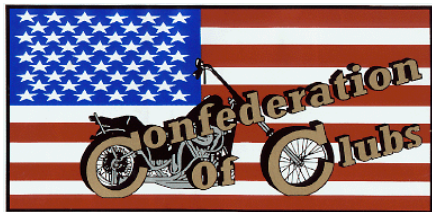


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Convoy of Harley Davidson Motorcycles Break New Record - Jan 31, 2011 - *Indonesia* - By <http://english.ndtv.com> - 816 H-D motorcycles in Indonesia gather for a record-breaking ride in the capital city. A representative from the Indonesian World Record Museum has awarded Mabua H-D's director an award for the longest motorcycle convoy in Indonesia. Hundreds of H-D biker clubs from across Indonesia are participating in the hour-long convoy. Other riders are from Malaysia, Singapore & Australia. The convey reaches is more than a mile long. To help with traffic, Jakarta police have placed 500 officers along the convoy route through the Indonesian capital. This Harley convoy breaks the last record in 2007 when Mabua H-D had 429 bikers riding.

Pagan Showdown In Court - Feb 1, 2011 - *Pennsylvania* - By www.MyFoxPhilly.com - In this First on Fox Report, Fox 29's Dave Schratwieser reports the former Pres of the Philadelphia Pagan's motorcycle gang will stand trial on attempted murder & other charges following scathing testimony by a fellow former high-ranking Pagan associate. Timothy Flood, aka "Casual" took the stand this morning & came face to face with Steven "Gorilla" Mondervergine. Without hesitation, Flood positively identified Mondervergine as the man who shot him, then stabbed him in the back. Steven Mondevergine, former Pres of the Pagan motorcycle gang in Philadelphia was arrested back in Dec of 2010 & charged with shooting & stabbing Flood at the Pagan's headquarters at Torresdale & Disston. Mondevergine is being held on \$1 million bail.

Jury selection begins in gang-related shooting - Feb 1, 2011 - *Louisiana* - By www.WAFB.com - Jury selection begins Tuesday morning in the trial of 4 motorcycle gang members accused of attempted murder & battery. Joe Flores, Jose Flores, Chester Hunnicutt & Derrick Johnson were arrested almost a year ago after a shooting at Fred's Bar, which is near the Prairieville-Port Vincent area. The incident happened in Feb 2010. The Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office reported the men got into an argument with former gang member Steven Hoff, 31. Investigators said Hoff was shot several times by Joe Flores, the gang's Pres. The 4 men are also charged with badly beating Hoff's friend, Brian McDonald, at the bar during the scuffle.

Sting nets arrest of Oklahoma City man on drug, gun complaints - Feb 1, 2011 - *Oklahoma* - By Ann Kelley; <http://NewsOK.com> - An Oklahoma City man was arrested on drug & stolen property complaints as part of a sting operation by state agents. Michael Allen Gardner, 46, was arrested Saturday & booked into the Oklahoma County jail on complaints of receiving stolen property, maintaining a drug house, possession of a sawed-off shotgun & using surveillance equipment during the

commission of a felony. Gardner was arrested by Oklahoma City police during a traffic stop & initially taken into custody for driving with a suspended license. In the meantime, agents with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation were executing a search warrant at his home at 3306 S Quapah, said Jessica Brown, spokeswoman for the OSBI. Brown said the agency's intelligence unit has had an active case against Gardner for some time. She said Gardner is a member of the Rogue Motorcycle Club. She said there are reports that he is the national leader of the club, but agents are still working to confirm that. Along with stolen firearms, agents found biker paraphernalia & a large amount of information about the motorcycle club, authorities said. Gardner was released from jail Sunday on \$49,500 bail. The Oklahoman's calls to his home were not returned. The Tulsa County Metro Narcotics Unit in April executed a search warrant at a Rogue clubhouse in Tulsa in connection with alleged drug sales. According to a court affidavit, the search was considered high-risk, because of certain members' criminal history & the building's surveillance system. Rogue member Russell Doza, 49, was fatally shot when he turned toward deputies with a pistol, authorities said. Scott Lee Sollars, 54, & Albert Dee Ahlfinger, 49, were arrested on weapons complaints. Charges against them are pending in Fed court.

Hells Angels Hater Mike Yevtuck Wants World to Know He Aint No Racist - Feb 1, 2011 - *Arizona* - By James King; <http://blogs.PhoenixNewTimes.com> - The Hells Angels MC & this newspaper have an (ahem) interesting relationship. Every time we write about the gang (literally every time), the comment section of each blog post erupts with comments from people accusing the group of molesting children, cooking meth, & various other crimes. Members of the group counter by threatening New Times writers, spelling things wrong, & apparently posting racist comments under the names of those who oppose them. One of those in frequent opposition to the "8-1" is Mike Yevtuck, who tells New Times his hatred of the gang dates back to when he was 14 years old. More importantly, Yevtuck wants New Times readers to know that he's not a racist, despite there being some very racist comments left on blog posts under his name. "[The Hells Angels] are out there runnin' around, doin' what they do," Yevtuck says, "but they're too pussy to do anything about it." Yevtuck says his problems with the gang date back years & stem from the way it's historically treated women & children. "They've been beatin' 'em up & fuckin' 'em up for as long as I can remember," he continues. So, just to clear things up, Mike Yevtuck wants the world to know that he's not a racist. If you see racist comments on this website under his name, they were not written by him.

Bikie drug case dropped – Feb 1, 2011 – *Australia* – By Sarah Crawford; www.NTnews.com.au - A Hells Angel who had his phone tapped & his business under surveillance for months said he was the victim of police harassment. Nicholas Frank “Shonky” Cassidy had a drug possession charge against him dismissed recently when Magistrate Elizabeth Morris ruled there was not enough evidence to tie him to the illicit substance found in his ute. This was despite months of phone tapping & a camera fixed on his workplace. Cassidy, who describes himself as a “nice” Hells Angel, served time last year after being found guilty of aggravated assault over a pub brawl. He said the months of surveillance had ruined his business & cost him \$50,000 in legal fees as he fought the case over 2 years. “I have no idea why they (police) put me under surveillance,” Cassidy said. “I’m Shonky, the nice guy.” On March 20, 2009, Shonky was arrested at Adelaide River with 26.6 grams of methylamphetamine concealed in a pepper shaker in his ute. Crown Prosecutor Georgia McMaster alleged that Shonky was returning from Mataranka, 423km southeast of Darwin, where he had gone “to pick up drugs discarded at a truck stop”. But after the three-day hearing, Ms Morris ruled there was not enough evidence to prove he knew the drugs were in his ute. Ms Morris said there were opportunities for someone else to put the drugs in the ute as other people had access to the vehicle in the days leading up to his arrest. Also, Cassidy had left his vehicle unattended at a roadside stop on the day of his arrest. Ms Morris said Cassidy never admitted to knowing about the drugs in any of the phone taps. Cassidy said, in the 9 to 10 months he was under surveillance, police compiled about 30 disks of recorded phone conversations. He said it was the second time he had been under police surveillance in the past 7 years. Ms Morris awarded Cassidy \$1650 in court costs.

Hells Angels Make Move Into Cincinnati – Feb 2, 2011 – *Ohio* – By www.WLWT.com - Local police agencies said a new biker gang could be moving into the Tri-State. Officers said the possible expansion of the Hells Angels could bring about a turf war. Investigators said the Detroit Highwaymen group is moving into new headquarters at Eighth & State streets. Police said they came knocking at the group’s original location on Central Ave a couple of years ago. “(We) introduced ourselves & explained as long as they didn’t break the law they won’t have any problems from us,” Assistant Police Chief Vince Demasi said. Police said the Highwaymen’s new spot is just a block away from a rival group known as “The Outcasts.” Officials said Cincinnati appears to have become a hotbed for motorcycle clubs. Police said the city has been home to the Iron Horsemen club for several decades, as well as other groups. “We’ve gotten some information that a group of Hells Angels out of Cleveland are trying to relocate here as well,” Demasi said. Police stressed the problem isn’t with people who like to ride motorcycles, it’s the 1 percent that is connected to criminal activity. Detective said the “1 percenters” generally make their money off of prostitution & drug money. City officials said they hope those crimes won’t follow with an explosion of clubhouses. Some experts suggest the swell of bikers is tied to an FBI raid in Detroit that left more than 90 Detroit Highwaymen in custody & pushed many biker gangs out of Michigan. Police said “1 percenters” generally target other gang members, but people should be alert if a club moves into the neighborhood. “That would unnerve me enough to leave. Because the 2 of them never play well with each other,” Demasi said. Officers said the largest collection of fights between the club members, has been within bars on the west side of town.

Gang crony testifies against 2 in triple slaying in Pico Rivera – Feb 2, 2011 – *Los Angeles, California* – By Sandra T. Molina; www.WhittierDailyNews.com - A self-professed Mexican Mafia member turned state’s witness testified Wed he wore a wire & recorded a gang shot-caller admitting he ordered a shooting at a crowded Pico Rivera pizza parlor that left 3 men dead. Raymond Cuevas, a 2-strike convict who received parole for felony vandalism & was released in an attempt by authorities to get a confession from the defendant, said he wore the wire 7 times in conversations with Rudy “Chapo” Ruiz, 32, of Whittier. “He told me over the phone that he let somebody have it,” said Cuevas, who was incarcerated at the time but was working with the Operation Safe Jail, an investigative gang unit within the county’s jail system. During one of the recordings, Cuevas said, Ruiz told him he “got a couple of guys together to do the shooting at the pizza parlor.” But, according to Cuevas, the gang leader believed the parlor was hosting a party for members of the rival Mongol motorcycle gang. Cuevas testified that Ruiz told him he “let some Mongols have it.” However, under cross-examination, Cuevas said Ruiz never mentioned the Mongols by name, just that a motorcycle gang was being targeted. “I put 2 & 2 together myself,” he said. Instead, the Old School Riders, a motorcycle club with no gang ties, according to prosecutors, was holding a benefit dinner outside Falcone’s Pizza, 9247 Slauson Ave., when 2 armed men started firing into the crowd. Cuevas’ testimony, which put a spotlight on the secretive world of the Mexican Mafia & its operations in Pico Rivera & Whittier, came during a preliminary hearing at the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center in Los Angeles to determine if Ruiz & fellow defendant John “Diablo” Perez, 44, of Pico Rivera will stand trial for the triple slayings.

Bikies camp at Collie River – Feb 2, 2011 – *Australia* – By www.BunburyMail.com.au – About 25 members of the outlaw bikie gang Club Deroes camped on the north side of Collie River along Old Coast Road last Friday night. Bunbury police said the bikies had ridden from Perth on Friday & returned the next day. They were kept under surveillance by Gang Crime Squad from Perth & local police. Three gang members were refused entry to the Collie Bridge Tavern under liquor control laws. Police say there are no Club Deroes clubhouses in Bunbury.

Kingdon receives suspended sentence – Feb 2, 2011 – *Australia* – By www.ABC.net.au - The partner of a prominent Perth bikie gang member has been given a suspended jail term for stealing trust fund money. Tammy Cherie Kingdon, 34, was found guilty of stealing more than \$53,000 which had been put into trust accounts for the children of a member & an associate of the Coffin Cheaters who had died. Kingdon, who is the partner of Finks bikie gang member Troy Mercanti, put the money towards purchasing a property that became the Finks gang clubhouse, just months after Mercanti left the Coffin Cheaters. District Court Judge John Wisbey said there were compelling personal circumstances which justified giving Kingdon a 2 year suspended jail term. The Court was also told she had reimbursed the trust accounts. Supporters of Kingdon in the public gallery clapped when the judge said the jail term would be suspended.

It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride’s father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer & because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the honeymoon.

