of the year," Supt Bray said. "That is the cold reality of the situation we are in."

When watching men of power in action it must be always kept in mind that, whether they know it or not, their main purpose is the elimination or neutralization of the independent individual -- the independent voter, consumer, worker, owner, thinker -- & that every device they employ aims at turning man into a manipulatable "animated instrument," which is Aristotle's definition of a slave." - Eric Hoffer, *The Ordeal of Change* (1963)

Pagan will face assault charges at trial - Apr 6, 2009 – *Pennsylvania* - By Dennis J. Wright - A member of the Pagans MC who shot himself in the face after a standoff with police in February was ordered to stand trial Thu morning on aggravated assault charges. Jarrod Scott Guest, 29, of the 3700 block of Eland Downe, Phoenixville, is charged with aggravated assault; simple assault; recklessly endangering another person & firearms not to be carried without a license. Phoenixville detectives arrested Guest on March 25 as he was wheeled out of the elevator upon discharge from the Pennsylvania Hospital. He was a patient at the hospital following his initial stay at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was airlifted after shooting himself in the face following a stand-off with police at his Eland Downe townhouse. According to court documents, Guest shot himself in the face after pointing his gun at a Phoenixville police officer around 1 am Feb 23. Police were dispatched to the 3700 block of Eland Downe after Guest alluded that he would kill himself. A known member of the Pagan's MC, police were aware that Guest had firearms in his residence. After standing off with police for several hours, Guest walked out of the townhouse & into the parking lot. One officer who was on scene said that Guest walked up to him & pointed a .40 caliber Glock pistol at him. "The gun was pointed at me the entire time until he put it under his chin," said the officer, whose name is being withheld by The Phoenix. "I was about ten feet in front of him. He was looking at me directly. He held the gun at his waist, pointing it at me. I kept the point of vision with him." The officer admitted to being scared, & thought of life & death. "I gave him a chance to change his mind," said the officer. The officer said that after ordering Guest to put the gun down, Guest lowered his gun. Within seconds, Guest brought the gun up to his chin, & fired a bullet into his face. The bullet went up into his chin, & out of the top of his nose." Throughout the testimony, Guest sat at the defense table clutching a towel. He has a huge bandage underneath his chin, & a noticeable track in his throat area, as a result of his self-inflicted injuries. Detective Sgt. Thomas Goggin of the Phoenixville Police Department's Bureau of Criminal Investigation said police were dispatched to the 3700 block of Eland Downe after receiving a phone call from Guest's father around 10:45 p.m. February 22. Goggin said that upon arrival, he found a pool of blood in the parking lot. "I recovered the black Glock & took photos of the scene," he said. Goggin said that the .40 caliber Glock pistol was registered to Guest, & it had 11 rounds of ammunition in the magazine. "I made arrangements to place the gun into evidence," he said. "I made sure it was safe. The gun was loaded. The gun was registered to Guest. A records check of the License & Permit division of the Pennsylvania State Police revealed that his permit was revoked on February 6. Guest was served with an emergency abuse order on January 31 by Cpl. Patrick Mark." Goggin said the order was granted temporary status on Feb 2, & was valid until Feb 27, to which it states that Guest is "prohibited from possessing and/or purchasing a firearm or other weapon." During a protective sweep of the residence, Goggin said he found 2 magazines for the Glock, each loaded with 9 rounds of .40 caliber ammunition, several boxes of shotgun shells, primers, gun powder, 25 pounds of lead shot & a black pistol holster. "When people act in this nature, other acts of violence may occur," he said. "The back door of the house was barricaded, & there was fresh evidence of violence. The television was smashed & there was a broken mirror & vase." Although a member of the Pagan's MC, Guest had limited contact with law enforcement prior to 2009. However, he was arrested on driving under the influence charges in Downingtown on Jan 20, & was scheduled for a preliminary hearing on Mar 9. After hearing all of the court testimony, Magisterial District Judge Ted Michaels held

the charges over for trial. Due to the extent of his facial injuries to which he requires an intensive amount of one-on-one medical care that couldn't be provided in the prison, Guest remains free on \$250,000 unsecured bail. His next court appearance is scheduled for Thu, April 23, in the Court of Common Pleas in West Chester.

Gun Market – Apr 6, 2009 – *Maryland* – By Van Smith & Chris Landers - The owner of Lexington Market's Utz Potato Chip stand illegally sold guns out of the market for years, according to federal authorities. The stand's owner, 53-year-old Michael Papantonakis, & a woman described as his 21-year-old girlfriend, Sharon Jeanette Heberle, were charged March 31 in U.S. District Court in Baltimore with being unlicensed gun sellers. In addition to detailing 6 transactions involving 13 guns since 2007, the nine-page complaint describes Papantonakis' attempts to have someone beat up the market's general manager Casper Genco, who also heads the Baltimore Public Markets Corporation. During conversations quoted in the complaint, Papantonakis boasted of his ability to procure guns for buyers, telling the source, "You know they go quick. We're real used to selling to Bloods & Crips." He then warned the ATF informant that if they were stopped by the police, to say the guns were purchased in Shrewsbury, Pa. In another deal, earlier this year, he recounted a recent sale to the Hells Angels & explained difficulties he had getting machine guns. The complaint recounts, said "he previously had several connects, one being a military guy where he could get M-16s, but since the '911 Incident' he'd lost a lot of his connections & it had been hard to get fully automatic weapons."

Australian gang leader charged in biker brawl – Apr 6, 2009 - *Australia* - AP - A motorcycle gang leader surrendered to police Mon & became the 6th biker charged in connection with a brawl that left a rival bleeding to death before shocked travelers at Australia's busiest airport. The Mar 22 slaying at Sydney's domestic airport thrust long-simmering violence among biker gangs in Australia into the public spotlight raised fears of widespread reprisal attacks & prompted a crackdown by authorities. No one has been charged with causing the death of Anthony Zervas, the brother of a well-known Hell's Angels member, who was bludgeoned to death during a rolling melee between Hell's Angels & Comanchero gang members through the terminal. Comanchero leader Mahmoud "Mick" Hawi was charged Monday with fighting in public in a way that caused bystanders to fear for their safety — a crime called affray — at the airport. Five other Comanchero members have previously been charged with the same offense, & each faces a maximum penalty of 5 years in prison if convicted. John Korn, Hawi's lawyer, said his client gave himself up Monday. Hawi appeared briefly in court & ordered to jail pending a bail hearing Tuesday. A week after the brawl, an unknown gunman opened fire on the victim's brother, Peter Zervas, hitting him several times & badly wounding him as he sat in a car outside his apartment building. Last week, the New South Wales state Gov't rushed through tough new laws that allow officials to ban gangs & imprison those who defy such a ban for up to 5 years. Police have also launched a new anti-gang unit to tackle biker violence. Sydney's The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported Monday without naming sources that state Premier Nathan Rees & Police Minister Tony Kelly have been placed under 24-hour guard by armed police because of fears bikers could launch attacks in revenge for the crackdown. Rees & Kelly refused to comment. Biker gangs have existed in Australia since the late 1960s, & turf battles have ebbed & flowed.

I keep 2 magnums in my desk drawer. One is a gun that I keep loaded. The other is a bottle & it keeps me loaded...

The Expanding Definition Of “Terrorist” – Apr 6, 2009 – *Australia* - By Nicholas Broadbent - Politicians are using the language & laws of terrorism to gain more powers, & history shows that ordinary people will be affected, writes Nicholas Broadbent. On Friday the first bikie was arrested under NSW’s questionable new anti-gang laws, which had been rammed through State Parliament the day before. Then last night it was revealed that bike club members had done some “maintenance” at the Lodge last year. Under normal circumstances, club members going about their day jobs would not be news, but in the current climate of hysteria they are all sworn enemies of society & must be up to something. These 2 developments serve as a neat snapshot of the way fear-peddling & bad legislation go hand-in-hand to erode long-held freedoms.

