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Editor Correction: Welcome in August's Issue should have been Welcome **Mongol Man Dog** to the NCOM BBB Newsletter Mailing List.

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Congressman Challenges the Science of E15 Gas: U.S. Representative Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) has introduced legislation to require the Environmental Protection Agency to "seek independent scientific analysis on the effects of 15% blend ethanol gasoline" (E15), which the EPA recently allowed to be sold for use in 2001 or newer vehicles; though motorcycles & ATVs are not approved for its use, nor are most small air-cooled engines, & using the hotter-burning fuel could cause premature wear, engine damage & void the manufacturer's warranty. "The EPA's decision to allow E15 into the marketplace will impact every American who owns a car, lawnmower, or boat," said Sensenbrenner in announcing his bill, H.R.3199. "Automakers insist that using E15 will void warranties, lower fuel efficiency, & cause premature engine failure. In off-road engines, the effects can even be dangerous for users." Motorcyclists should be concerned about the availability of compatible fuel supplies if gas stations primarily provide E15 gasoline that's EPA-approved for the majority of their customers -- but no on- or off-road motorcycles or ATVs appear on the EPA's list of vehicles approved for use of E15. "There are serious concerns that the EPA used only one Dept of Energy test & rushed E15's introduction into the market place. This test was limited in scope & ignored a plethora of evidence - albeit inconvenient evidence for the EPA - that shows E15 gasoline has a negative effect on engines," according to Sensenbrenner. "I introduced this legislation to ensure a decision of this magnitude will be vetted by independent scientific research, rather than political expediency." Earlier this summer, Congressman Sensenbrenner, who is the Vice Chair of the House Committee on Science, introduced H.R. 748 to prohibit the EPA from authorizing the use of gasoline containing greater than 10% ethanol (E10).

Bikers' Rights to Health Care: Akin to some Unions that have negotiated lower health care costs by excluding insurance coverage for so-called "risky" behavior such as horseback riding, skiing & riding motorcycles, the state of Georgia may soon exclude motorcyclists from their healthcare benefits. The chairman of a House study committee looking at Georgia's health benefit plan said the state might require employees to disclose dangerous activities like skydiving & riding motorcycles. State Rep. Carl Rogers (R-Gainesville) said that the panel is looking to bring down skyrocketing costs in the state health plan. Earlier this year, lawmakers were forced to scramble to fill a \$300 million budget hole for the health benefits. Rogers told the Associated Press that state employees who take part in risky activities might eventually pay higher premiums.

True Colors: Cops vs. Bikers; "Nowadays, officers also have to worry about lawsuits when they pull over a 'one-percenter,'" reported the Philadelphia Daily News in response to a civil rights lawsuit claiming profiling & police harassment, adding that "Biker gangs might have a well-deserved reputation, but one local attorney who represents several clubs says that 'reputation' isn't a valid reason for a traffic stop." "Some of this tension between the cops & the bikers is because the cops hassle them All the time," said A.I.M. Atty Boyd Spencer, who represents the Eastern Pennsylvania Confederation of Clubs. Spencer is representing 3 bikers in a civil-rights lawsuit stemming from a July 30, 2009,

traffic stop involving 6 motorcyclists, 2 of the defendants are Pagan's M/C members & a 3rd defendant was a Tribe M/C member. According to the complaint, the bikers were ticketed for not having approved helmets & were told to remove their "colors", the patched jackets members wear. The whole traffic stop, which lasted more than an hour, was captured by mounted cameras in the police cruisers. "Now you're all going to take your jackets off, because on this hwy, these are the only colors," one of the state troopers, referring to State Police blue & gold, told the group after nearly 50 minutes had passed. The bikers didn't budge. None of them took off his colors. The helmets were later found to be legal, & a prosecutor dismissed the charges. Spencer, who said the demand to take off their colors was out of bounds, chalks up the traffic stop to harassment. Spencer said he always hears about bikers getting harassed. "I've got a guy in Upper Darby who gets pulled over every time he goes out on his bike," he said. Upper Darby police SuperInt. Michael Chitwood Sr. told the newspaper that bikers get pulled over if they break traffic laws, like anyone else. Police keep tabs on them, though. "These operations have become very sophisticated. They know what their rights are & what the police can do," he said.

"No Colors" Rule Rescinded at Kentucky Event: Following failed negotiations with Beech Bend Park near Bowling Green, Kentucky upon announcing they would no longer allow club colors of any kind at their All Harley Drags, the Kentucky Motorcycle Association/KBA called for a boycott of their events until this discriminatory policy was changed. "After the word went out it is my understanding that several hundred phone calls went to the offices of Beech Bend Park," said Jay Huber, Pres of KMA/KBA. "As a result of those calls the management at Beech Bend has reversed its decision regarding No Colors at its events." "The KMA/KBA along with the Kentucky Confederation of Clubs is committed to eliminating this type of discrimination as it hurts the entire biker community," said Huber, adding that his organization will post listings on their website of businesses that discriminate with regard to No-Colors & urge "that ALL bikers please refrain from using the services of any business that participates in this type of action."