Hells Angel Accused of 2001 Murder Arrested in Argentina After Nearly 4 Years on U.S. Marshals' Most Wanted List –

Feb 3, 2011 – *Arizona, USA / Argentina* – By James King; <http://blogs.PhoenixNewTimes.com> - A member of the Hells Angels MC, who authorities believe is responsible for “one of the most grisly” murders in recent American criminal history, has been captured in Argentina, the U.S. Marshals Service announced today. Paul Merle Eischeid, one of the U.S. Marshals 15 Most Wanted Fugitives, was captured today in Buenos Aires by Argentinean authorities. Eischeid is suspected in the 2001 kidnapping & murder of Cynthia Garcia. According to authorities, Garcia was attacked while at a party at the Hell’s Angels’ clubhouse in Mesa. She was beaten, thrown in the trunk of a car, & taken to the desert, where she was stabbed & left for dead. “Eischeid’s crimes were horrendous & his potential for continued violence made his arrest a priority for the U.S. Marshals,” Stacia A. Hylton, director of the U.S. Marshal Service says in a statement. “His capture is both significant & rewarding, & we thank our domestic & international partners for their tireless persistence in bringing this fugitive to justice.” In 2003, Eischeid was charged by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for drug trafficking & RICO violations, including kidnapping & murder. Several other Hells Angels also were indicted. However, in addition to being a member of a ruthless biker gang, Eischeid, 39, is a former Charles Schwab stockbroker with a “relatively clean criminal record.” Because he didn’t appear to be a flight risk, he was released on his own recognizance & placed on Fed pretrial release with electronic monitoring in 2003. During their investigation, agents of the ATF learned Eischeid was likely involved in Garcia’s murder. However, after being released from custody, Eischeid had removed the monitoring device & fled Arizona. He’s been on the run ever since & in 2007 was listed amongst the U.S. Marshals’ 15 most wanted. Eischeid will likely be extradited back to Arizona where he faces a first-degree murder charge.

Strong police presence at bikie court appearance –

Feb 3, 2011 – *Australia* – By Nicole Cox; www.PerthNow.com.au - Police maintained a heavy presence at the Perth District Court today, amid fears an ongoing bikie feud would erupt between Rebels & Rock Machine bikie gangs. The contingent of officers from the Gang Crime Squad & the Perth police station rallied at the Central Law Courts in Hay St at 12.30pm after concerns were raised that Rebels bikies were in close proximity to the rival gang, the Rock Machine. Police said a member of the Rock Machine had been appearing in court today & there was concern the ongoing dispute would resurface. One man, a Rebels member, was arrested for disorderly conduct outside the court, while a woman who was with the group at the time was taken into custody for failing to provide personal details to police. They were taken to Curtin House, the detectives headquarters in Beaufort St, where other members of the gang waited outside while they were questioned by police. Both the man & woman will be summonsed to appear in court at a later date. The Canadian-based gang, the Rock Machine emerged in WA about 2 years ago. The club has about 20 known members & a clubhouse in Kardinya. Police say the club is at loggerheads with the Rebels, which has about 50 members & 4 clubhouses in WA, & officers have been monitoring their movements. In Nov last year, police said they were investigating whether a tit-for-tat feud between the 2 clubs was to blame for the firebombing of a Bibra Lake tattoo parlour, owned by a Rebels bikie. The Rock Machine, which has links to the Bandidos, is notorious for a violent turf war with the Hells Angels in Canada between 1994 & 2001.

Finks jailed; contempt of CCC – Feb 4, 2011 – *Australia* – By www.ABC.net.au - A member of the Finks bikie gang has lashed out at WA’s Chief Justice after being sentenced to 2 years jail for contempt of the Corruption & Crime Commission. Tristan Allbeury was one of 4 Finks bikies jailed for refusing to answer questions at the CCC about a violent brawl with the Coffin Cheaters gang at the Kwinana Motorplex in Oct last year. All were given 2-year jail terms for refusing to cooperate with the inquiry. Allbeury was given an extra 3 months for insulting the Commissioner by repeatedly swearing at him. While he was being sentenced, he yelled & swore at the Chief Justice Martin telling him he lived in fairy land & had no idea about the streets.

Bikie fearing retribution abuses WA judge – Feb 4, 2011 – *Australia* – By Josh Jerga, AAP; <http://news.SMH.com.au> - As West Australian Chief Justice Wayne Martin sentenced 4 Finks bikie members to jail for maintaining their code of silence out of fear of retribution, he was told he had “no idea about the streets”. The motorcycle gang members had refused to answer questions or to be sworn in at a secret Corruption & Crime Commission (CCC) hearing into organized crime last year. The Finks members Tristan Allbeury, Stephen Silvestro, Troy Crispin Smith & Clovis Chikonga had been called in relation to a brawl between them & rival gang the Coffin Cheaters. The brawl had broken out at the Perth Motorplex on October 3 & left Silvestro & Smith with injuries. All 4 men had kept quiet during the CCC hearing & were charged with contempt of court for refusing to be sworn in to give evidence. Allbeury was subsequently charged with insulting Commissioner Len Roberts-Smith by refusing to answer 18 separate questions before telling him to “f*** off” & “get f*****d”. The lawyer for the 4 bikies said they refused to provide evidence to the CCC because they feared retribution should they co-operate. Chief Justice Martin told the men that if they wished to use fear as a mitigating factor they would have to show such a fear existed. None of the men provided such evidence. “I cannot pass sentence on the basis that the contemnors were motivated by a fear of retribution, or that such a fear was well-founded because there is simply no evidence to support such a finding,” Chief Justice Martin told the WA Supreme Court on Friday. As a result, 29-year-old Allbeury, who the court was told suffers from bipolar disorder, was sentenced to 2 years & 3 months for his actions. While the sentence was handed down, Allbeury angrily told Chief Justice Martin: “You can f*** off, you’re a f*****g spastic”. “You live in a dream world. You live in a fairy world. You don’t have any idea about the streets.” Family & friends burst into tears at the sentence with one woman shouting abuse in court. Chikonga, 24, Silvestro, 42, & Smith, 37, were all given 2-year sentences for refusing to answer questions or to be sworn in to give evidence. Although 3 of the men are fathers & had argued jail sentences would adversely affect their families, Chief Justice Martin said that given such “contumacious contempt” personal factors meant little. “Because the contempts committed by each contemnor involve a deliberate, persistent & calculated defiance of the authority of the state to investigate organized crime, deterrence has great significance,” the judge said. Chief Justice Martin said the sentence must be such as to “discourage prospective witnesses from making a calculated choice to suffer a penalty rather than give evidence”. In sentencing the men, he left open the chance for them to be released from jail early if they decided to end their code of silence. “It is never too late, & if any of the contemnors has a change of heart & co-operates with the Commission in its investigation, it would be open to that person to apply for an early discharge.” He added: “Each contemnor has been, & will continue to be in a sense, his own jailer”. None of the 4 are eligible for parole.

Witnesses sought after garage owner kicked by gang member

– Feb 4, 2011 – *Australia* – By Craig Schneider;

www.ArmidaleExpress.com.au - A Service Station proprietor was allegedly assaulted by a member of a motorcycle gang near Guyra on Tue. It is possible that the Hells Angels motorbike gang was involved in the assault, according to Senior Constable Mandy Vaughan. "A number of men riding motorcycles, who identified themselves as members of the Hell's Angels, were stopped & spoken to on the New England Highway," Inspector Roger Best of New England Local Area Command said. The assault allegedly occurred shortly before 2pm after an accident in the entrance to the Black Mountain BP Service Station. An argument broke out when the proprietor asked the motorcyclists to remove a fallen bike from the service station's entry point. Witnesses to the assault said that one of the riders kicked the proprietor in the ribs. Police have obtained CCTV footage of the incident. "There were a lot of big men on motorbikes & we couldn't discern which one was the offender," Insp Best said. No arrests have been made & police are continuing investigations.

16 Alicante & Murcia Hells Angels face Judge

– Feb 4, 2011 – *Spain* – By www.EuroWeeklyNews.com - For the first time the Levante area members of the controversial motorbike club Hells Angels face charges for being part of an alleged criminal organization. A Torreveija judge is prosecuting 16 of the club's members for a list of crimes including: homicide, attempted homicide, illegal possession of weapons, armed robbery, threatening behavior, kidnapping, illegal association, among others. In the police operation dubbed 'Europa' 2 men were arrested last year for suspected of killing Torreveija notary public Juan José Martínez Román in Oct 2009. The arrests also led to police solving 2 robberies & reportedly removing the upper layer of 'management' Murcia & Valencia Regions Hells Angels. Magistrate Isabel Flor has ruled out a people's jury at the hearing because the motive behind the killing was robbery not murder. The judge has established a link with an attempted homicide which took place in Sept 2009 at a villa in Pedralba (Valencia), & a second failed murder attempt at Pub Canadian in San Pedro del Pinatar in Murcia a few weeks later. In the first case there is evidence to suggest 2 brothers hire a contract killer to kill their father in order to receive his inheritance. However, the weapon failed to function. In the second case, the owner of the pub was left critically injured after being shot. In fear for his life, he reportedly told Guardia Civil the perpetrators had been 2 Moroccans, after receiving threats. The man suspected to have shot the Torreveija notary is also thought to have participated in both these attacks while skipping parole in Leon. Judge Flor suspects the objective of all these crimes were to finance the activities of the Hells Angels, where members have set functions & a hierarchy exists. Meanwhile, in January police arrested 4 members of Hells Angels from the Alfafar (Valencia) chapter, including the club president, accused of extortion & illegal association. Investigators believe the bikers forced from another motorcycle club in Castellon, Big Twin Spain, to pay more than €10,000 for 'protection' during their annual H-D rallies.

Avengers president sentenced to prison in Pagans case

– Feb 5, 2011 – *West Virginia* – By Andrew Clevenger; <http://SundayGazetteMail.com> - The former Pres of the Avengers MC was sentenced Fri in Fed court to more than 2 years in prison for conspiring to kidnap a biker who had run afoul of a leader of the Pagan's MC. Thomas J. "Grumpy" Morris, 68, of Dunbar, pleaded guilty to 1 count of conspiracy to commit kidnapping in aid of racketeering in Feb 2010. Although the Avengers were not a support club of the Pagans, Morris knew Pagan's Nat'l V.P.

Floyd B. "Diamond Jesse" Moore personally. In June 2007, an assailant identified only as "Badger" broke into Moore's home & beat Moore & his girlfriend with a baseball bat, according to court records. "Badger" fled the area after the assault, & Moore made it known to Pagan's & members of affiliated clubs that he wanted "Badger" found. After consulting with Moore, Morris sent e-mails to members of the Avengers, instructing them to be on the lookout for "Badger" & to hold him if they found him, court filings state. In Dec 2009, just 2 months after being named in a 44-count indictment against 55 members & associates of the Pagans, Morris pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit murder, admitting that he reached out to Moore to have a woman killed for personal reasons. Although Moore put Morris in touch with a member of the Pagan's who is a convicted murderer, & Morris gave him photographs of the intended victim & directions to her house, the woman was not killed. Unbeknownst to Morris & Moore, the other Pagan, James "Pagan Ronnie" Howerton, was an undercover informant working with the FBI. U.S. District Judge Thomas E. Johnston voided that plea agreement, finding that it did not constitute a violation of Fed law. On Friday, Johnston said he could not ignore the potential for violence -- even death -- that Morris' actions created. "If this conspiracy had succeeded, it appears to me very likely that 'Badger' would have been killed," he said. "['Badger's' assault] was a serious affront not only to Floyd Moore but to the Pagan's." Defense attorney John McGhee said Morris has a strong work history, military service & no previous criminal record. "He has expressed remorse for his actions," he said. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Loew noted that, like many of his co-defendants, Morris' crimes stem from his involvement in the outlaw biker world. He asked Johnston to impose a sentence that would deter others, since Morris was unlikely to remain active in the biker world because he had cooperated with the Gov't. Loew detailed that cooperation in a meeting that was not open to the public. That cooperation led the Gov't to ask for a reduced sentence. Even after that reduction, the Fed sentencing guidelines recommended a sentence of 37 to 46 months. Johnston sentenced Morris to 28 months in prison. Johnston noted that he had given several defendants lenient sentences because of what he perceived as weaknesses in the case against them, but that the conspiracy charge against Morris was strong. He ordered Morris to self-report to prison at a date determine by the U.S. Marshal's Service. Overall, most of the 55 defendants pleaded guilty to vastly reduced charges. Some pleaded guilty to a gambling misdemeanor in state court, paid a \$5 fine & had their Fed charges dismissed. Others had their charges dropped after they agreed to stay out of trouble for a year.