In 2002, anti-terror legislation was thrust through the Federal & New South Wales parliaments with great gusto. The justification for the speedy introduction of the new laws was that terrorism, as a criminal act, is by its nature unique, has the potential to be seriously destructive & is generally planned over a protracted period. Moreover, it was suggested that the organisations planning & committing the acts are internationally based, well funded and, most importantly, motivated by extremist ideals far removed from those held by your average Aussie drug pusher, murderer or gangster. The Commonwealth Atty General at the time, Daryl Williams, justified the proposed laws as a “response to the changed security environment since September 11”. It was argued that the criminal laws in existence at the time were insufficient to combat the threat. The legislation faced strong criticism. Numerous lawyers, academics, Islamic advocacy groups & concerned Australians complained that the laws were hastily prepared, & lacked adequate checks & balances, or even precision. Assurances were made to the contrary by the government, & all the concerned parties were summarily ignored.

I can recall the former Fed member for Wentworth, Peter King, stating in 2004 in support of further reforms that “[a]t the end of the day, what we really want to do is ensure that terrorism & acts associated with terrorism are the real target of this proposed legislation”. Numerous promises & assurances of that nature were also made in NSW. The Premier made it clear at that time that additional police powers were absolutely inappropriate for use in everyday civil society. The Atty General, Bob Debus, echoed these sentiments. The bills passed & were enacted into law.

Nobody can argue that the political & economic landscape in Australia has changed markedly in the years since those laws came into force. While it is not immediately clear, to me at least, whether the nation is any less susceptible to a terrorist attack now than it was shortly after the events in 2001, the hysteria surrounding the spectre of terrorism has died down. National nail-biting has turned to the ailing economy. Most people I know have tossed out that ridiculous anti-terrorist fridge magnet - it is no longer strong enough to hold all the unpaid bills.

However, amid the doom & gloom over our economic situation, the “law & order” issue remains popular as a means of extracting political support from voters. In early March, the NSW Gov’t introduced the Law Enforcement (Powers & Responsibilities) Amendment (Search Powers) Bill, permitting the covert search of a suspect’s home without their consent or knowledge that it has happened. “If you are a serious criminal in NSW,” Premier Nathan Rees bellowed, “you should not sleep easy. These laws will enable our police force to inspect your home without you knowing.” These laws are based on the provisions of the state’s

Terrorism (Police Powers) Act 2002 as well as Commonwealth terrorism legislation, however, the act effectively extends the search powers contained in that legislation to state crimes carrying a maximum term of imprisonment of 7 years or more. Likewise, the recent bikie gang-related violence in NSW has provided some colourful, Underbelly-style relief for the media & the Gov’t. Rees et al leapt on the development immediately, taking their cue from the earlier anti-terror laws as well as from South Australian legislation dealing with the problem of outlaw bikie gangs & proposing laws to prohibit members of those gangs from consorting with each other or their associates. Before he brought his new laws to State Parliament in a surprise move on Thursday, Rees had lamented the possibility that he may not be able to ram them through the legislature at the speed of light, because if hurriedly drafted they might be subject to pesky judicial review.

This, unfortunately, appeared to be his only concern. Little consideration seems to have been given as to whether existing legislation may have been adequate to deal with offenders, or indeed whether the new legislation will necessarily prevent outlaw bikie gangs from simply removing their beards or heading interstate to hold meetings. Outlaw bikie gangs have been around for decades, trading in drugs, prostitution, firearms & violence. Despite this, when the South Australian laws came into effect in 2005, Mike Rann, the South Australian Premier, sneered: “To the civil libertarians let me say this: that we’ve got legislation across Australia that deals with the threat of terrorism, but these are terrorists within our community who think they can do what they like, & that’s why we’re standing up to them.”

Suddenly, the definition of terrorism has expanded. The extremist madman in the cave has become the rough-looking bloke in the pub, & the law appears toothless for all purposes other than to push us further down the slippery slope. The ragged argument that “if you’re not involved, you have nothing to worry about” has well & truly disintegrated, because these new laws will, without doubt, affect ordinary members of the Australian community. The alarming reality, if the initial assurances as to the ambit of the anti-terror laws are accepted, is that the community has been invaded. Not by bikies, since they’ve always been there in one form or another. Not by terrorists, either. The community has been invaded by the law. Assurances from Rees, Rann & co as to the future use or effect of their legislation should be afforded little to no credence. Law & order, in the current political climate, will always trump human rights, & this is difficult to reverse. The political incentive to enact a new “get tough” law, whether it is well thought-out or not, greatly outweighs the incentive to repeal an old one. More to the point, old laws provide a very solid foundation for the creation of newer, more draconian ones. It is a classic slippery slope, & one which we are already sliding down. We cannot rely on effective opposition, since the political capital gained from standing up for long-standing principles is easily defeated by the short-term fear of appearing “soft on crime”.

If there was ever a more concrete justification for the introduction of a bill of rights in this country, or at the very minimum in NSW a statutory charter similar to that enacted in Victoria & the ACT, I cannot think of one. Such a bill would be very valuable right now, helping to ensure that intelligent debate regarding the implications of new laws on civil freedoms & human rights extends beyond a cry from the sidelines as dangerous legislation is driven through.

If women don’t find you handsome, they should at least find you handy. - Red Green

Trial begins in 1979 death – Apr 7, 2009 – *Warren, Ohio* – By Chris Bobby - After nearly 30 years, the man charged in a 1979 stabbing death is on trial. Ronald E. Stahlman, 56, is accused in the April 29, 1979, death of 18-year-old Bernard Williamson outside the Rebecca Williams Center in Warren. Williams was stabbed 9 times, police said. The trial began Mon with opening statements & a bus ride so jurors could see the center. Judge Andrew Logan is hearing the case. If convicted of murdering Williamson, Stahlman could face 15 years to life in prison. According to assistant prosecutor Chris Becker, on the night of the stabbing Williamson confronted Roger Collins, who was the driver of a truck carrying Stahlman, & the vehicle that rear-ended Williamson. Williamson was with Debbie Bush when he caught up with the truck. Williamson & Collins started to fight before Stahlman, reportedly a member of the Outlaws MC at the time, came to the aid of his friend, authorities said. Bush testified Monday that the taller of the 2 attackers was getting beat up by Williamson, an accomplished martial artist, when the smaller man with long hair & thick beard stepped in carrying what looked like a chain, or something silver. Collins & Stahlman were both charged in the stabbing. And according to authorities, Stahlman left the area, assumed the name of Jim O'Neil & with his wife raised 2 daughters in Colorado, California & Arizona. "He did a ... good job of disguising his identity for all those years," Becker said, adding that former Warren police Officer Bill Boldin, now a U.S. Marshal, along with fellow marshal Bryan Holmes, "pieced together scraps of information to build a case." "Jim O'Neil flew under the radar until the marshals traveled to Payson, Ariz., 80 miles outside of Phoenix & found him," Becker said. "When they asked for identification, he said he had none. When they asked for a Social Security number, he couldn't remember it. When they asked for his date of birth, he avoided the question. It wasn't until they asked if he knew why they showed up from Warren, Ohio, that Stahlman hung his head & answered yes." Stahlman's attorney Tracey Laslo of Alliance said her client's use of an alias is all the prosecution has. She said she will produce a witness from a service station that night who will testify that Collins was the one with the knife. None of the 8 women & 4 men seated on the jury will be allowed to hear that Collins, who turned himself in, passed a polygraph exam that cleared him as the one who used a knife. Collins, whose testimony is expected this afternoon, served 6 months in jail after pleading guilty to obstructing justice & aggravated assault. He is expected to testify about Stahlman getting into the truck & admitting that he thought he stabbed Williamson.