A married couple in their early 60s was celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant. Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple & for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.' The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband. The fairy waved her magic wand And - poof! - 2 tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands. The husband thought for a moment: 'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wishes to have a wife 30 years younger than me. The wife & the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish. So the fairy waved her magic wand & poof! The husband became 92 years old. The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful bastards should remember fairies are female...

Life isn't short. You're just dead a really long time...

Judge sends Vagos gang members' case back to grand jury – Feb 5, 2011 – *Arizona* – By <http://www.DC Courier.com> - Yavapai County Superior Court Judge Celé Hancock sent the shooting cases of 2 men affiliated with the Vagos motorcycle gang back to the grand jury on Friday, Jan. 28. Hancock did not change conditions of release or exonerate bail for Brian Lee Apfel & Jess Ramirez Flores in connection with the shootout between Hells Angels & Vagos motorcycle gangs in an unincorporated area northwest of Chino Valley on Aug. 21, 2010, because the Yavapai County Attorney's Office indicated it would send the case back to a grand jury soon. Apfel, 38, of Las Vegas had been charged with discharging a firearm at a residential structure in the same incident. Flores, 61, of Glendale had been charged with discharging a firearm, possession of narcotic drugs, & possession of dangerous drugs. In her ruling to send the case back to the grand jury, Hancock wrote that the testimony of a detective "regarding the one-percenters may have unduly influenced the grand jury to assume that Apfel was an outlaw & thus may have influenced the grand jury's determination of probable cause." Hancock wrote that while the detective testified that the Vagos were, as a general rule, law-abiding, that there was a percentage of the Vagos members that did not subscribe to this general rule & considered themselves outlaws. Prosecutor Dana Owens wrote in her response that the information was necessary in order to present evidence about Apfel's participation in a criminal street gang, but Hancock wrote that testimony was misleading & could have influenced jurors to believe Apfel was more likely to have committed crimes. Hancock also sent the Flores case back to the grand jury, writing that documents regarding Flores' prescription for the 2 types of pills he was charged with possession of was given to the prosecutor before the grand jury & should have been presented to grand jurors.

Warlock on trial: Gang member James Bedsole was 'motivated' to kill, state says – Feb 8, 2011 – *Florida* – By Anthony Colarossi; www.OrlandoSentinel.com - James Madison Bedsole, a Warlocks motorcycle gang member, is accused of fatally shooting man who had used his truck to run over another gang member's motorcycle. Murder suspect James Madison Bedsole was a probationary member of the Warlocks MC in 2009 when he saw an opportunity to move up in the organization, a prosecutor said this morning during opening statements for Bedsole's murder trial. As a "probate," Bedsole was responsible for guarding motorcycles, Assistant State Attorney Les Hess said. When Chad Brickey ran over a motorcycle with his pickup after getting into an argument at a pool hall on where the Warlocks were known to hang out, Bedsole reacted with violence to engrain himself with other club members, Hess said "He was working his way in," Hess said of Bedsole. Apopka Police said Bedsole shot & killed Brickey, 29. Bedsole is charged with first-degree murder. "One of his jobs as a probate was to guard the bikes. He was motivated," Hess said. He also thought his bike had been run over but it turns out it was a bike that hadn't even belonged to a Warlock. After the motorcycle was hit by Brickey's truck, Bedsole, 40, jumped into the back of another truck driven by another man. Bedsole told that man, Holguy Louissaint, to follow Brickey's truck so he could get the tag number, a police spokesman said at the time. They chased Brickey throughout Orange County until Brickey pulled into a Mobil gas station on Orange Blossom Trail in Apopka. Bedsole leaped from the truck & fired once at Brickey, shooting him in the back of the head, police said. "He was shot from almost directly behind the pickup truck," Hess said. Bedsole fled on foot, & Louissaint drove away. Officers arrested later Bedsole at his Lake Mary home. Hess said they found ammunition in his home matching the ammunition

used in the shooting. Jeff Dowdy, an attorney for Bedsole, told jurors today that his client will take the stand during the trial. He says other people at the bar that night will testify that Bedsole stayed at the bar that night. The defense attorney cast suspicion on Louissaint, saying he was initially arrested on suspicion of murder & now faces no prosecution & changed his story about some events that night. Security video doesn't show Bedsole in the bed of that truck, Dowdy says. Part of the prosecution's case is that he may have jumped in the truck bed as Louissaint sped off after Brickey. "When you add up all of the evidence clearly there's reasonable doubt in this case," the defense attorney said. This morning a crime-scene analyst with Florida Dept of Law Enforcement showed jurors photos of the crime scene, indicating that Brickey's truck was fired upon at the Mobil station but the vehicle ended up across Orange Blossom Trail. Jurors this afternoon heard from the first Apopka Police officers who responded to the shooting. They initially thought it was a traffic accident because they spotted his pick up in a ditch. But they quickly learned it was a homicide. "I saw a white male slumped over the steering wheel with a lot of blood," said Officer Andrew Parkinson. The victim had no pulse & a penetrating bullet wound was discovered in the lower left side of his head behind his ear. The police later found bullet cartridges across the street at the Mobil station. Fragments of the bullet shot from a 9mm semi-automatic weapon were later removed from the victim's head. The bullet had entered the base of his brain & the cerebellum, causing rapid or instant death, according to an official with the Medical Examiner's Office. Brickey also had Hydrocodone & alcohol in his system at the time of his death, the official said.

Gang tensions flare into stand off – Feb 8, 2011 – *New Zealand* – By www.NZHerald.co.nz - Gang hostilities between the Filthy Few & the Greasy Dogs have erupted in Tauranga, culminating in a street stand-off with weapons including softball bats, hammers & a shovel. Police were alerted to rising tensions when members of the Filthy Few motorcycle gang got into a confrontation in Matapihi with a member of the Greasy Dogs - a Welcome Bay-based Maori gang. Three hours later, at 3pm on Saturday, the Greasy Dogs retaliated by arriving in numbers at the Filthy Few's headquarters in Birch Ave, Judea, where a stand-off took place on the street. Western Bay of Plenty police area commander Inspector Mike Clement said 13 gang members were arrested after the Birch Ave stand-off, where weapons including softball bats, hammers & a shovel were allegedly brandished. A further 12 Filthy Few members were arrested after police searched their gang pad later in the day. All 25 arrested were charged with unlawful assembly. Witnesses to the stand-off flooded police with phone calls & 40 officers swooped to stop members of the Greasy Dogs from leaving the area. Six people received superficial injuries in the Birch Ave stand-off, although police said it was possible more might have been injured. Firearms were not used at Birch Ave or Matapihi. Clement said gang violence & intimidation would not be tolerated in Tauranga & he warned members of the 2 gangs to solve their differences without using violence. He said there was nothing to indicate the dispute was the result of a drugs turf war. Police investigations were continuing & Clement did not rule out further charges being laid. During the search of the Filthy Few headquarters on Saturday, bullets were uncovered. Clement said it was not a coincidence that the Filthy Few rode into Matapihi. "I think they went there for a purpose. It was not a Sat ride." While there was no suggestion the Filthy Few were heading to a specific address, when they encountered the Greasy Dogs member an "altercation" occurred at 11.30 am.

Bandido trial set Wed in Gonzales – Feb 8, 2011 – *Louisiana* – By www.WeeklyCitizen.com - The trial of 4 Bandidos gang members being tried together on counts of attempted second-degree murder & conspiracy to commit second-degree murder is set for 8:30 am Wed, Feb 9, in the 23rd Judicial District Court in Gonzales. Twelve jury members & alternates were seated last week, then excused until the trial date. The reputed gang president Joe Louis Flores, 36, of Denham Springs is charged with shooting an ex-Bandido gang member in Port Vincent at Freds' on the River bar early last year. The other gang members charged in the incident are Derrick Johnson, 36, of Walker; Jose Felisano Flores, 32, of Denham Springs, & Chester Hunnicutt, 39, of Prairieville. The ex-Bandido Steven Hoff, 31, of Denham Springs, survived the shooting & a beating in the bar which ensued. He has not been arrested or charged.

Murder Trial Begins For Alleged Bike Gang Member – Feb 8, 2011 – *Florida* – By www.WFTV.com - The first witness is expected to take the stand Tuesday in the trial of an alleged Warlocks motorcycle gang member accused of murder. Prosecutors say James Bedsole killed 29-year-old Chad Brickey in 2009 because Brickey knocked over motorcycles outside an Apopka bar. The jury will see surveillance video from the Mobil gas station that helped lead police to Bedsole, showing the moments before the killing. In the video, a light-colored truck is seen following Brickey's red truck to the gas station. Shortly after, gunshots can be heard off camera & the store clerk is seen confronting the man suspected of pulling the trigger. At first, investigators thought it might have been a road rage incident but now believe it started at Sharkey's Pub when Brickey knocked over some motorcycles with his truck. That's when 2 suspects, men who police say may have ties to a motorcycle gang, followed him to the gas station. One of them jumped out of the back of the truck & opened fire, killing Brickey while the other drove around back & picked him up, according to police. The driver of the truck, Holguy Louissant's trial is still on hold while the accused trigger man faces his trial. The first witnesses are expected to be called as soon as court begins session Tuesday morning at the Orange County courthouse.

Hells Angels Barricade Bench in East Village – Feb 8, 2011 – *New York* – By www.DNAinfo.com - The Hells Angels MC added a bench guard to keep passerby from treating the seating as their own. A notorious motorcycle club wants people to stay the hell away from a private bench outside its East 3rd Street clubhouse. The Hells Angels recently affixed a barricade atop the bench to prevent passersby from parking themselves in front of the clubhouse between 1st & 2nd avenues, EV Grieve reported. The bench blocker appeared after the club put up a sign warning people not to sit on the street furniture because it was private property, the blog noted. The guard was eventually installed because guests from a hotel located next door to the property continued to treat the seating as their own, said someone affiliated with the club on Monday. The man, who declined to give his name, said visitors to the block also dumped trash in the Hells Angels-painted planters in front of the building, & have even posed for pictures sitting on members' motorcycles. The infamous biker club, which has dozens of charters across the globe, has been at the East 3rd Street location since 1969.

In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints & quarts... So in old England, when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them 'Mind your pints & quarts, & settle down.' It's where we get the phrase 'mind your P's & Q's'

Police ID gunned-down home intruder – Feb 8, 2011 – *Pennsylvania* – By <http://citizensvoice.com> - State police have identified a masked intruder who was fatally shot in a Hunlock Creek home invasion Tuesday. Robert Muntz, 44, of Sweet Valley, was killed at 59 Old Tavern Road, said Trooper Tom Kelly, spokesman for state police at Wyoming. In March 2009, Muntz was one of 22 charged in connection with a drug ring allegedly operated by the Outlaws MC. A female occupant of the home was shot Tuesday, but was expected to survive, police said. Witnesses told investigators 3 masked people - 2 males & a female - entered the home around 11:39 a.m. prompting an exchange of gunfire. "Right now, we're treating it as a home invasion with shots fired," said Kelly. The female victim shot the intruder, police said. She was taken to an area hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. The 2 other alleged intruders fled in a car & remain at large. "At this point, we have 2 people who fled the scene. They were allegedly wearing masks & left in a vehicle. We have troopers canvassing the area looking for evidence & any people. So yeah, we'd ask neighbors to remain in their homes, stay secure & be leery of any strangers right now," Kelly said. In March 2009, authorities seized more than 40 pieces of evidence — including gallons of hydrochloric acid & drain cleaner, glass jars & funnels — & 10 guns from Muntz's Nanticoke home, according to The Citizens' Voice archives. Muntz was charged with delivery of methamphetamine, manufacturing methamphetamine & criminal use of a communication facility in connection with the probe into the Ashley-based Outlaws MC, the local affiliate of a dangerous nationwide biker gang.