Bikies secretly plan new code to avoid violence - Apr 7, 2009 – *Australia* – By Dylan Welch - A Secret meeting has been held by some of the nation's most senior bikies, with the aim of adopting a revolutionary new charter to avoid eruptions of public violence like the brawl at Sydney Airport. At the meeting in Queensland, 3 of NSW's most senior bikies met representatives from almost every one of the 15 outlaw clubs in the state. . The weekend meeting, held at a secret location, was attended by the country's most powerful bikie, the Rebels' national president, Alessio "Alex" Vella, but not the Comanchero city chapter's president, Mahmoud "Mick" Hawi, who surrendered to police yesterday. Carrying only \$200 & a sinus spray, Hawi walked into the Kent Street offices of the NSW Crime Commission at 8.30am, accompanied by his lawyers. He was taken to the Sydney Police Centre in Surry Hills & charged with affray over last month's airport brawl, which left a Hells Angels associate, Anthony Zervas, dead & terrified dozens of travelers. Hawi appeared briefly at Central Local Court in the afternoon; his bail hearing was adjourned until today. The Queensland meeting, one of the

most important in the 40-year history of the outlaw clubs, was held to devise a new approach to harsh new laws & plummeting public opinion. The NSW representatives included Vella, the president of Sydney Hells Angels, Derek Wainohu, & a Bandidos national vice-president. "It's trying to sort some headaches out, you know?" Vella told the Herald last night. "There's a problem here because of what happened at the airport. They trying to blame everybody for it, you know? It's not fair." He supported the Queensland model of mediation, & it is believed his support will go a long way to encouraging other so-called one percenters to follow suit. "I think it's a good idea, people getting together & trying to sort this out." In Queensland the clubs have introduced a group called the United Motorcycle Council, comprising senior members of almost all the clubs that use mediation instead of violence to sort out inter-club feuds, a senior NSW bikie source told the Herald. The NSW clubs hope the council model can be emulated here. "[Queensland's] got 90% of clubs to follow a code of conduct that includes non-violence," the source said. "There are about 30 clubs in NSW. Let's say we get 25, even 20. It's pretty bloody good, to get 20-25 clubs to abide by these rules - no violence & matters to be resolved by dialogue - I think we will have really achieved a victory." The NSW clubs are planning a secret meeting this week to discuss adopting the United Motorcycle Council model. Hawi is unlikely to attend the meeting. A lengthy hearing for another of the 6 Comanchero members charged over the fatal airport brawl ran over time yesterday, leaving Hawi with no time to apply for bail. Hawi spoke quietly to his lawyers & nodded as the magistrate, David Armati, told him his bail application had been postponed.

Army in lockdown over bikie threats in Sydney – Apr 7, 2009 – *Australia* – By Simon Benson - Military facilities are in lockdown across southwest Sydney over fears bikie gangs may try to break in to weapons armories. The security alert at Holsworthy army base has been elevated to "safe base charlie" since Friday - at around the same time bikie laws were being brought in to effect. Security at all other Defence Force sites around Liverpool, including the Moorebank weapons storage facility, has also been raised. A Defence Department spokesman last night confirmed security at all Defence sites in southwest Sydney that held weapons - likely to include machineguns, mortars & rocket launchers - had been raised because of the "bikie threat".

Hells Angels in verzet tegen intrekken vergunning – Apr 7, 2009 – *Amsterdam* - De Hells Angels maken bezwaar tegen het besluit van de gemeente Amsterdam om de bouwvergunning voor het clubhuis van de motorclub in te trekken. De Hells Angels leggen zich daar niet bij neer, liet hun advocaat David Peters dinsdag weten. De gemeente maakte vorige week bekend dat ze op basis van een advies van bureau Bibob heeft besloten de vergunning niet te verlenen. Amsterdam is bang dat de motorclub de licentie zal gebruiken voor criminele doeleinden. Het besluit is volgens Peters op valse gronden genomen. "Er wordt voortdurend voortgeborduurd op de strafzaak tegen de Hells Angels waarbij de rechtbank overduidelijk heeft gezegd dat de bewijsvoering niet deugde. De raadsman zei dat de Hells Angels niet in de illusie verkeren dat het bezwaar wordt toegewezen. "Dan zal er wel weer een rechter aan te pas moeten komen."

FOX News Caves In... "Breaking News": In response to President- Obama's complaint that FOX News doesn't show enough Black & Hispanic people on their network, FOX has announced that they will now air: "America's Most Wanted" Twice a week...

Growth of motorcycle gangs is a concern - Apr 7, 2009 – *Michigan* - By Mitch Hotts; Macomb Daily - In recent years, limited resources have forced law enforcement officials to concentrate on the most obvious & immediate threats: street gang violence, terrorists, domestic violence & drunken drivers. But all along, operating under the radar & largely out of public view is a fairly consistent group of lawbreakers: outlaw motorcycle gangs. And experts say there has been a “tremendous growth” in the number of gangs that deal in narcotics, illegal gambling & firearms. “A lot of local law enforcement turns a blind eye to these gangs because there are so much overt activities on the part of street gangs that get more attention,” said Steve Cook, president of the Midwest Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Association. “That’s why it often falls to Fed involvement to try to penetrate the gangs, which operate so clandestinely, you think they’re not up to anything. In fact, they’re doing a lot but at a level where you have to be on the inside to find out.” Earlier this week, alleged high-level officers of the Devil’s Diciples — they deliberately misspell the title — motorcycle gang based in Clinton Township were named in a grand jury indictment charging them with illegal drug trafficking. A lengthy investigation by the FBI, Michigan State Police, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms, & the County of Macomb Enforcement Team (COMET) resulted in 18 indictments. Authorities also confiscated casino-style slot machines, dozens of firearms, thousands of rounds of ammunition, & pounds of marijuana, vicodin & methamphetamine inside the gang’s so-called clubhouse on Gratiot Avenue north of Joy Boulevard. Mount Clemens Mayor Barb Dempsey was surprised when she saw a number of police & SWAT agents descending on the nearby home of the gang’s alleged national president, Jeff Garvin “Fat Dog” Smith, 54, earlier this week as they took him into custody. “I haven’t heard of motorcycle gangs in that context since long ago,” Dempsey said. “But I guess there’s still a concentration of them out there under the radar.” Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel said while the public may not be totally aware of the gangs, local, state & federal law enforcers certainly are. The sheriff serves as chairman of the COMET unit, which federal prosecutors say played a central role in the indictments. “There probably isn’t a police agency around here that isn’t aware of some of the actors that were charged (earlier this week). They’re from all over — Fraser, Roseville, Mount Clemens, Clinton Township, all over,” Hackel said. In fact, six of the 18 alleged gang members named in the indictment, which accuses the group of selling illegal drugs over the past six years, reside in Macomb County while a number of others live in St. Clair County, including a car salesman at a Port Huron dealership. Cook — the motorcycle gang expert who also works as a detective for the Independence, Mo., police Dept — said the Devil’s Diciples have a reputation for dealing in narcotics, especially meth. “We’ve busted some of the members of that group here in Missouri,” Cook said. “I know who they are & how they operate.” An affidavit filed in connection with the indictments in U.S. District Court indicates the gang formed in 1967 & has been “actively involved” with a wide range of criminal activity including illegal gambling, selling stolen guns & motorcycles, & assault. The gang is also suspected of insurance fraud & the theft of heavy equipment from construction firms, according to court files. The Diciples, who currently have a membership roster between 100 & 150 in Michigan, Ohio, Illinois & other states, is one of the 40 largest outlaw motorcycle gangs in the United States, federal officials said. There are hundreds of gangs in the country. “Groups like the Diciples are old-school gangs,” Cook said. “They’ve been around a while. They’re very well organized & sophisticated, & a lot of them have military training in the weaponry department. They can be treacherous.”

Cook said there historically is a rise in the outlaw gangs following military action such as World War II, the Vietnam War, & now the hostilities in Iraq & Afghanistan as many members strike out on their own after being in the military service. Cook said law enforcers are concerned about the potential for a new wave of younger members assuming leadership roles in the years to come. “Because of the current conflict in Iraq, we expect to see a surge in membership,” he said. “It looks like these guys are trying to bolster their numbers.”