Dozens of bikers want megatrial stopped - Feb 8, 2011 - *Canada* – By QMI Agency; www.TorontoSun.com - Lawyers for 137 Hells Angels bikers arrested in a massive sweep nearly 2 years ago demanded Monday that the Crown drop all charges & immediately set them free. Lawyers for the bikers filed a motion in Superior Court Monday, accusing the Crown of "abuse of procedures, impossibility of mounting a defense, unreasonable delays & illegality." Justice James Brunton, saying that he wanted to protect the jury pool, issued a publication ban that prevents media from reporting additional details. He said he would rule on the motion on April 15. The defendants were rounded up in Project SharQc, an April 2009 police operation that dealt a crippling blow to the Hells Angels in Eastern Canada. The suspects face charges including 1st-degree murder, gangsterism, drug trafficking & conspiracy to commit murder. Most of the defendants have since been held in a jail adjacent to a north-end Montreal courthouse specially built for biker mega-trials. If the massive trials go ahead, defendants will be prosecuted in groups of 8 or 9. The 1st trial might not start until Sept & could last as long as 2 years. About 30 of the bikers are eligible for legal aid & their bill could cost Quebec taxpayers \$4 million, or \$145,000 per defendant for 23 lawyers. The bill could be much higher if the trial drags on. What's more, Quebecers will subsidize a portion of the legal costs for some bikers who are not eligible for legal aid, including Rene Pearson, former V.P. of the Hells Angels' Quebec City chapter. Annual costs for the 17 full-time Crown prosecutors are \$1.7 million, & the lawyers will end up working for 3 years. The mega-trial courthouse was reorganized at a cost of \$3.9 million to accommodate the trials.

Many years ago in England, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim, or handle, of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used the whistle to get some service. 'Wet your whistle' is the phrase inspired by this practice.

Motorcycle gangs expand territory – Feb 8, 2011 – *Norway* – By www.NewsInEnglish.no - The 4 motorcycle gangs most active in Norway – Hells Angels, Bandidos, Outlaws & Coffin Cheaters – are growing & represent a “serious social problem” in the country through organized crime, claims a new police report. Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK) reported this week that the internationally infamous so-called “clubs” have seen their membership double in the last few years, & are now believed to claim around 256 members & associates nationwide. Gang members are alleged to have been involved in violence, the handling of stolen goods, drug trafficking & other serious economic & violent crimes. Beyond motorcycle enthusiasts, the gangs are believed to be recruiting more & more young criminals into so-called “support groups” that are concerned only with the illegal affairs of the clubs. The clubs are believed to impose strict loyalty on their members, who reportedly follow set honor codes within a clearly delineated hierarchy. The Hells Angels, estimated to be the biggest & most stable of all the gangs, established themselves in Norway in 1982, & now have chapters in Trondheim, Oslo, Stavanger, Hamar, Skien, Tromsø & Drammen, in addition to a prospective club in Bergen looking to achieve recognized status. “When we look at the growth in the groups, this represents little by little a serious social problem,” police inspector Atle Roll-Mathiesen told NRK. The police are asking for further powers & resources to tackle expansion of the motorcycle gangs.

Police warn bikies – Feb 8, 2011 – *Australia* – By John Morcombe; <http://Manly-Daily.Whereilive.com.au> - Manly police are vowing to keep criminal groups & outlaw bikies out of Manly in the wake of the invasion of the Shore Club on Sunday night by a group of up to 20 men. Manly local area commander Supt Dave Darcy said the invasion of the Shore Club was an act of “organized intimidation”, which resulted in club owner Alex Said being headbutted. Police believe it may have been part of an attempt to take control of the Shore Club by controlling security, opening the way to the possible supply of drugs within the club. Manly crime manager Insp Luke Arthurs said detectives were already pursuing a number of lines of inquiry, including organized crime & outlaw motorcycle gangs, & that further arrests & charges were expected. “Manly police will use all available resources to target these offenders to ensure they don’t become a problem in Manly,” he said. “The geographic of Manly makes identifying offenders easier & they can expect to be targeted if they venture back into the area.” After the group forced its way into the beachfront venue at 8.45pm, more than 60 police officers quickly responded, including Strike Force Raptor, the police squad targeting outlaw bikies, & the riot squad. The alleged leader of the group, a 42-year-old man from Bella Vista, has already been charged with affray, 3 other men have been charged & police expect to lay more charges as detectives identify the men involved. CCTV images have been distributed to other police commands so they can be identified quickly. The man charged with affray is a former rugby league security guard & boxing promoter who is also believed to have provided security at several Kings Cross venues associated with underworld figure John Ibrahim. Also charged was a 26-year-old man from Dee Why, who was charged with failing to quit licensed premises when asked, as was a 21-year-old man from Portland. A 25-year-old man from Manly was charged with offensive conduct after he allegedly walked on to the centre of the dance floor, dropped his pants, put his hand inside his underpants & pretended to urinate. Supt Darcy said Manly police “will not tolerate this type of behavior in Manly, as shown by the large police presence”. “We will act quickly & with force to put a stop to it.” Insp Arthurs

said the police & Manly Council want Manly to be a safe place for families at all times. “At Manly it’s easy to focus attention on a small entertainment area to ensure that it’s a safe environment for everyone,” he said.

Suspects in home invasion found; meth lab discovered – Feb 9, 2011 - *Pennsylvania* – By Bob Kalinowski; <http://citizensvoice.com> - The residence in Hunlock Township where an intruder was killed Tuesday morning during a home invasion was operating a methamphetamine lab, state police revealed today. State police remain at the property, collecting evidence. Police also released some new details in the case that left a man dead & a woman wounded at 59 Old Tavern Road. Investigators said convicted felon Robert Muntz, 44, entered the home around 11:40 a.m., wearing a ski mask & brandishing a handgun. He encountered an armed, female occupant & the 2 fired at each other. The female was shot in the arm. Muntz was shot in the head. He died at the scene. Police originally believed 2 other masked people followed Muntz inside the home. However, it is now believed the 2 people – a man & a woman – remained outside the home, also wearing masks, but fled when shots were fired. They are no longer considered to be “at large,” state police said in a press release. “They’re no longer on the run. We identified them,” said state Trooper Tom Kelly. “We know who they are. We’re interviewing them & determining their involvement in the case.” State police have yet to identify the female occupant who fatally shot Muntz, or the 2 people who accompanied Muntz to the home. “This is a very involved investigation. Names are not being released at this time because doing so may hinder the investigation,” police wrote in a press release. A search warrant was obtained for the residence & during the execution of the warrant, a methamphetamine lab was discovered, police said. The Pennsylvania State Police Clandestine Lab Response Team (CLRT) responded at approximately 10 p.m. & removed any potential hazardous materials from the scene, police said. Muntz was out on bail awaiting trial on 3 sets of criminal charges from 2009 & 2010, stemming from an assault, the operation of a methamphetamine lab & his alleged involvement with a drug ring run by the Ashley-based Outlaws MC, the local affiliate of a dangerous nationwide biker gang. On March 18, 2009, Muntz was among 22 people snared in a drug bust targeting the motorcycle club. He was charged with delivery of methamphetamine, manufacturing methamphetamine & criminal use of a communication facility. While being taken into custody at his 195 W. Green St. home, police observed methamphetamine-making materials & applied for a search warrant for the home. Authorities later seized more than 40 pieces of evidence - including gallons of hydrochloric acid & drain cleaner, glass jars & funnels - & 10 guns.

A tough looking biker was riding his Harley when he sees a girl about to jump off a bridge so he stops. “What are you doing?” he asks. “I’m going to commit a suicide,” she says. While he did not want to appear insensitive, he didn’t want to miss an opportunity & he asked, “Well, before you jump, why don’t you give me a kiss?” So, she does. After she’s finished the biker says, “Wow! That was the best kiss I have ever had! That’s a real talent you are wasting! You could be famous! Why are you committing suicide?” “My parents don’t like me dressing up like a girl.....”

Young Son: “Is it true, Dad? I heard that in some parts of the world a man doesn’t know his wife until he marries her”
Dad: That happens in every country, son...

Police to announce major bust involving motorcycle club –

Feb 10, 2011 – *New Zealand* – By Kirsty Johnston; www.Stuff.com.nz - Police made numerous arrests & seized drugs & cash from several gangs, including the outlawed Australian Rebels, in a major operation across 5 districts today. More than 100 police staff were involved in the raids, in the North Island's Central District, targeted at organized crime & methamphetamine. One of the properties targeted in Palmerston North, where at least 3 large motorbikes were wheeled out of the garage & examined by police before being towed away. A jogger who passed by the address about 6.30 am told the Manawatu Standard that the sheer number of police cars outside the property was unusual & caught his attention. "There were about 4 vehicles on the corner of Roy & Featherston streets & about 3 parked further down outside a house. It was strange." The man said he saw police talking to people on the porch of the house. "There were children, adults & police outside." A neighbor, who did not want to be named, said the people living there had only moved in a few months ago. "We've been here 3 or 4 years. I haven't really noticed anything strange going on but then again I do work so I probably wouldn't see or hear a lot. "I'm a bit worried now, though." She said the people in the house that police raided, but so did a lot of other neighbors. "Sometimes there are kids there but I don't really see much of anyone." Another neighbor said things at the property were "odd". Police also raided properties in Hamilton. Police have said they are determined not to let the Rebels - Australia's largest outlaw motorcycle gang - set up in New Zealand, despite reports they were actively trying to establish a local chapter. Detective Superintendent Brett Kane of the Organised & Financial Crime Agency said last month that police had already dealt with more than a dozen patched Rebels members near Auckland Airport & sent one member, who was trying to get into New Zealand, back to Australia. "Rebel gang members have been sighted in a number of localities throughout the North Island recently & been the focus of police attention already," he said. The gang was involved in serious violence, drug manufacture & trafficking in Australia, Kane said. Central police communications spokeswoman Kim Perks said full results of today's operation were still being collated.

30 arrested in North Island raids – Feb 10, 2011 – *New Zealand* – By www.RadioNZ.com.nz - Drug raids in the North Island have led to 30 arrests & the seizure of guns & more than \$120,000 in cash. Detectives say a large, highly-organized distribution network has been cracked in Palmerston North, where a finance company accused of money-laundering is now being investigated. Police are claiming the raid has dealt a major blow to the Australian Rebels MC which they say is trying to establish a chapter in New Zealand. Forty search warrants were executed on Thursday at houses in Central Districts, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Auckland & Northland. Twenty-nine vehicles, including BMWs & Harley Davidson motorcycles, were seized & a methamphetamine laboratory in Murupara in the Bay of Plenty shut down. Most of those arrested are said to be beneficiaries & their crimes include supplying, manufacturing & dealing drugs. Detective Inspector Chris Bensemann says the raids show that the Australian gang is increasing its presence in New Zealand & it will not be tolerated. "The Rebels are involved in this; they're new to New Zealand. We saw this on the horizon that they wanted to come here & make money out of criminal business. "I'd be optimistic to say it's the end of the Rebels in New Zealand, but we've certainly struck a blow, that's for sure."