Board halts firings sheriff endorsed – Apr 7, 2009 – *Wisconsin* – By Steve Schultze - An altercation outside a downtown bar between off-duty officers dressed in black leather motorcycle garb & a college student has resulted in short suspensions for a Milwaukee County sheriff’s office captain & 2 deputies. The county Personnel Review Board, in decisions issued last month, reversed Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr.’s firing recommendation for all three. The board instead ordered 10-day suspensions for Capt. Eric Roberson, 48, & Deputy Todd Dickau, 41; & a five-day suspension for Deputy Andrew Bilda, 32. Roberson also agreed to retire in July as part of a settlement of disciplinary charges the sheriff leveled against him. All have been restricted to administrative duty since early last year. The case has renewed some hard feelings over what Clarke has called a poor image presented by officers involved in the Renegade Pigs MC. The officers shouldn’t be singled out for punishment based on their club affiliation & manner of dress, said Roy Felber, president of the Deputy Sheriff’s Association. The members of the Renegade Pigs are “just a bunch of old guys” who enjoy motorcycles in their free time, Felber said. “Just because of the name of the group, (Clarke) has got it in for those 3 guys,” Felber said. Bilda & Dickau were members of the Renegade Pigs, while Roberson was a member of the Patriots, another motorcycle club for law enforcement officers, according to their lawyer, Jonathan Cermele. Officers in the MC s “admire the counterculture nature of the notorious Outlaw motorcycle group,” Clarke wrote in a letter to county Corporation Counsel William Domina. “After a while, they start to behave as rebels & the lines of acceptable conduct become blurred.” Clarke declined to comment on the case Friday. The 3 disciplined officers were part of a large birthday party gathering at Rosie’s Waterworks on Nov. 30, 2007, when they responded to a request for help from bar employees. The Rosie’s employees said an intoxicated man hit a car in the bar parking lot, & they detained Robert Blankenheim, now 23. Deputies said Blankenheim was belligerent, struck the bar owner & attempted to strike or kick the deputies. His blood-alcohol level was nearly twice the legal limit when tested later that night, according to sheriff’s reports. A drunken-driving charge against him was dismissed, however. The 3 officers told Dept investigators they had had several drinks but were not intoxicated. Blankenheim filed a claim against the city & county claiming he was assaulted by several men in motorcycle club dress who demanded money & did not identify themselves as law enforcement officers. The officers denied using force against Blankenheim except to subdue him, & said they clearly displayed their badges to him, investigation transcripts state. No criminal charges were filed against the officers. Blankenheim & his lawyer couldn’t be reached for comment.

‘**Mr. Clark**, I have reviewed this case very carefully,’ the divorce court Judge said, ‘And I’ve decided to give your wife \$775 a week,’ ‘That’s very fair, your honor,’ the husband said. ‘And every now & then I’ll try to send her a few bucks myself.’

We're bikers, not bikies, stress Ulysses members – Apr 8, 2009 – *Australia* - By Chris Barrett - The national executive of the Ulysses club has told concerned members that the ramifications of anti-bikie laws on the country's largest motorcycling group will be minimal. As police ramp up their assault on bikie gangs in New South Wales following legislative reforms poised to be mirrored in Queensland by mid-year, Ulysses riders say they have been mistaken for their patch-wearing outlaw counterparts. Denis Paulin, the national vice-president of Ulysses, said several riders from the national over-40s motorcycle enthusiasts group had been mistakenly picked up by NSW police since the police crackdown in the state began. However, he said, police were well aware of the difference between bikie & Ulysses club members. "They were riding without distinction & were picked up by police," Paulin said. "But once the police realised who they were... saw their identification... they let them go." Paulin said he & national president Kim Kennerson had fronted a branch meeting of the club in the Hunter Valley last night where they continued to allay concerns from members that they may be unfairly targeted with the inception of anti-bikie legislation. The laws, already in place in South Australia & New South Wales & being drafted in Queensland, effectively make it illegal to associate with or be a member of a bikie gang if that club is involved in criminal activity. "We've got some members who are elderly & they are concerned," Paulin said. "There are some people out there who will see a bike & they might think 'that's a bikie' but we think the public are a bit smarter than that. "We don't think we've got a problem. The police know who we are. Even if we do get pulled over it's not going to be carried on with." The Ulysses club has a former NSW police commissioner, Tony Lauer, within its ranks, while former federal opposition leader Brendan Nelson is another of the most high-profile among the 29,000-plus membership. Many Ulysses riders carry identification stickers or number plates on the front of their motorcycles to distinguish them from bikies but Paulin conceded that some rode the streets with no particular sign of Ulysses membership on display. It was the showing of their club affiliation that led to a tete-a-tete with the Rebels in 2005. The outlaw gang then threatened Ulysses members with violence when the veteran riders club converged on Canberra - Rebels territory - for their annual general meeting with some wearing badges around the Ulysses logo that gave the appearance of a bikie patch or "colours" as they are known. The Ulysses club agreed to direct members not to wear the second badge in rare meetings with the Rebels. "They're just not our sort of people," Paulin said. "We've had some contact with them when they were giving us a hard time back in Canberra. "Our Pres visited their president & sorted it out."

Police raid Rebel bikies, smash clubhouse – Apr 8, 2009 – *Australia* - Police have smashed in the windows of the Rebel bikie gang's clubhouse & have arrested six people in a series of dramatic arrests & raids targeting bikies this afternoon. Two of those were arrested shortly after 3pm next to the drive through of the St Peters McDonalds, sparking a series of further raids. It is believed at least one of the two, both men aged 22, is a Rebel bikie. Another man, aged 37 & a member of the Comanchero bikie gang, was arrested later in Hurstville. Two more men & a woman were arrested in Batemans Bay on the state's South Coast, where police also found what they allege was an active amphetamines factory linked to the Rebels. The raids are understood to be related to cocaine & amphetamines supply across Sydney. In Alexander St, Taren Point, police including police rescue squad officers, smashed in the fortified windows of a factory unit used as the Rebel's clubhouse, & shouting could be

heard by police inside the building. Police simultaneously raided a Sutherland tattoo shop. It is believed the raids are part of a major drug operation & that other premises across Sydney are also being searched. Up to 10 premises were raided in total. A witness to the arrest, who did not wish to be named, told The Daily Telegraph both men were arrested at gunpoint. One male was arrested inside the McDonalds restaurant while another was dragged out of a dark green Nissan, he said. "Neither men resisted. There were just too many police," he said. "The police all had their guns drawn & it was all over in a matter of minutes."

Hospital stay is over for Peter Zervas – Apr 8, 2009 - *Australia* - Hells Angel Peter Zervas has walked out of hospital just 9 days after being sprayed with bullets as he arrived at his mother's Lakemba unit. After narrowly escaping with his life, Zervas, 32, has given some info to police & is now in hiding with his family, including his mother Fredericka Bromich. He was under police guard while at St George Hospital because of their fears of further attacks in what has become a bloody bikie war but it is now under stood he has no further protection after he said he did not want it.

Bikie gang leader delays bail application – Apr 8, 2009 – *Australia* - The head of the Comancheros bikie gang will remain in custody after his lawyers today sought to adjourn a bail application in relation to charges over a fatal brawl at Sydney airport. Comancheros national president Mahmoud "Mick" Hawi is one of six people charged with affray after the death of Hells Angels associate Anthony Zervas on March 22. In police facts tendered to the court today, one witness says a man in white described as Mick Hawi held another man to the ground while someone else kicked him after getting off a flight from Melbourne. Outside court, Hawi's solicitor Lesley Randle said they sought the adjournment to examine the police facts more carefully. "For the first time, we have been informed that there are a number of statements that have been taken & there are approximately 1,250 witnesses," she said. "Police require a period of time to settle those statements & work out what material will be used. "The purpose of the adjournment is so we can ascertain what case at this stage is against Hawi."

Rees confident bikie drug trade will be abolished – Apr 8, 2009 – *Australia* - A fresh blitz on outlaw bikies has been welcomed by the NSW Premier, who insists their underworld drug-trade will be stamped out. Police arrested a Rebels bikie in one of eight raids yesterday, with a Sydney court told he'd tried to sell around a kilogram of cocaine & speed to undercover officers. 22-year-old Daniel James Isbester chose not to appear in the dock this morning, & will face court again later this month. A Comanchero was also arrested in the drug operation - police won't confirm if both gangs were working together but say the arrests are interconnected & complicated. NSW Premier Nathan Rees says Police are doing everything they can to stamp-out the illegal activity of bikies. "These outlaw motorcycle gangs don't simply ride around on motorbikes - many of them are engaged in the manufacturing & distribution of illicit drugs, & visit the misery that arises from illicit drug use on families right across NSW. "That's why we've put in place these new laws & that's why we continue to support police in their fight against these crimes." In other raids on Tuesday, two men, aged 30 & 31, & a 23-year-old woman were arrested in a raid on a property at Bingi, south of Batemans Bay, which police believe is linked to the Rebels. That raid allegedly uncovered an amphetamine factory & a large amount of drug precursors.

Sentences that Fit... Justice that Works...

Internet records to be stored for a year – Apr 8, 2009 – *United Kingdom* – By David Barrett - Details of every email sent & website visited by people in Britain are to be stored for use by the state from tomorrow as part of what campaigners claim is a massive assault on privacy. A European Union directive, which Britain was instrumental in devising, comes into force which will require all internet service providers to retain information on email traffic, visits to web sites & telephone calls made over the internet, for 12 months. Police & the security services will be able to access the information to combat crime & terrorism. Hundreds of public bodies & quangos, including local councils, will also be able to access the data to investigate flytipping & other less serious crimes. It was previously thought that only the large companies would be required to take part, covering 95% of Britain's internet usage, but a Home Office spokesman has confirmed it will be applied "across the board" to even the smallest company. Privacy campaigners say the move to force telecoms companies to store the data is the first step towards the controversial central database at the heart of the Home Office's Intercept Modernisation Programme, which will gather far more detailed information on Britain's online activities. Simon Davies, director of Privacy International, said: "I don't think people are aware of the implications of this move. It means that everything we do online or on the phone will be known to the authorities. "They are using this to produce probably the world's most comprehensive surveillance system. "This is a disgraceful example of the covert influence that Brussels has across our freedoms & liberties. The entire episode has been marked by a litany of secret dealings, vicious political games & a complete absence of transparency." Phil Noble of privacy group NO2ID, said: "This is the kind of technology that the Stasi would have dreamed of. "We are facing a co-ordinated strategy to track everyone's communications, creating a dossier on every person's relationships & transactions. "It is clearly preparatory work for the as-yet un-revealed plans for intercept modernisation." Another EU directive which requires companies to hold details of telephone records for a year has already come into force, & although internet data is held on an ad hoc basis this is the first time the industry has faced a statutory requirement to archive the material. Information held includes the details of who contacted who, & when, but does not involve the content of emails being stored. The taxpayer will reimburse internet service providers & telecoms companies for the costs associated with storing the billions of individual records. Thierry Dieu of ETNO, the European telecoms networks operators association, said: "We regret that the legislation has been put through without real consultation with the players in the market. "The UK is the only country which has decided to reimburse the cost of retaining all the data. It remains to be seen whether this will cover all the costs." A Home Office spokesman said: "It is the Govt's priority to protect public safety & national security. That is why we are completing the implementation of this directive, which will bring the UK in line with our European counterparts. "Letters will go out to communication service providers telling them that it is coming into force. We are talking across the board, to all communication providers." He said communications data played a "vital part" in a wide range of criminal investigations, such as the hunt for the killer of Rhys Jones, the 11-year-old schoolboy shot dead in Liverpool in 2007, & the prevention of terrorists attacks. "Without communications data, resolving crimes such as the Rhys Jones murder would be very difficult if not impossible. "Access to communications data is governed by Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act which ensures that effective safeguards are in place & that the data can only be accessed when it is necessary & proportionate to do so," he said. A European deal

on storing data was first pursued by Charles Clarke when he was home secretary in 2005. At the time, a Home Office spokesman confirmed that a major mobile phone company which had previously stored its data for just two days had agreed to retain the information for a year in exchange for £875,000 in taxpayers' money. A report compiled by ETNO in 2004 said that a large internet service provider would need to store between 20,000 & 40,000 terabytes of data - of the equivalent of 40 trillion emails - if it was required to keep all traffic data for 12 months.

Brisbane bikies put party on hold – Apr 8, 2009 - *Australia's* largest outlaw motorcycle club, the Rebels, may be forced to cancel its 40th anniversary celebrations in Brisbane as tough new anti-bikie laws are drafted by the Bligh Gov't. Due to be held at its Albion clubhouse, which has risen from the ashes after being firebombed in a bikie war two years ago, the Rebels' party has been postponed & may not take place at all due to the incoming legislation. Based on laws already in place in South Australia & New South Wales, the proposed measures would make it illegal to associate with an organisation deemed to be involved in criminal activity. The Rebels' Frodsham Street clubhouse was rebuilt after being torched on March 27, 2007, by senior members of rival club the Bandidos during a bitter inter-club feud. Completed recently, the modern timber building is a significant improvement on the Rebels' previous premises, which were left gutted by the \$120,000 arson attack. The firebombing was said to have been committed by the Bandidos as retribution for an earlier clash between the two gangs at Bribie Island & the defection of several high-ranking Rebels to the Bandidos in 2006. Four men, including Bandidos' Brisbane chapter Pres Blair Thomsen, VP Ivan Glavas, sergeant-at-arms Kenneth Whittaker & gang associate John Debilla were last year jailed for a combined total of 15 years after pleading guilty to the arson. With the clubhouse out of action, the Rebels last year held a function at the nearby Brothers Rugby Club & used a shed at the rear of the property as a makeshift Brisbane chapter clubhouse. The Rebels, along with other outlaw clubs, have been on the receiving end of a heavy police crackdown on bikie-associated crime, particularly in New South Wales, where anti-bikie laws were introduced last week following the bashing murder of a man at Sydney Airport. In the latest incident, two men allegedly linked to the Rebels were arrested at gunpoint on drugs offences in the Sydney suburb of St Peters yesterday. With strict measures pending in Queensland, clubs are reportedly using the state as a testing ground for a new era of inter-gang diplomacy. A group called the United Motorcycle Council, including senior members of most Queensland clubs, has reportedly been formed to promote mediation instead of violence to sort out inter-club feuds & is being used as a model for southern clubs.

Copper wire: After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, New York scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 100 years & came to the conclusion, that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 100 years ago. Not to be outdone by the New Yorkers, in the weeks that followed, a California archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, & shortly after, a story in the LA Times read: 'California archaeologists, finding traces of 200 year old copper wire, have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the New Yorkers.' One week later, The Pioneer Press, a local newspaper in Minnesota, reported the following: After digging as deep as 30 feet in his pasture near Embarrass, Minnesota, Ole Olson, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Ole has therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Minn had already gone wireless.

Police raid Gypsy Joker properties in SA – Apr 8, 2009 – *Australia* - More than 100 police on Wed raided 20 properties linked to the bikie club. Buildings in Adelaide & regions in the state's southeast & mid-north were searched simultaneously, a police spokesman said on Wed. Guns, ammunition, knives & bomb-making instructions were among items discovered, he said. Five members or associates of the Gypsy Jokers were arrested & charged with various offences. A 34-year-old club member was charged with 13 offences including illegally possessing a firearm, possessing prohibited weapons & possessing equipment to make amphetamines. The 34-year-old was charged following the discovery of a locked trunk at Peterborough in the state's mid-north which contained an arsenal of weapons including pistols, sawn-off shotguns, rifles, swords, other knives, ammunition & recipes for making bombs, police said. A separate raid at Carpenter Rocks in the state's southeast resulted in a 51-year-old man being charged with drugs offences after a search of his house discovered 11 pounds of cannabis & another 12 cannabis plants growing hydroponically.

Guatemala bans more than 1 on motorcycle to stop mounted murder teams – Apr 8, 2009 – *Guatemala* is banning more than one person from riding on motorcycles in a policy aimed at stamping out attacks by cycle-mounted hit men. Guatemala's assistant police director Rember Larios says more than 60 bus drivers or their assistants have been shot by gunmen so far this year, & most of the attackers rode on the back of a motorcycle. The new law goes into effect Thursday. Gangs extort money from bus operators in exchange for protection. Those who refuse to pay are often attacked. Attackers favor motorcycles because they can maneuver through dense traffic. Offenders face fines of up to \$125 (1,000 quetzales).