Jim Baker & Jimmy Swaggert have written an impressive new book. It's called... 'Ministers Do More Than Lay People'

Bikies were 'dancing' not fighting, Supreme Court is told – Feb 10, 2011 – *Australia* – By www.PerthNow.com.au - Two more Perth bikies will face trial in the Supreme Court after refusing to answer questions to the CCC surrounding a brawl with a rival gang. Coffin Cheaters MC members Benjamin David Ortin, 32, of Gidgegannup & David Jon Reid, 45 of Wellard each faced one charge of failing to answer truthfully a question relevant to an investigation by the Corruption & Crime Commission. The Supreme Court heard today how Reid told investigators a picture of bikies fighting could have been the gangs 'dancing'. Last week 4 Finks members were jailed for to 2 years' jail each for refusing to answer questions by the WA corruption watchdog. The private examinations were part of an ongoing WA Police investigation, Operation Tri-Star, targeting the activities of the motorcycle club following a fight with the Finks MC at the Kwinana Motorplex last October. Counsel for the Commission, Sean O'Sullivan, said it is alleged that Ortin told the hearing he did not recall the fight & Reid was evasive saying a picture of the fight between the 2 motorcycle gangs could be dancing. The examinations were conducted under the exceptional powers part of the Commission's organized crime function. Under this function the Commissioner of Police may apply to the CCC Commissioner to use exceptional powers to investigate serious & organized crime. The exceptional power in this case involved summoning witnesses to compulsorily give evidence at a private examination before the Commission. The CCC cannot under its Act directly investigate organized crime. Today the Chief Justice, Wayne Martin QC, set the trial down in the Supreme Court on April 6 & 7. He recently jailed 4 members of the Finks Motorcycle Club for 2 years on contempt charges relating to Commission hearings. Finks members Tristan Allbeury, Stephen Silvestro, Troy Crispin Smith & Clovis Chikonga had appeared before the Corruption & Crime Commission (CCC) last year in relation to a brawl between them & rival gang the Coffin Cheaters. A contempt of the Commission is the equivalent to a contempt of the Supreme Court which is subject to a penalty of a fine or jail. However, that penalty is up to the court's discretion - there is no set penalty

Police uniforms, drugs & stolen goods seized – Feb 10, 2011 – *Australia* – By www.Police.NSW.gov.au - Police attached to a strike force targeting outlaw motorcycle gangs have seized police uniforms, drugs & numerous items suspected to be stolen during a raid in Sydney's west. Officers attached to Strike Force Raptor executed a search warrant on the Myrtle Street house at Prospect about 7.30 am today. Officers allegedly found cocaine, amphetamines & cutting agent, as well as an assortment of NSW Police Force uniforms. These included police shirts, pants, jackets, a jumper, a reflective vest, a hat, belt keepers & a gun holster. Numerous items suspected of being stolen were also seized, including laptop computers, a video camcorder, 2 H-D motorcycles, car parts & motorcycle parts. A 20-year-old female resident was placed under arrest & charged with an outstanding warrant. She is due to face Downing Centre District Court tomorrow. Inquiries are continuing into the whereabouts of the 36-year-old male occupant. The home has been declared a drug premises. Officers also spoke with 2 men located in the garage of the property who are alleged to be members of the Bandidos Outlaw MC. Inquiries are continuing. Strike Force Raptor targets criminal behavior related to outlaw motorcycle gangs & is part of the State Crime Command Gangs Squad.

By all means marry. If you get a good wife, you'll be happy. If you get a bad one, you'll become a philosopher. - Socrates

Former biker says sorry, is denied parole – Feb 10, 2011 – *Canada* – By Marc Pigeon; www.TorontoSun.com - One of the architects of Quebec's violent 1990s biker war expressed remorse for the murders he committed before the National parole Board, but it wasn't enough to get him out of prison. The board denied parole this week to Gilles (Trooper) Mathieu, a onetime member of the elite Nomads chapter of the Hells Angels. He's serving a 15-year prison term for helping the Nomads assassinate rivals in the Rock Machine gang during a war that killed more than 175 people, including innocent bystanders. Wearing a white t-shirt & jeans, the 60-year-old publicly apologized for his role as moneyman for the Nomads. He said he no longer goes by the nickname Trooper & has had his biker tattoos removed. He also said he no longer talks to bikers. "I'm a man who regrets his past life," Mathieu told commissioners Suzanne Chartrand & Michel Pallascio at a prison north of Montreal, where he has been held for 6 years. He admitted to handling paperwork & doling out cash to members of Nomads death squads who would buy weapons to murder their enemies. Mathieu said he enjoyed a lavish lifestyle that allowed him to bury any feelings of guilt. "I turned a blind eye," he admitted. "I agreed to do it because I had so many advantages. I had enormous advantages." But said he eventually realized that it was wrong to aid & abet murders. "(Later) I saw what was happening, I found it dreadful." He added: "I am very happy that I never had to take anyone's life." Mathieu was the first member of the Nomads to be sentenced to prison following a massive police sweep against the Hells Angels in 2001. The Nomads were created in 1995 by notorious Hells Angels kingpin Maurice (Mom) Boucher to solidify the gang's stranglehold on their lucrative drug territory. Mathieu will once again be up for parole in 2013. He says that if he's released, he hopes to move to a halfway house in Montreal before setting up in the country to work the land. It's likely that his former boss will only be able to dream of such a future. Maurice Boucher is serving a life sentence for ordering the deaths of 2 prison guards.

Outlaws leader sentenced in Va. to 9 years – Feb 11, 2011 – *South Carolina* – By Larry O'Dell; www.DailyComet.com - A former regional boss of the Outlaws motorcycle gang who led attempts to hunt down rival Hells Angels with the intent of assaulting them was sentenced Friday to 9 years & 2 months in Fed prison. U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson rejected Leslie Werth's plea for a lighter sentence Friday, saying the Outlaws became a more dangerous organization because of Werth's actions. "You weren't just someone who sat there & listened," Hudson told Werth. "You exhorted people to commit violence." A jury in November convicted Werth, a member of the Rock Hill, S.C., Outlaws chapter, of conspiracy to commit racketeering & conspiracy to commit violence in aid of racketeering. Prosecutors asked Hudson to sentence Werth to 10 years & one month, the maximum under sentencing guidelines computed by the Fed probation office. Werth's attorney asked for no more than 5 years. Werth was among 27 gang members indicted in June 2010 on racketeering & other charges. More than half pleaded guilty. Five, including Werth & Outlaws Nat'l Pres Jack Rosga of Milwaukee, were convicted & 3 were acquitted in 2 separate jury trials. One was shot to death by Fed agents trying to arrest him in Maine. Rosga & 3 others will be sentenced April 8. At his sentencing, Werth told the judge he joined the Outlaws because he loved to ride motorcycles & he never intended to commit any crimes. "I have no intentions of making the same mistakes again," Werth said. "What I'm asking for is a second chance to prove I'm not the person the Gov't set out to prove I am." A character witness, Bob MacLeod, said he hired Werth for his construction business about 20 years ago & the 2 became good friends. "He was by far

the most dependable & loyal employee I've ever had," MacLeod said. Werth's attorney, Craig W. Sampson, said his client's loyalty extended to his biker friends. Werth was incensed over an assault on 2 Outlaws by the Hells Angels, & his retaliatory actions were "a response out of loyalty to what he perceived as attacks on his Outlaws family," Sampson said. Sampson also pointed out that 2 other Outlaws who pleaded guilty to racketeering received sentences 27 months & 51 months, so the much longer prison term sought by prosecutors seemed "out of whack." However, Hudson agreed with the Gov't's claims that Werth's promotion of violence set him apart from the others. "He called for violence on numerous occasions," Assistant U.S. Attorney Peter Duffey said. "It permeates the entire case." Jeffrey Grabman, a Fed agent who infiltrated the Outlaws for about 2 years, testified that a paid Gov't informant told him about a conversation in which Werth said assaulting Hells Angels would not be enough to keep them out of the Charlotte, N.C., area - the Outlaws would have to kill one. The informant, nicknamed "Chef" because he was a former methamphetamine cook, did not testify at Werth's trial. Werth also got a longer sentence for carrying a gun during the Hells Angels hunting expeditions. Sampson objected, noting that the jury acquitted Werth of a firearms charge & using violence in the aid of racketeering. "If the jury had wanted him punished for that particular crime, it would have convicted him of that particular crime," Sampson said. But the judge said sentencing guidelines allow for consideration of evidence that Werth carried a gun to further the racketeering conspiracy. Werth will appeal his sentence as well as his convictions, Sampson said.

Jury finds Warlocks member guilty of murder – Feb 11, 2011 – *Florida* – By Anthony Colarossi; www.OrlandoSentinel.com - James Madison Bedsole was a motorcycle club probate member on trial for the shooting death of Chad Brickey. Chad Brickey's family members sat in court all week to hear what they heard late Friday: James Madison Bedsole, guilty of first-degree murder. After deliberating for several hours, a 12-member Orange County jury found Bedsole responsible for Brickey's September 2009 shooting death in Apopka. Judge Roger McDonald promptly sentenced Bedsole to the mandatory penalty of life in prison. The convicted man sat stone-faced, as he did for much of the trial. The case gained attention because Bedsole, 40, was a probate member of the Warlocks MC at the time of Brickey's death. The prosecution attributed his role in Brickey's shooting to Bedsole's job as a probate member assigned to protect other Warlocks' motorcycles. On Friday, Bedsole was forced to listen to another constituency — the victim's mother, his grandmother & the mother of Brickey's daughter. "I just hope she can fight the devil later on in life, the same devil that you allowed to control you," said Nicole La Rosa, who had a child with Brickey, 29. "You are the reason my once happy child can be so angry. No one can fix her sadness. All [she] has is Chad looking down from heaven, & she can't look back." Asked later if she saw any response when she looked across the courtroom at Bedsole, La Rosa said, "He just looked at me. He really didn't have any type of emotion." The verdict came hours after defense attorney Jeff Dowdy tried to raise doubts about the state's case against Bedsole. He focused on the inability of the state's key witness, Holguy Louissaint, to identify Bedsole in court as the man who jumped into the back of his truck during an early-morning chase in September 2009.

A new way to avoid any .08 alcohol issues while driving. I went out with some friends last night & tied one on. Knowing that I was wasted, I did something that I have never done before. I took the bus home. I arrived home safe & warm, which seemed really surprising as I have never driven a bus before.

Judge denies change of venue in Hells Angels case – Feb 11, 2011 – *Arizona* – By www.DC Courier.com - Yavapai County Superior Court Judge Celé Hancock denied without prejudice on Friday a motion to move the trial out of Yavapai County for men affiliated with the Hells Angels in connection with a shootout between the Hells Angels & Vagos motorcycle gangs in an unincorporated area northwest of Chino Valley on Aug. 21, 2010. Richard Gaxiola, attorney for Michael Trevor Koepke, who filed the change of venue motion, said it would be more “appropriate to discuss during jury selection.” “I agree,” said Hancock about her decision to deny the motion at this time. On Nov. 5, Gaxiola filed a motion with the court to move the trial out of Yavapai County because of local pretrial publicity, citing stories in The Daily Courier, The New Times of Phoenix, & KPHO and, in particular, comments made by readers that were added to the stories online. “After reviewing the above articles & comments correlated therewith, one can reasonably surmise that the media has consistently maintained a significant slant against the Hells Angels that has rubbed off into the Prescott community & potential jury pool,” Gaxiola wrote in his motion. “Accordingly, in an effort to allow Mr. Koepke to maintain his constitutional rights ... of an impartial criminal proceeding, this court must permit Mr. Koepke to change his trial venue.” On Nov. 12, prosecutor Dana Owens responded by writing, “To allege this type of normal, everyday news reporting rises to the level of prejudicial pre-trial publicity is without merit.” Owens also wrote that “many of the posts (online reader comments) show support for the HA (Hells Angels).” Also on Friday, Hancock said she would grant a motion that would provide the identities of civilian witnesses to a defense team investigator once all defense attorneys signed a stipulation not to divulge the witnesses’ identities to their clients or any other third party. Earlier this week, Hancock denied a motion Wed to send the case back to the grand jury filed by Bruce Andrew Schweigert Sr.’s attorney, Jeffrey McNiece. On Jan. 3, McNiece filed his motion to remand in which he wrote “the state simply did not present any evidence of any crime allegedly committed by Mr. Schweigert to the grand jury - other than the fact that he was merely present.” On Wed, Owens responded in court that Schweigert was present in 3 important locations where crimes were committed: the Circle K store prior to the shooting, the shooting at the Hells Angels clubhouse, & in a vehicle nearby. “Only 2 people were present at all 3 locations & one is Mr. Schweigert,” Owens said. “That’s more than mere suspicion.” McNiece also wrote in that motion that “Mr. Schweigert’s due process rights were violated by presenting a case against the Hells Angels MC in general as opposed to Mr. Schweigert specifically.” “Mr. Schweigert was charged under the accomplice statute, & that law is very clear to the court,” said Hancock. Hancock also said she did not see that Schweigert had been denied any procedural right & denied his motion on that basis as well. At a hearing on Feb. 22, Hancock will consider a motion filed by James O’Haver, attorney for Larry Dean Scott Jr., to drop charges in this case & Gaxiola’s motion on behalf of his client, Koepke, to send the case back to the grand jury.