Who's Listening? – Mar 23, 2009 – Currently at *USP Hazelton* - My name is Kevin O'Neill & I am currently serving a life sentence in a federal penitentiary in *West Virginia*. This blog is intended to inform the interested citizens of our country of the illegal & immoral investigative tactics deployed by certain federal & state law enforcement agencies which the courts to this point have effectively condoned. I have recently submitted a petition to the United States Supreme Court that unequivocally demonstrates a warrantless felony bugging of my private home which should shock the conscience of even a staunch conservative. If you think that law enforcement needs a court order before it can install eavesdropping devices into your home... ***The Warrantless Installation of Listening Devices in Our Private Homes is Now Legal in Wisconsin, Illinois & Indiana...*** Currently there is a case before the United States Supreme Court challenging a controversial decision from the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that law enforcement can now cause fully operational listening devices (or bugs) to be installed in our private homes— indefinitely—without a warrant. See O'Neill v. United States, No.08-8960, filed 2/24/09. Unbeknownst to the citizens living in Wisconsin, Illinois & Indiana (the jurisdiction of the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals), six years ago the Court effectively announced that agents from the ATF can install & activate listening devices within a private home, business, hotel room, auto, public bathroom or anywhere a person had a constitutional right to privacy—without a warrant. According to the three-judge panel of Republican appointees, the unsuspecting victim of a warrantless bugging must now prove that the ATF is either recording or listening to specific conversations before statutory limits on eavesdropping are implicated. In other words, the privacy of our homes is now at the presumed restraint of the ATF or any other government agency, which is effect, now makes it

legal to place an invisible policemen in the home that claims to keep his ears covered & eyes shut until the possibility someday a warrant is needed & obtained. See *United States v. Warneke*, 310F.3d 542,545(7th Cir.2003), as amended. In 1968, Congress enacted Title III (18 United States Code, Sections 2510, et seq.) to regulate all nonconsensual electronic surveillance. To amend Title III, Congress later enacted the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) to limit the President's power in conducting warrantless electronic surveillance in domestic security cases. In that Act, it mandates that "the installation or use" of a listening device absent a warrant violates federal law which can result in fines and/or up to (5) years in prison. (See 50 United States Code, Sections 1801(f)(4) & 1809(c)). What Congress enacted as a felony crime decades ago, the panel decision from the 7th Circuit now holds is "good police work" in the warrantless placement & activation of a listening device within a private home. Warneke, 310 F. 3d at 545. The Assistant United States attorney that approved & supervised this blatant felony bugging was never prosecuted. Instead, on November 6, 2002 in Washington DC, AUSA Paul Kanter was rewarded by then –United States Attorney General John Ashcroft with the "Director's Award" in a apparent effort to further cover-up this overt criminal act. Further evidence which illustrates this AUSA's disregard for the laws of our country, unless of course they fit his agenda, can be found in a published court decision. In a discussion with a grand jury panel about the law, AUSA Kanter "cavalier(ly)" expressed his views on the legislative body of the federal government: "...but you know lawyers; they have to come up with stupid word to make themselves look important. And since Congress, of course, is made of primarily lawyers, all our laws are written stupidly, & no one can understand them but lawyers, & that keeps lawyers employed." Quoting, *United States v. Van Engel*, 809 F.Supp. 1360, 1365 (E.D.Wis.1992)(emphasis added). This startling & flagrantly unconstitutional decision has prompted the very person who drafted the law for our country on wiretapping & bugging. Professor G. Robert Blakey, Notre Dame Law School, to submit an affidavit to the Supreme Court to overrule the 7th Circuit's holding. Moreover, the US Constitution requires a judge to pass on the desires of the police Before they violate the privacy of a home. If you do not want the determination to place & activate listening devices in our homes left to the sole discretion of federal agents, you should contact your local congressman, senator & /or Dept of Justice. As Thomas Jefferson warned during the constitutional debates, those who trade a little liberty for safety will find they have neither. Editorial by: Kevin "Spike" O'Neill; Federal Register No. 00322-748...

Commentary by Al "Pork Chops" Gary who is currently in *Mt. Olive, West Virginia* – April 2009 – I've been reading about what's going on in Australia & New Zealand & here with the Mongols & I'm sure that I'm not the only one that can see what's going on. And what's coming if any of these laws are allowed to stand, & for all of you out there don't worry it's just the outlaw clubs there are after. Think again if this continues eventually even the Sunday Social Club that goes to Church on Sunday morning & rides Sunday afternoon will be in the Gov't's Cross Hairs... It's time for all Clubs to put aside their differences & focus on what is happening in Washington, D.C. The Gov't has declared war on us & were too busy killing each other to see it!!! Imagine what would happen if every patch holder in the U.S. would stand up & say no fucking more (Now that would be a force to be reckoned with) & a lot of suits would be hitting on themselves... It's time we send a message to Capitol Hill, Don't Tread on me cause I wear a big boot & I tread back...

FFMC Volunteer – March 2009 – *Oklahoma* - Forsaken Few MC members volunteer to help Lone Grove Community during Tragic times... Nine people died from the Tornado in the Lone Grove area... *Editor's Note*: Nice to see a Good Story!!!

National crime chief backs uniform laws – Apr 10, 2009 – *Australia* - By Paul Maley - A Push to have controversial anti-bikie laws adopted nationally has received a boost, with the head of the Australian Crime Commission warning that gangs will move interstate if legislation in NSW & South Australia is not replicated across the country. With state & territory attorneys-general to meet in Canberra next week to discuss harmonising organised crime legislation, John Lawler said there was a risk that the laws could displace gang activity into neighbouring states. As police in NSW continued their crackdown on the gangs, arresting a bikie in southern Sydney on Thursday & confiscating cash suspected to be the proceeds of crime, Mr Lawler warned that the global financial crisis was opening up new opportunities for criminals to launder dirty money. At next week's meeting of the standing committee of attorneys-general in Canberra, the commonwealth will lobby for uniform anti-crime legislation. On Thursday, federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland stressed the importance of consistency across the states & territories in order to avoid the gangs taking advantage of legal weak spots. "If you don't have national consistency, well you'll simply see these gangs going to the weakest point," McClelland said. "So I think we need national legislation that actually is effective & consistent." McClelland's remarks follow the adoption by NSW of tough anti-bikie laws modelled on legislation introduced in South Australia last year. The passage of the laws in NSW was prompted by a spate of violent attacks by bikie gangs, including the bashing death of Hells Angels associate Anthony Zervas at Sydney airport last month. The laws borrow heavily from federal counter-terrorism legislation, allowing police to ban gangs & apply for control orders prohibiting members from consorting with one another. Civil liberties groups have criticised the legislation as an overreaction. But Lawler said if the laws proved effective they should be adopted nationally. "It stands to reason that if bikies get under the Bunsen burner in a particular jurisdiction, & the laws are effectively implemented & translate into serious disabling of outlaw motorcycle gangs in a particular location, then there will be a great pressure on them to move their unlawful operations elsewhere," Lawler said. "There's no surprise in that & nor is that illogical." Lawler said the ACC was also seeing evidence that organised crime groups were using the global financial crisis to diversify their money laundering activities, investing in loan books & washing illicit funds through credit-starved businesses. "Where we get shifts & movements & indeed changes in structures, we have seen organised criminal groups being flexible & dynamic. They take advantage of opportunity," Lawler said. "It's of concern to us." Lawler's comments echo those of UN Office of Drugs & Crime executive director Antonio Maria Costa, who said in January there was evidence that drug money was being used to fund interbank loans. "In many instances, drug money is currently the only liquid investment capital," Dr Costa told the Austrian weekly Profil. "In the second half of 2008, liquidity was the banking system's main problem, & hence liquid capital became an important factor."

Police 'silent' on bikie risk – Apr 11, 2009 - *Australia* - By Liam Houllihan - A Victorian council lost its fight to stop 2 rival bikie gangs setting up in the same suburb after police apparently raised no objections. The revelation has prompted fresh claims that authorities are not properly confronting outlaw motorcycle

groups. Victims of Crime advocate Noel McNamara said that as other states introduced anti-bikie laws, Victoria's "slack" approach was an invitation for the gangs to move here. The Outlaws - ranked by the FBI as the world's fourth-most powerful gang - has claimed Melbourne's southeast as its turf for a decade. The gang won the right to build its Pakenham clubhouse after the Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal overturned Cardinia Council's decision in 1999. Rival gang the Rebels - which has been involved in a shooting turf war with another gang, the Bandidos - then applied to build its clubhouse in the middle of the Outlaws' territory in Pakenham. And after it also was refused a council permit, VCAT again overturned the decision last year. Documents show that when Victoria Police was asked whether a Rebels compound should be approved, Pakenham station offered no objection or opinion. McNamara said while Sydney police had smashed their way into bikie clubhouses, Victorian authorities were giving the groups "preferential treatment", citing the police escort for the Bandidos when they rode in convoy from Geelong to Melbourne in October. He said Victoria should look at the tough anti-bikie laws being introduced in NSW, SA & Queensland, or risk being a "refuge" for bikies. Cardinia Mayor Bill Pearson said the council did not want residents in the crossfire of a bikie war & said people's rights were being "ignored". He called on the Brumby Government to take action to control the bikies. "These are gangs, like we had in the 1920s & 1930s in Collingwood with Squizzy Taylor," Pearson said. A bikie insider, speaking on condition of anonymity, said gangs such as Notorious in NSW were likely to emerge soon in Victoria. He said Victoria was regarded as a "neutral zone" with less violence where rival gangs held meetings.

Milperra - the spark that started the bikie violence - Apr 11, 2009 – *Australia* - By Paul Kent - It begins with an open window. Everything today, the escalation in violence, the historical hate between the Bandidos & Comanchero, begins with that window. As secrets go, Colin "Caesar" Campbell has been hanging on to the secret of that window for 26 years. Like his brothers Bull (Phillip), Snake (Geoff), Wack (John), Chop (Mario) & Shadow (Gregory), Caesar was once a Comanchero. They were the Wrecking Crew & together with the McElwaine brothers - Knuckles (Phil), Gloves (Mark) & Dukes (Greg) - the unofficial muscle of the gang. "They could walk into a room of a hundred men & clear the room," said Bear Campbell, an adopted brother. They broke away in 1983 because of the window. Not even the Comanchero that remained, the ones that stayed loyal to then-president William "Jock" Ross when the gang split in 1983, knew about the window. They still don't. "You're just the ninth person to know this," Bear said yesterday. "And four are dead." Bear is Caesar's adopted brother, & we are talking about Caesar's secret. Caesar is 62, the last surviving original Bandidos office-bearer, & despite a recent stay in hospital he can still clear a room if he must. From retirement Caesar watches the latest escalation of bikie violence, filthy at the attacks on homes where children sleep, adamant this was never what it was about. Those naive to their war might point to Milperra, but Caesar insists back then they had honor. Indeed, Milperra was all about honor. Police still believe the war began over turf, or drugs, or a combination of both. They alleged it in court in 1984, some seven weeks after the violence in the carpark of Milperra's Viking Tavern, when 6 bikies were shot dead, as well as 14-year-old Leanne Walters. Now, for the first time, Caesar Campbell has let go of the secret that cost him 2 brothers - Shadow & Chop - at Milperra, & which would see Wack die 3 years later from illness caused by the massacre. "One of the Campbell brothers & another member went to another member's house & saw Jock Ross' vehicle out the

front,” he said. “They went to the front door & looked through the window & saw Jock & the other member’s wife in a compromising position in the lounge room. “They knocked on the door, they answered the door, & both members looked at Jock & turned around & came straight to me & told me about it. “It was then that it was decided that Jock would be brought up on charges of committing one of the greatest offences that you can make in a motorcycle club - apart from selling heroin & making a police statement - by making love to a member’s wife.” Ross had broken one of the 10 club rules he drew up himself, namely Club Rule 4: “Any member found guilty of screwing another member’s Ol’ Lady, or taking advantage of a rift between them for future conning up, will be thrown out.” The Campbells & McElwaines, their bond born in battle, were filthy. Caesar won’t reveal the member’s identity now out of respect to his children but as sergeant-at-arms he ordered Ross to the next club meeting to face charges. He failed to show. He failed to show at the next meeting, too, but walked into the third, announced he was splitting the Comanchero into two separate chapters, & walked out. The Wrecking Crew went to the city, opening their clubhouse at 150 Louisa Rd, Birchgrove. Ross’s clubhouse remained at 65 Harris St, Harris Park, in western Sydney. Relations remained strained but workable until the club’s annual run. It broke down amid fights & threats, & the city chapter returned & voted to break away. Police believe the breakaway occurred shortly after Christmas 1983, when Anthony “Snotty” Spencer & Charlie Scibberas flew to America to seek permission to form an Australian Bandidos chapter. What actually happened was “Snotty” & Charlie had gone to America two years earlier to buy Harley-Davidson parts, met Charles “Ha Ha Chuck” Gillies, president of the Bandidos’ Albuquerque chapter, & now Snotty & Shadow called Ha Ha Chuck. “Within a week it was granted,” Caesar said. A set of colors were made & taken to Caesar for approval. More colors were ordered, but for 10 days Caesar was the only man in colors. For 10 days he was Pres, VP, sergeant-at-arms, Tres & Sec. Bashing & clubhouse attacks took place until August 1984, when Snotty & Jock officially declared war in a phone call. Caesar declared homes & places of work off limits. Everywhere else was fair game. It was unlike today’s bikie war, where homes are now a target of choice, & small attacks continued until Father’s Day 1984. Among the dead & bloodied at Milperra, Caesar was shot six times. He was thrown into a car & dropped off at Bankstown Hospital. Some weeks later Caesar gripped the back of his chair while his Ol’ Lady Donna pulled 4 remaining shotgun pellets from his back with tweezers & a buck knife & no anesthetic. Much of what the gangs believed they stood for then is now lost. Caesar does not see the honor he once stood for, & still stands for. Some time before Milperra the American Bandidos visited Australia & noticed the Australian patch, the fat Mexican brandishing a pistol, was wrong. The American Bandido has a white beard. The Australian version was black. They ordered the patches back so they could be burned & replaced with the correct patch. No, said Caesar. On his jacket was the blood of his dead brothers. He wasn’t giving it up. The Americans insisted, saying the club stood above all else. Caesar knew in that patch was the blood of everything he stood for, so he looked at the Americans & said, “If you want it, come & get it”. Caesar, the original Bandido, is the only man in Australia to still have that patch.

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Police raid bikie club meeting - April 11, 2009 – *Australia* - Police have ramped up the pressure on bikies, busting a meeting of top brass from 10 outlaw motorcycle gangs in western Sydney on Saturday. Officers from Strike Force Raptor, the dog squad & Polair swooped on a licensed premises on the Great Western Highway, in Prospect, about 12.30 pm. Police allege the muster gathering was attended by high-ranking members of bikie gangs, including the Rebels, Bandidos, Finks, Outcasts, Black Uhlans, Phoenix, Christian MC, Gypsy Jokers, Life & Death, & Loan Wolves. About 70 members & their vehicles were searched. Three men will appear in court at a later date after being charged with possessing a prohibited weapon, possessing a prohibited article & custody of a knife in a public place. Head of the gangs squad Detective Supt Mal Lanyon said that police have advance knowledge of planned events by outlaw motorcycle gangs. “And we will continue to be proactive in ensuring the law is enforced, & to prevent criminal activities or any breaches of the peace which may possibly arise as a result of these gatherings,” Det Supt Lanyon said in a statement. A police raid on Friday at a house in Airids, in Sydney’s southwest, resulted in the arrest of 49-year-old Comanchero member Ricky John Perceval (Perceval) & the seizure of seven licensed firearms, \$140,000 of the illegal drug ice & \$200,000 in cash. Gang colours & a H-D motorcycle were also confiscated in the raid. Perceval faced Parramatta Bail Court on Saturday & was refused bail over 4 drugs charges, 1 count of possessing a prohibited weapon, & 2 counts of dealing with the proceeds of crime. The matter was adjourned to Liverpool Local Court on Thursday, where the Comanchero will apply for bail. Det Supt Lanyon allege Perceval’s arrest had broken up a significant drugs operation. “It obviously shows that it was a large-scale operation,” Det Supt Lanyon told reporters. Perceval was one of two men with alleged bikie links to appear in Parramatta Bail Court on Saturday. James Wilson, 46, an alleged Bandidos associate, was granted bail after being charged with dealing with the proceeds of crime, possessing a prescription substance, steroids, & driving while unlicensed. Police searched Wilson’s car after stopping him at a random breath test at Heathcote, in southern Sydney. Appearing via video link & representing himself, Wilson said the money seized was acquired legally. He was granted bail under strict conditions & will appear next in Kogarah Local Court on Apr 14. Since a fatal bikie brawl at Sydney Airport on Mar 22, police from Strike Force Raptor have arrested more than 20 people with links to bikie gangs.