Niagara Hells Angel loses appeal – Feb 11, 2011 – *Canada* – By Karen Walter; www.StCatharinesStandard.ca - A former Niagara Hells Angel convicted of trafficking cocaine for a criminal organization has lost his appeal. The Ontario Court of Appeal found that evidence in Zavisla Drecic’s case supported the trial judge’s conclusion that he trafficked drugs in association with the Hells Angels. Drecic, of Buchner Rd. in Welland, was sentenced to 8 years in prison in October 2009. He pleaded guilty to trafficking cocaine & gamma hydroxybutyrate acid, commonly known as the date-rape drug. But Drecic pleaded not guilty to

trafficking cocaine in association with a criminal organization. His case went back to 2006 & 2007, when he acted as a middle man in the drug trade. Drecic, a full-patch member of the Hells Angels, assisted a police agent — unbeknownst to him — to buy large quantities of drugs on several occasions. The trial judge found the drugs were destined for distribution & profit. “Membership in the Hells Angels was the catalyst that brought the parties together & it played an integral role in the ensuing drug transactions,” the Court of Appeal said. The decision was given earlier this month & released in writing Thursday. “Finally, no issue can be taken with the trial judge’s finding that the Hells Angels MC is a criminal organization. The evidence in that regard is overwhelming,” the judges said. Drecic was a former member of the Niagara Hells Angels who was transferred to the Woodbridge chapter & was arrested in April 2007. He was one of 31 people swept up in pre-dawn raids through the OPP-led investigation dubbed Project Develop.

Police ready to target gangs again – Feb 11, 2011 – *New Zealand* – By <http://TVNZ.com.nz> - Police expect to make more arrests in a crackdown on criminal gangs. More than 40 search warrants were executed yesterday at addresses in Palmerston North, Feilding, Levin, Foxton, Otaki, Whanganui, Murupara, Hamilton, Auckland & Northland. Police said they had “ripped the welcome mat out” from under the Rebels motorcycle gang & other criminal gangs. At least 100 police officers across 5 policing districts were involved in a coordinated major operation focused on gangs, methamphetamine & organized crime.

Hells Angel bikie in jail for 7 years – Feb 12, 2011 – *Australia* – By www.DailyTelegraph.com.au - Hells Angel Christian Manu Birch couldn’t hide his disbelief at his jail term for drugs & firearms offences. From the dock of Downing Centre District Court, the 41-year-old showed 7 fingers to friends seated in the public gallery yesterday & said: “I’m f ... ed.” Judge Helen Syme ordered the Hells Angels road master be jailed for a minimum of 7½ years. Birch was arrested while riding his H-D & dressed in Hells Angels colors on April 3, 2009. Down his pants was a loaded, semi-automatic .45 pistol. It followed an Australian Crime Commission investigation into the Hells Angels & the supply of party drug GHB. Birch pleaded guilty to charges of supply commercial quantity of a prohibited drug & possess unauthorized firearm. He will be eligible for patrol in Oct 2016.

Bandidos plead to lesser court charges in Ascension – Feb 13, 2011 – *Louisiana* – By www.WeeklyCitizen.com - The 4 members of the Bandido gang on trial for involvement in a fight & shooting at Fred’s on the River in Port Vincent early last year pleaded guilty to lesser charges Wed in 23rd Judicial Court in Gonzales. Joe Louis Flores, the reputed leader of the motorcycle gang, who was charged with shooting former gang member Steven Hoff during the brawl, pleaded guilty to reduced charges of attempted manslaughter & 2 counts of second-degree battery. Sentencing was deferred by Judge Ralph Tureau. Jose Felisano Flores, the brother of Joe Louis, pleaded guilty to 6 misdemeanor charges. Chester Hunnicutt of Prairieville & Derrick Johnson of Walker received suspended prison sentences, after pleading guilty to being an accessory after the fact on the battery charge. They will be under probation & have to pay restitution to Hoff & his friend Brian McDonald who aided him in the bar fight. The original nine-count indictment for the 4 defendants included felony 2nd-degree murder charges.

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Gang's NZ offshoots have notched up 170 years' jail time –

Feb 13, 2011 – *New Zealand* – By Jared Savage;

www.NZHerald.com.nz - Members & prospects of the recently formed New Zealand branch of the Rebels motorcycle gang have more than 200 criminal convictions between them & have spent nearly 170 years in jail. Police intelligence has identified 17 patched members of Australia's largest gang here in New Zealand, with nearly 100 convictions for serious drug & violence offences between them. Prison sentences for those patched members total 77 years, a figure topped by the 90 years of jail time for the further 14 identified Rebel prospects or associates. Detective Superintendent Brett Kane, of the Organised & Financial Crime Agency, released the information yesterday after a major police operation arrested 30 people accused of running a methamphetamine ring across the North Island. Vehicles were seized during the armed raids in Manawatu, Waikato, Bay of Plenty & Northland, as well as \$120,000 cash, drugs, guns & gang patches. Four Rebels were arrested in Operation Stamp as the police target the expansion of the major Australian criminal group before it gets a foothold here. Kane said police had been working with Australian law enforcement agencies since late last year after learning of the Rebels' plans to expand in New Zealand. Kane said the Rebels' expansion in New Zealand stemmed from a number of expat Kiwis joining the Australian gang & rising to senior leadership positions. The Rebels still have family links to New Zealand - & can fly back & forth on their passports - & were already taking over local gang the Tribesmen in a rebranding process known as "patching over". The Tribesmen have been weakened by successful police operations targeting the drug dealing of the gang & feeder gang the Killer Beez. Many of the Tribesmen are also heavy users of P, which Police Association president Greg O'Connor said had damaged the organisation & contributed to their loss of influence & power in the underworld. He referred to the gang as "The Friedsmen" & said it made sense for them to reach out to a stronger gang such as the Rebels. The Weekend Herald has also learned that some of the Nomads, who have been in turmoil since the death of their founder Dennis "Mossie" Hines in 2009, are also "patching over" to the Rebels. The Nomads are based in Horowhenua. The Lost Breed gang in Nelson has also been mentioned as possibly aligning with the Rebels. "This is all about business & to expand business," said O'Connor. "The Rebels are like the McDonald's of the criminal world. There is strength in numbers & economies of scale. But with a criminal bent." Kane said New Zealand would need strong ties with Australian law enforcement agencies to keep the Rebels in check, & a former head of the Auckland drug squad was to be embedded with the Australian Fed Police in Canberra.

Rebel prospects- Local gangs who could "patch over" to the Australians: **Tribesmen**: Weakened by the jailing of key members & too much P use (nicknamed "Friedsmen"). **Nomads**: Lower North Island gang in turmoil since the death of their leader Dennis "Mossie" Hines. **Lost Breed**: Nelson gang whose rivals are backed by the Hells Angels.

St. Valentine's Day Massacre (Hells Angels Version) – Feb 14,

2011 – *New York* – By Lisa Petrocelli; www.Examiner.com -

"The St. Valentine's Day Massacre remains the most notorious gangster killing of the Prohibition era. The massacre made Al Capone a national celebrity as well as brought him the unwanted attention of the Fed Gov't." However, the Hells Angels Nomads New York have begun a new chapter in St. V Massacre history by celebrating their second annual St. Valentine's Day Massacre Feast. The party was held this year on Feb 5 at the Fusion in North Syracuse. With plenty of good food & games, along with some great music to fill the air, the party was a great success & all

who came out to "northeast snow country" had a good time. Don't look for Bugs Moran & his gang here - you may find some whiskey & women but the Red of this massacre will be coupled with White this time. If you missed it this year, look for it next year & keep checking this page for future HA events in New York. Love your Hearts today!

School locked down after worker involved in domestic violence incident – Feb 14, 2011 – San Antonio, Texas – By

www.WOAI.com - An elementary school in the Judson Independent School District was placed on lockdown Monday morning after an employee who was reportedly hurt in a domestic violence incident arrived for work. A Judson ISD official said the female worker showed up at Paschall Elementary School after she had been beaten up by her husband. The woman's husband is believed to be associated with a well-known 'outlaw motorcycle gang.' The school was put on lockdown because officials feared the woman's husband might come to the school. The lockdown was later lifted.

Bar with Hells Angels association wins licence appeal – Feb 15,

2011 – *Canada* – By Gerry Bellett; www.VancouverSun.com - The owner of a Kelowna nightclub whose liquor licence was cancelled after a member of the Hells Angels became associated with its operation has won the right to appeal the decision. The Liquor Control & Licensing Branch had suspended the liquor licensee of Club Med on Lawrence Avenue in Oct 2009, causing the nightclub to shut down, with the loss of 30 jobs. The suspension was the result of a complex business arrangement involving the nightclub & the property on which it stands being sold by home builder David Habib to a company owned by Tony Raffele in the fall of 2005. The sale of the nightclub was conditional on the licensing branch approving the transfer of the liquor licence to Raffele's company. But the branch delayed approving the transfer for 4 years & allowed the nightclub to continue operating with the licensee remaining with Habib's company until it was suspended in 2009. According to documents presented in B.C. Supreme Court, the issue at the heart of the dispute was the fact that the building was sold to a company called Liquid Zoo, of which Raffele was a director, as was Damiano Dipopolo, a member of the Hells Angels MC, which Justice David Masuhara described as a criminal organization. The club's owners attempted to show that Dipopolo had given up his interest in Liquid Zoo but the branch maintained this had not been shown to its satisfaction. The license expired April 30, 2010. Habib, who said he maintained a business interest in the nightclub, applied for another license. But in May 2010, the branch decided he had not provided sufficient evidence that he had a valid interest in the business, so the license would not be renewed. Habib sought a judicial review of the decision. Masuhara found that "fairness considerations warranted the need for an oral hearing." He set aside the branch's cancellation & renewal decisions.

Motorcycle gang expert testifies – Feb 16, 2011 – Lakeport,

California – By Jeremy Walsh; www.Record-Bee.com - An expert on outlaw motorcycle gangs testified Wed at the Lake County Courthouse during the Thomas Dudney attempted murder trial. Judge Arthur Mann presided. Deputy district attorney Art Grothe represented the Lake County District Atty's Office & attorney Doug Rhoades represented Dudney. Dudney faces 11 felony charges, along with many special allegations, for his alleged role in an Oct. 20, 2009 incident in which Lakeport resident Ronald Greiner was shot, tortured & hogtied. The 59-year-old Dudney is charged with attempted murder, simple &

aggravated mayhem, torture, robbery, burglary, 3 types of assault, battery causing serious bodily injury & participating in a criminal street gang, The Misfits. Jorge Gil-Blanco, an investigator who said he's been specializing in outlaw motorcycle gangs since the 1990s, testified that he knew Dudney to be a member of The Misfits Motorcycle Club, a group whose members he knows engage in criminal activities. The prosecution alleges that Dudney committed the crimes in order to benefit The Misfits. Greiner testified on Feb. 9 that 2 men attacked him sometime after midnight on Oct. 20, 2009, several days after he had an argument with 4 people, including Deborah James, at his Lakeport house regarding the disappearance of several marijuana plants he had been growing for James. Greiner said he recognized one of the 2 attackers as a man he knew by the nickname KTron, who he met through James in spring 2009, & later pointed to Dudney when asked if KTron was present in the courtroom. The prosecution alleges that Dudney & the unidentified second attacker stole some of Greiner's personal marijuana plants & that all of the crimes were committed as retribution for the Oct. 17, 2009 argument about James's missing plants. After Grothe gave a summary version of testimony supporting the prosecution's allegations, Gil-Blanco said that it was his opinion that the attack "was done for the benefit of The Misfits." Gil-Blanco said under cross-examination that "not every crime committed by a gang member is a gang crime." He later testified that violent assaults, which are a type of crime motorcycle gang members often commit, could bolster a gang's reputation. Gil-Blanco also analyzed several photographs of tattoos on Dudney's body. He confirmed that an image on Dudney's forearm depicting a man riding a motorcycle with ape hanger handlebars appeared to be the same image found on Misfits' insignia. Tattoos of the words "Misfits" & "forever," which Dudney had on either arm, are often indicators of membership in The Misfits, Gil-Blanco said. Christopher Hernandez, an investigator for the Northern California High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), was the second witness called Wed. Hernandez testified that he analyzed phone records related to the case provided by the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO). The records originated from a MetroPCS cell phone & the subscriber name for the phone was Thomas Dudney, Hernandez said. The records included cell tower locations for that phone's activity on Oct. 19 & 20, 2009, Hernandez said. The MetroPCS cell phone accessed cell towers in the Rohnert Park area beginning around 10 p.m. on Oct. 19, 2009, according to the records provided by MetroPCS, Hernandez said. The phone accessed towers in Santa Rosa between 12:30 & 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2009 & then accessed a tower in the Windsor area around 3:45 a.m., Hernandez said. Between 6 & 8 a.m. that day, the phone accessed towers in the Hopland area, & then moved down the Highway 101 corridor, accessing towers in several areas along the way, until accessing a tower in the Windsor area around 8:50 a.m., Hernandez said. The records indicated times when the phone accessed cell towers because of incoming or outgoing calls & not necessarily because of text messages, Hernandez said. The information did not show that the phone accessed a MetroPCS tower in Lake County on either day, according to Hernandez's testimony. Scott Nagy, a DNA analyst for the state's Dept of Justice forensic laboratory in Sacramento, testified that he analyzed reference bloodstains for Dudney & Greiner & compared those stains to a DNA swab. The DNA swab was taken from a small spot of a biological material found in Dudney's station wagon, according to prior testimony from an LCSO investigator. Nagy said that at least 3 people contributed to the biological mixture, which tested positive for blood on a presumptive test but tested negative for blood during a confirmatory test. Dudney & Greiner "could not be excluded as

contributors to the mixture," Nagy said. The chance is 1-in-9,500 that a random white man could be a contributor to the mixture, Nagy said. The trial concluded for the day after Nagy's testimony. Because of court scheduling issues, the trial is scheduled to reconvene today in Dept 4 in Clearlake.

Finnish police raid Bandidos Helsinki clubhouse – Feb 16, 2011 – *Finland* – By www.HelsinkiTimes.fi - The Finnish police said Tuesday they had raided a Bandidos motorbike gang clubhouse in Helsinki's Kyläsaari district, with a suspect arrested in another part of the capital. The police added the 33-year-old man from Helsinki was suspected of attempted manslaughter. The police did not say whether or not the suspect in custody was a member of Bandidos, a group that is classed as organized crime in many countries.

Ross Brand's murder by John Bedson 'ridiculous' says Judge Curtain – Feb 17, 2011 – *Australia* – By Norrie Ross; www.HeraldSun.com.au - The murder of a Bandidos bikie gang member by a rival from the Rebels gang was described as "totally ridiculous" by a judge today. Justice Elizabeth Curtain told John Bedson that he shot dead Ross Brand out of the need to retaliate for a fight at the Geelong Cup in which neither he nor his victim was involved. Brand, 51, described as a Bandidos enforcer, died when Bedson fired a hail of bullets at the rival gang's Geelong headquarters in Breakwater from the rear of a ute. Prosecutor Chris Ryan SC told the Supreme Court today there was a simmering ongoing hatred between the Bandidos & Rebels. The shooting followed a minor dust-up at the races in Oct 2008 between men associated with the 2 bikie gangs. Justice Curtain said Bedson was a member of the Rebels & an associated group, Death Before Dishonour, & was bound by the rules of those organisations. "He (Bedson) acted on this day because he perceived retaliation was necessary," Justice Curtain said. "Given the consequences that was totally ridiculous. The reality in truth is that it was never his fight. "He was not there, it was something he was told about. He shot at people who themselves had nothing to do with it either." Bedson, 27, was found guilty by a Supreme Court jury last September of the murder of Brand. He was also found guilty of reckless conduct endangering life over the wounding of another man in same incident. His brother Derek Bedson, 23, pleaded guilty the the manslaughter of Brand, & both appeared in court today for a pre-sentence plea hearing. The victim was struck in the forehead & dragged back inside the club rooms as bullets peppered the building. Defence counsel Ian Hayden, for John Bedson, told the judge that his client had a very difficult childhood & became a "poly-drug user" & developed a paranoid personality disorder. A psychologist said in a report that Bedson's personality disorder meant he retaliated against perceived threats. Bedson claimed he had intended to shoot up the Bandidos club rooms but had panicked when he thought he saw Brand produce a gun. The hearing is continuing.

A life transformed – Feb 17, 2011 – *Canada* – By Sheila Reynolds; www.BCLocalNews.com - He had to hurt people before they hurt him, to prove who he was. He got high from smashing people's faces in. John was 14 years old when he first started smoking drugs, 15 when he joined a gang, & was kicked out of 5 schools by the time he was 16. By age 27, married with a baby boy, he was lured into working for the local gang kingpin. The money & power was worth the danger & fear, he thought. Indeed, he gained power, rising through the gangster ranks. Always looking over his shoulder, he constantly feared for his life & those of his wife & young son. True fear, he learned, was the sound of a bullet whistling past his head. John is the main

character in *Let Me Up*, a gritty play presented to students Surrey's Queen Elizabeth Secondary last week. But the main character & his drug-fuelled, violent, frightening journey isn't entirely fictional. The drama is based on the life of Joe Calendino, a former full-patch member of the Hells Angels MC. Like John in the play, Calendino was on top of the gang world, trafficking drugs, raking in big bucks & living the high life. Until his so-called friends turfed him. He got deep into drugs himself, snorting cocaine, further alienating his family & finally hitting bottom. Crack-addicted & hovering at a gaunt 140 pounds, Calendino was killing himself. It was then Const. Kevin Torvik came into his life. A member of the Vancouver Police Dept, it certainly wasn't the first time the 2 men had met. With Torvik's work in gang & drug units, he had crossed paths with law-scoffing Calendino before. But they also had something else in common: they had both attended Templeton Secondary in Vancouver. It was that connection that made the difference. Torvik saw him not just as a criminal, but as a guy he went to school with. And when Calendino decided to clean up & turn his life around, his former classmate was there to help with the difficult journey. After a painful drug withdrawal & rehabilitation process, the recovering addict returned to his old high school, determined to help youth make better choices than he had. Closely supervised, he began working with his former drama teacher & some of the school's boys, mentoring them & giving advice. That was nearly 4 years ago. Today, Calendino works with several schools in the Lower Mainland, including in Surrey. He's been connected with kids at Queen Elizabeth for 3 years & for the past year, has been working with boys at Kwantlen Park Secondary & the Newton Learning Centre. He targets not just at-risk teens, but all kids, from straight-A students to those already involved with drugs & crime. "We identify with all youth. We're finding that the more kids we can get involved... the better off they will all be," the pony-tailed Calendino says. The play *Let Me Up* has now been presented in several schools – & the former gangster is always there with Torvik to talk to students & answer questions afterwards. "You need to identify when you come to that fork in the road," Calendino told the Grade 9 students at QE last week, "and take the right road." When someone asks what the scariest moment in his life was, he hesitates, obviously unable to pin his answer to just one moment in his violence-riddled past. "Where I've been, I've seen the devil. I've walked with the devil." As the high school presentation wraps up, he calls members of his Yo Bro youth group to the stage. It's a cluster of young men varying in age, size, & ethnicity. Calendino looks at them proudly, getting emotional as he motions toward the teens. He's got a bigger gang now than he ever had when he was involved with drugs & crime, he says. "I'd much rather have these guys watching my back than anyone in my past."

Suspect claims motorcycle gang killed woman – Feb 18, 2011 – *Sandusky, Ohio* – By Adam Mawson & Carissa Rossi; <http://MorningJournal.com> - Murder defendant Michael Martin admitted picking up victim Amanda Gibson & taking her to his home the day she was killed, but claims a member of the Outlaws, a motorcycle gang, killed her, according to testimony yesterday from Erie County Sheriff's Detective Nick Kotsopoulos. Martin, 53, of Sandusky, is on trial for the June 7, 2010, strangulation death of 25-year-old Gibson, whose body was discovered in Groton Township near a pond by some fishermen. Erie County Prosecutor Kevin Baxter questioned Kotsopoulos about the investigation that led deputies to arrest Martin. Baxter said when police got a warrant to search the home of Martin's girlfriend on July 12, they found a letter from Martin stating he knows she has a lot of questions & he was going to answer them. Kotsopoulos

testified about the letter yesterday, Baxter said. In the letter, police learned Martin admitted to picking up Gibson & taking her to his Sandusky house to pick up possessions stored there & help her move, Baxter said last night. "Martin wrote while she was putting her stuff in his truck he went to take a bath for about 45 minutes. After his bath he went outside to check on Gibson & saw her dead body & a truck pulling away," Baxter said. "Martin also wrote he recognized the man driving the truck, who is one of the Outlaws & they were trying to kill him & killed Gibson instead," according to Baxter. "Martin said he panicked & then disposed of her body. The next day June 8, Martin & his girlfriend went out to party with the Outlaws," Martin wrote in the letter. Martin's atty, Joe Patituce, cross-examined Kotsopoulos regarding phone calls & text messages Gibson sent & received from various people, according to the court. Patituce said phone records show Gibson had numerous contacts with a man suspected of being a drug dealer, including a text message sent when she was supposed to have been dead. Cocaine was found in her system. Detectives failed to follow-up on this & there are other suspects to investigate, not just Martin, according to Patituce.

'No hard evidence' of Lost Breed link with Rebels – Feb 18, 2011 – *New Zealand* – By www.Stuff.co.nz - Speculation that Nelson motorcycle gang The Lost Breed may be aligned with the Rebels motorcycle gang should be treated with caution, a gang commentator says. A report in The New Zealand Herald said the recently formed New Zealand branch of the Australian Rebels motorcycle gang possibly had links with The Lost Breed. Former detective David Haslett, of Christchurch, said he had heard rumors about a link between The Lost Breed & the Rebels but until he saw "hard, cold, evidence" the gang was affiliated he would treat such commentary as speculation. "Certainly that's a possibility, but at the end of the day there's a tremendous amount of rumor & conjecture." Haslett said there was a certain amount of diplomacy between many MCs & he would need to see evidence of patched members mixing with each other, for example, at each other's events for hard proof the 2 groups were aligned. Haslett said aligning could mean a number of things, from friendship between MC members to deeper connections. "I would treat the word alignment with some suspicion. At the end of the day it could be a club association or it could be that whenever they pass through there is a friendly exchange." He said alliances changed & most North Island clubs would have clubs they were friendly with in the South Island & vice versa. "I think really this is a good time for the independent observer to stand back & look at what's going on rather than what's being talked up." He said New Zealand went through periods where biker groups were the bad guys, & it was very easy for motorcycle gangs to be demonized in the media as they didn't talk to media or respond to comments made about them. There were MC members who were family men who held down jobs in the community.