Bosses move against head Comanchero - Apr 12, 2009 – *Australia* – By Dylan Welch - Mick Hawi’s reign as king of the outlaws might be coming to an end, with a recent secret council meeting of some of the most important Australian bikies deciding to force him out. Hawi, the Comanchero MC’s Nat’l Pres, has been widely condemned following his alleged involvement in last month’s airport brawl & a resultant legislative & police crackdown in NSW. A Hells Angels associate, Anthony Zervas, died in the airport brawl. As criticism of Hawi increased, senior members of more than a dozen clubs voted to oust the 28-year-old Bexley man from his top job at a meeting in Queensland last weekend. That meeting established a new charter or code of conduct, which sought to bring an end to the violence sweeping the outlaw club scene. Most of the people at the meeting hadn’t been aware how young Hawi was, a club source said. “They said: ‘We didn’t know he was just a kid. They’re going to send a message to the Comancheros to elect a half-decent national prez or they won’t deal with them,’ “ he said. Three of the most senior members of the clubs in NSW were present at the meeting. They were Rebels Nat’l Pres & the most powerful bikie in Australia, Alex Vella; the Hells Angels’ Guildford Pres, Derek Wainohu; &

the NSW-based Nat'l VP of the Bandidos, John "Brownie" Fahey. Hawi, a father of 2, is on remand after presenting himself to police last week to be charged with affray over the Sydney Airport brawl. He is due to make an application for bail at Central Local Court on Thu. Several other issues were settled at the meeting, including a decision to return to the "old days" of keeping club disputes away from the public. "They're going to take it back to the old days when there was respect," the source said. "When there's a problem it's just between them & no one gets involved. All public places are off-limits. Members' families' houses are not to be touched." There was also talk that members' workplaces or businesses such as motorcycle shops or tattoo parlours would also be considered off-limits. "In the end it was a decision to bring an end to the violence, it was a vote on a policy of no more violence," another outlaw club source said. The other big topic of discussion at the Queensland meeting was the emergence of Notorious, the first source said. "They are really pissed off about Notorious. The whole meeting was about how they're calming things down & also how to get rid of Notorious."

Bikies at war inside prison - Apr 12, 2009 – *Australia* - By Yoni Bashan & Linda Silmalis - Five guards were injured in a bloody brawl between jailed bikies as the gang war erupted in Sydney's Parklea prison. Members of Notorious, the rising force on the bikie scene, set upon a jailed Bandido in a planned attack during a morning muster on Friday. Officials kept the melee secret. The Sunday Telegraph learned of the dramatic escalation in the bikie war from a whistleblower last night. One prison guard suffered a broken finger while others suffered cuts & bruises & required hospital treatment. The attack on Bandidos member Abdul Bagdadi was premeditated, with inmates using makeshift weapons including sharpened toothbrushes. Bagdadi knew he was going to be attacked & wore three layers of clothing as protection. The fight broke out when about 60 prisoners were gathering into the Unit 3 section of the prison. "One of the inmates began walking back to his wing," an eyewitness, the Prison Officers' Vocational Branch chair Matt Bindley told The Sunday Telegraph. "On his way back, he put his hand on another inmate (Bagdadi) & proceeded to hit him in the head." Up to 20 other inmates joined in, laying into Bagdadi. The prison guards were injured while trying to break it up. The incident comes despite departmental attempts to segregate recently jailed members of Sydney's main bikie gangs, including their powerful office bearers. The influx of bikie inmates, arrested by Strike Force Raptor, has created a nightmare for prison staff trying to keep order. Last week, up to 80 bikie inmates were transferred between Sydney jails in a bid to avoid the ongoing feuding. The incident is a major blow to the Rees government, which is fighting the prison unions over plans to privatise the State's jails. A prison source who spoke to The Sunday Telegraph said a raft of Notorious members were moved to the Bandidos-dominated Parklea prison late on Thursday night. Overnight, members carved toothbrushes & other objects into stabbing implements, known as "shivs". One of those involved in the melee included Notorious member Mesbah Mirzaei, 21, who was arrested several weeks ago for brazenly telling a senior gangs squad detective he would take him "down" during an arrest. Bagdadi suffered only minor injuries. Officers found him wearing three pairs of pants & several jumpers. He has refused to answer questions. A Corrective Services spokesperson said the injured officers were taken to Blacktown Hospital. Officers working in Sydney's jails have expressed grave concerns over their safety since the bikie wars broke out. "Officers are s***-scared at the moment," one said. "We've had guards followed home by bikies. Nothing's been done, but then two or three nights later they'll be sitting out the

front to let them know they know where they live." Different jails around the State are known for being dominated by individual bikie gangs. Letters have been intercepted at jails warning of an imminent bikie massacre similar to the 1984 Milperra massacre. The Metropolitan Remand & Reception facility at Silverwater has been used to house Rebels & Comanchero members, who have been placed separately on either side of the jail. The Hells Angels are currently in segregated custody in Parklea, along with members of Notorious. Several Bandidos were recently moved from the Parklea facility several days ago to Long Bay jail, but Bagdadi was left behind. "They moved all the kingpins & left all the little fellas, brothers & friends with links to the gangs behind," the prison source said.

Rebel bikie gang brawls inside Sydney's Star City casino - Apr 13, 2009 – *Australia* - By Larissa Cummings - A Gang of bikies did battle with a group of men inside Star City casino yesterday, smashing chairs & hurling glasses as innocent bystanders covered for safety. In the second wild brawl to endanger the public in less than a month, Rebels bikie club members fought the group of men, who have no known bikie links, on the main floor of the casino beside rows of poker machines. The drama was temporarily defused when security staff threw out the troublemakers, who weren't wearing bikie colours or insignia. But the melee quickly re-ignited on the street, this time involving up to 20 men & women, police said. The brawl is the latest incident to follow the bashing death of Anthony "Tony" Zervas - the brother of Hells Angel Peter Zervas - who died in front of horrified passengers at the domestic airport on March 22. It caps off a weekend of bikie violence which began on Friday when five prison guards were injured during a vicious confrontation between members of rival gangs Notorious & the Bandidos in Parklea jail. The simmering tension between clubs was further aggravated when police raided a gathering of about 70 bikies from different gangs attempting to negotiate a peace treaty in Prospect on Sat. Assistant Commissioner Catherine Burn said yesterday's fight at Star City was unacceptable. "It is fortunate no innocent patrons were injured," she said. "This is why Strike Force Raptor was put in place. Regardless of who was involved, this sort of violence between two groups of people is completely unacceptable." Star City spokesman Peter Grimshaw condemned the violence & said anyone who caused trouble inside the complex would be banned "for a very long time". However, Grimshaw said it would be too difficult for the casino to place a blanket ban on bikies. CCTV footage of the brawl had been handed to police, who arrested & charged a 26-year-old woman from Shalvey with affray along with a Punchbowl man, 20, & a 21-year-old Riverwood man. All three have been bailed to appear in court next month.

Holistic Medicine: Ahkmed the Arab came to the United States from the Middle East, & he was only here a few months when he became very ill. He went to doctor after doctor, but none of them could help him. Finally, he went to an Arabic doctor who said: 'Take dees bocket, go into de odder room, poop in de bocket, pee on de poop, & den put your head down over de bocket & breathe in de fumes for ten minutes.' Ahkmed took the bucket, went into the other room, pooped in the bucket, peed on the poop, bent over & breathed in the fumes for ten minutes. Coming back to the doctor he said, 'It worked. I feel terrific! What was wrong with me?' The doctor said 'You were homesick'.

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