Tory Politician A Member Of Feared Biker Gang – Feb 18, 2011 – *United Kingdom* – By www.CityTalk.fm - A serving Conservative councillor has been exposed as having a double life as a member of one of Europe's most notorious biker gangs. Councillor Jim Mason is a cabinet member on Tewkesbury Council & a former mayor. He is also a full patch member of the Outlaws, which is classed as an organized crime group by police forces all over the world. Members of the Outlaws have been convicted of a number of high profile offences; they gunned down a Hells Angel on the M40, they were part of a mass brawl at Birmingham Airport, & the group's main leaders - including the European & UK president, Dink - are currently in prison for drugs offences. Sky News has also discovered a picture of Mason in his

biker colours where he seems to have a Nazi SS badge on his jacket, underneath is a well-known Outlaws patch, reading "God forgives, Outlaws don't". Canadian journalist Julian Sher is an expert on biker gangs. He told Sky News: "Jim Mason is a member of an organized structured biker gang that has uniforms & ranks, which is going to war & has spilled the blood of enemies just because they're rival gangs. "It doesn't matter whether you, individually, are engaged in crime, it doesn't matter if any of the members of your chapter are engaged in crime - your club, your gang is at war." Earlier this week, Sky News confronted Mason about his double life. Initially, he denied he was a member of the Outlaws & then walked away from our cameras. Later he told Sky News he "is not a member of the Outlaws & hasn't been for some time". However, it is very rare for someone to be allowed to leave a biker gang. One of 3 pictures of Councilor Mason in his biker colors was taken in Sept 2009. The Outlaws are involved in a bitter turf war with the Hells Angels, which is being played out in tit-for-tat bombings, shootings & arson attacks around the world. The shooting of Hells Angel Gerry Tobin in the UK in 2007 was an example of the random nature of the violence. He was murdered by Outlaws members while riding on the M40 motorway. The only reason he was targeted was because he was a Hells Angel. Members of the 2 gangs also clashed in the arrivals hall at Birmingham Airport in 2008. Around 30 bikers took part in the mass brawl. Many came armed with knives, hammers & even a machete. When 7 men were later sentenced for their part in the mini riot, the judge acknowledged that many of them were decent family men. But when the call came to mobilize, they had obeyed orders. Julian Sher is well aware of the militaristic organization of all the biker gangs. He said: "This is a very structured, disciplined, gang. For all the myths about the freedom of the road & the bikers being rebels, they're in a very disciplined, tightly controlled army - an army that's at war. And when you're at war everybody's got to do their share." Jim Mason has been a councilor since 1999. He was the mayor of Tewkesbury in 2003-4 & is still a member of the council's ruling cabinet. There is no suggestion that he has been involved in any illegality. In a statement, Tewkesbury Council's chief executive Mike Dawson said: "In my experience, councilor Mason undertakes his role as a councilor in a manner that is compatible to the principles governing councilors' conduct." The Conservative Party declined to comment.

U.S. drug-smuggling warrants issued for 4 B.C. men - Feb 18, 2011 – *USA / Canada* – By Kim Bolan; www.VancouverSun.com - Another group of suspected B.C. drug smugglers -- who police believe worked on behalf of the Hells Angels -- has been indicted in Washington State. U.S. warrants were issued Wed for Dustin Meehan, Justin Harris, Ronald Lochbaum & Gordy Dahms, alleging they transported major shipments of marijuana across the border for several years using various methods to conceal the illicit loads. The 4 are alleged to have worked with Rob Shannon, Devron Quast, Jody York & others who have already pleaded guilty in Seattle. Shannon was earlier handed a 20-year sentence, while others got lesser terms. York & 6 others who were charged last October have pleaded guilty but are yet to be sentenced. The latest indictment says the 4 "collaborated to operate a marijuana transportation & distribution organized based in British Columbia." "This B.C. marijuana organization imported & attempted to import dozens of loads of marijuana from Canada to the United States on behalf of their clients, who primarily were independent marijuana supply/distribution cells operating within Canada," the indictment says. "Those clients paid the B.C. marijuana organization a fee for successfully importing into the United States, transporting & delivering their marijuana." The

drug gang concealed their pot in truckloads of bark, PVC sewer pipes, inside false walls, floors & ceilings of refrigerated semi-trailers, cargo containers & campers. "The members of the conspiracy agreed that whoever devised a specific smuggling method would be paid a royalty every time that method succeeded," the indictment says. The new defendants' main role was to get clients for the drug distribution, the U.S. Attorney alleges in court documents. Specifically, the indictment says Harris came up with the scheme to hide pot shipments in the false walls of semis & Dahms modified the vehicles & loaded the marijuana in difference compartments. Others in the gang negotiated the contracts & created fictitious companies & false paperwork. The gang is also alleged to have "regularly smuggled currency from Canada to the United States to pay the members of the organization who were based in the United States." The gang used prepaid cellphones & encrypted BlackBerries to communicate, the indictment says. Lochbaum was also charged on the indictment unsealed last October when York, Skeeter Russell & several others entered guilty pleas for their roles in the drug scheme. They are scheduled to be sentenced March 25. The 4 new accused are known to police in B.C. Meehan was identified by the Gang Task Force in May 2009 as one of 3 targets in a murder-for-hire plot foiled by police. Dahms has a conviction for possession of stolen property. Police describe Lochbaum & Harris as HA associates. Their charges flow from a massive U.S. investigation into a cross-border smuggling ring headed by Shannon. So far more than 20 B.C. men have been charged. Twelve have pleaded guilty. A number of Americans have also been prosecuted for their role in the drug ring.

Biker reportedly stopped Berlin metro attack – Feb 18, 2011 – *Germany* – By www.TheLocal.de - A member of the Bandidos MC reportedly prevented youths who severely beat a man in the Berlin U-Bahn metro from attacking his co-worker. Other witnesses of the assault, however, stood by doing nothing. According to the Friday report in daily Bild sourced to "high-ranking security officials," the biker intervened when the 4 teens appeared to be about to attack the second man who had attempted to flee. The suspected Bandidos member reportedly showed the youths a weapon he was carrying & they backed off. A spokesman for the Berlin prosecutor's office, Martin Steltner, would not confirm the information about a weapon. But he did say investigators were trying to track down the man as a crucial witness in the case. "The youths were apparently intimidated by his appearance & ran away," he said. The condition of the assault victim, a 30-year-old house painter, is still critical. A spokesman at the Berlin hospital where he is being treated said on Friday that he was in an artificial coma & that a prognosis about his recovery would have to wait until Monday. The brutal attack, which took place in the U-Bahn station in Berlin's Lichtenberg district late last Friday, was carried out by 4 male teenagers. The Three 17 year-olds & One 14 year-old are in police custody & are likely to be charged with attempted murder & causing grievous bodily harm. Investigators have lamented the inaction of some witnesses. They say that while several people saw the attack, only one person put in an emergency call. It is thought that one witness might have even stolen the victim's jacket as he lay unconscious on the platform. The victims' rights group Weißer Ring has called on the Fed Gov't to launch a campaign urging people to show more civil courage & not merely look away during such incidents. "Prizes & commendations for courageous action evidently aren't enough," said the organization's spokesman Helmut Rüster. "Something has to change in people minds so that they don't just look away when they see violence." He warned that people should not become inured to violence in everyday life.

Director of Civil Forfeiture wins another round against Nanaimo Hells Angels – Feb 18, 2011 – *Canada* – By Kim Bolan; www.VancouverSun.com - The Director of Civil Forfeiture has won the latest round in its long-running court battle with the Nanaimo Hells Angels. The B.C. Supreme Court has ruled that the Gov't agency can have access to evidence police uncovered - including wiretaps - during a 2-year investigation of the Nanaimo chapter dubbed Project Halo. The RCMP recommended a series of charges resulting from the probe in a report to Crown Counsel, but none were ever laid. So the Civil Forfeiture office sought to use the police material in its court challenge to maintain control of the bikers' clubhouse in Nanaimo. The clubhouse was seized in Nov 2007 because the civil forfeiture's office alleged the property was being used as an instrument for unlawful activity. Since then, the company that owned the property -- Angel Acres Recreation & Festival Property Ltd. -- has lost a bid to have the case thrown out & another to maintain control of the clubhouse pending a full trial on the issue. On Friday, Justice Paul Pearlman also ruled against the Hells Angels' claim that the civil forfeiture office should not be allowed to review police evidence or listen to wiretaps made between 2001 & 2003. Their lawyer argued that letting the Gov't agency listen to the wiretaps would violate the "privacy interests of both the defendants & non-parties who were the subject of electronic surveillance." But the Gov't's lawyer said the police evidence was important to the civil forfeiture case because "the wiretaps include conversations involving many of the personal defendants in this action." And the civil forfeiture director said the evidence given to Crown prosecutors "is relevant to demonstrating that members of the Nanaimo Hells Angels MC are participants in a criminal organization, that particular unlawful activities have occurred & that the clubhouse facilitated or was intended to facilitate some of those unlawful activities."

Bikies infiltrate defense bases – Feb 19, 2011 – *Australia* – By Nick McKenzie & Dan Oakes; www.SMH.com.au - Gaping holes in the security of Australia's defense bases are leaving them exposed to infiltration by organized criminals, biker groups & terrorists. Defense sources have revealed that since at least 2008 the military has failed to act on warnings of poor base security & ignored or stalled recommendations to fix deficiencies. In late 2009, senior US Navy officials raised concerns about security at Australian naval bases, querying whether American ships could dock safely. Briefings & reports by defense & police officials during the past 3 years reveal that: A small number of serving defense personnel belong to outlaw biker groups. A company tied to an alleged crime boss was given contracts to guard sensitive naval facilities in 2006. Plain-clothes undercover defense officials talked their way past security posts at half a dozen bases & on one occasion used a library ID card to enter a defense facility. Naval personnel smuggled guns into Australia from south-east Asia in 2008 by stashing them in the storage cavity of an Armidale-class patrol boat. A Defense Dept document, obtained by the Herald, reveals that a review of the vulnerability of defense bases, ships & other assets called for a ground-up overhaul. "A cornerstone recommendation [of the review] was a need to make significant changes to our training & execution model from the bottom up," the Oct 2009 document says. The finding was made 8 weeks after the Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, said he was confident "the security arrangements in place at our bases are effective". While recent media reports have focused on fears about base security after police uncovered a terrorist plot to attack Holsworthy Barracks in 2009, law enforcement agencies have documented concerns about organized crime penetrating defense facilities for

more than a decade. In 2000, the Victoria Police drug squad created an intelligence file alleging that a group of navy personnel was importing cocaine through Garden Island naval base in Sydney. In 2006, 2 state police agencies discovered that Global Protective Services, a company subcontracted to guard HMAS Penguin & Garden Island naval base, was linked closely to the Finks outlaw motorcycle gang member & organized crime figure Yassar Bakir. GPS is now deregistered & not associated with any business with a similar name. Queensland police suspected that the now-jailed Bakir was simultaneously using GPS - whose naval base contracts expired in mid-2006 - to run drugs down the east coast. In 2005, another company linked to Bakir, Global Protection Group, also not linked to any business operating now, had a contract to guard the Randwick barracks. Defence sources said the Dept was not only failing adequately to vet civilian subcontractors but had failed to detect or act on links between at least 2 dozen serving personnel & biker gangs. Police sources have confirmed strong associations between some defense employees & the Hells Angels, Rebels, Bros & Gypsy Jokers gangs, whose members include organized crime figures. A police report seen by the Herald says a small number of military personnel are members of hardcore, outlaw biker groups & have been implicated in "weapons & drug trafficking". Meanwhile, NSW Police are investigating allegations that naval personnel at Garden Island are involved in a small drug-trafficking ring. During the past 2 years, the threat posed by criminals or terrorists to defense bases has prompted the navy to form a force protection working group. But the Herald has learnt that 2 lieutenants working with the group quit the navy in December because the group's recommendations were repeatedly stalled & ignored. The revelations come after Defense told a parliamentary inquiry it was virtually powerless to search the tens of thousands of people who passed through the gates of its bases every day. The right to search private is dependent on the contract signed between Defence & the company.

The Outlaw Who Became A Tory Councilor – Feb 19, 2011 – *United Kingdom* – By Cyril Dixon; www.Express.co.uk - A Conservative councilor from the shires was exposed yesterday as a secret former member of a notorious biker gang. Former mayor Jim Mason, 61, admitted riding with the Outlaws, some of whose members were involved in the murder of a rival. Mason, a married father of two, sits on Tewkesbury Borough Council in Gloucestershire. But pictures which emerged yesterday reveal he was once a senior member of the group formed in the United States. The gang – full name Outlaws MC – is classed as an "organized crime" network by some police forces. Bearded Mason yesterday admitted having been in the Outlaws but said he had now left. "All I will say is that I was a member of the Outlaws but I am not a member anymore & haven't been for some time."

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