Suit Charges Discriminatory Enforcement of Nevada Helmet Law: A dozen motorcycle riders recently filed a class action lawsuit charging arbitrary & discriminatory enforcement of Nevada's helmet law. The suit filed in U.S. District Court charges "defendants, through their agents, have an ongoing pattern & practice of issuing helmet tickets to the class members that are not supported by constitutionally sufficient probable cause, thereby violating the civil rights of the class members." The action blames Clark County & the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson & Mesquite; & Boulder City, & their police Depts for the disparity in enforcement, & if certified as a class the suit could represent more than 40,000 motorcycle riders in the county. The group is hoping to ultimately win the repeal of Nevada's helmet law, but this lawsuit is not about whether the Gov't has the right to require motorcycle riders to wear helmets, which the Nevada Supreme Court ruled that it does, but instead the action accuses local police & prosecutors of selectively enforcing the helmet law & of using it unconstitutionally to hassle bikers. "This violates the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution barring unreasonable search & seizure," commented A.I.M. Atty Sam Hochberg in The Gunny's Sack monthly e-column. "The suit also alleges violations of the 14th Amendment protections against arbitrary & discriminatory enforcement. They are saying the fines are all over the map with no balance. The suit essentially says that law enforcement folks are using the Nevada

helmet law to harass motorcyclists.” Dubbed the Class M class action, the suit seeks to include some 40,000 Nevadans holding motorcycle endorsements on their driver’s licenses.

Nationwide Motorcycle Thefts Down: A motorcycle is stolen every 9.5 minutes in America, but according to a report by the National Insurance Crime Bureau, motorcycle thefts last year were down 24% from their 2007 total. There were 65,678 motorcycles reported stolen in 2007 compared with 49,791 in 2010, according to data from theft reports contained in the National Crime Information Center. The top 5 makes stolen last year were: (1) Honda, 12,260; (2) Yamaha, 9,853; (3) Suzuki, 7,869; (4) Kawasaki, 5,470; & (5) H-D, 3,301. Combined, these 5 brands accounted for 38,753 thefts in 2010, or 77.8% of the total. The 5 states with the most motorcycle thefts in 2010 were: (1) California, 5,662; (2) Texas, 4,394; (3) Florida, 4,148; (4) North Carolina, 2,649; & (5) Indian, 1,925. These 5 states accounted for 18,778 thefts, or 37.7% of the total.

Fact or Fiction: Motorcycles are Eco-Friendly: In the popular belief that since motorcycles get better mileage they must be greener than cars, “People are trading in their cars & driving motorcycles instead because they believe that’s the more environmentally friendly choice,” said “MythBusters” television host Adam Savage in the season opener of the popular Discovery Channel show. “The logic is because motorcycles are generally more fuel-efficient than cars, they burn less gas & thus they must be better for the environment.” As the MythBusters have done with each of the show’s previous 7 seasons, Savage & his co-host Jamie Hyneman set out to test the theory, & the Los Angeles Times recently reported on the show’s findings. The MythBusters duo selected 3 motorcycles & 3 cars that were common in the 1980s, 1990s & 2000s & put the undisclosed vehicles through a 30-minute, 20-mile real-world course, 75% of it consisting of highway driving & 25% city driving. Savage drove all 3 cars while Hyneman trailed him on the bikes, each one equipped with portable emission-measuring systems that tracked exhaust gases from a probe in the tailpipe & collected engine information from the engine control unit to determine each vehicle’s fuel economy & emissions profile. The upshot of the experiment was that the newer 2-wheeler was indeed 28% more fuel efficient than the comparable car & emitted 30% less of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, however the same motorcycle emitted 416% more smog-forming hydrocarbons, 3,220% more oxides of nitrogen & 8,065% more of the toxic air pollutant carbon monoxide. The MythBusters’ conclusion: “At best, it’s a wash. Motorcycles are just as bad for the environment as cars,” Savage said on the show. “At worst, they’re far worse.” But emissions are only one factor in the equation that measures a vehicle’s true impact on the environment, & as LA Times columnist Susan Carpenter concludes; “Despite the MythBusters’ findings, emissions are only part of the story of a vehicle’s true greenness. According to the Motorcycle Industry Council, motorcycle manufacturing requires thousands fewer pounds of raw materials than automobiles. They require less fossil fuel, so they require less energy to pull that fossil fuel out of the ground. They use fewer chemicals & oils than cars. And motorcycles produced today are 90% cleaner in California than they were 30 years ago. Note to MythBusters: How about a cradle-to-grave life cycle assessment for cars & motorcycles for the Season 9 opener?”

Weird News: Motorbikers take bite out of Apple: Just like in the movies, 7 motorbike riders carrying passengers wearing full face helmets recently conducted an early-morning “smash-and-grab” robbery by busting a window of an Apple Store in central London

& plundering thousands of dollars in Mac laptops, iPads & iPhones. “Apple is a big ticket item & a very easy sell,” deputy inspector Gregory Antonsen told the International Business Times, calling this one “primarily an Apple case”.

Quotable Quote: “Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn’t mean politics won’t take an interest in you!”
- Pericles (c. 495 – 429 BC), Greek Statesman

Police strike against Comancheros – Sept 30, 2011 – **Australia**
– By www.AdelaideNow.com.au - SA police are targeting the Comanchero motorcycle gang to prevent it establishing a “chapter” of the club. Police yesterday raided 34 properties linked to the fledgling SA Comanchero’s chapter, which is struggling to set up a clubhouse in the eastern suburbs of Adelaide. Crime Gangs Task Force officers arrested 10 Comanchero members & associates & seized thousands of dollars in cocaine, amphetamines, cannabis, steroids & illegal firearms in raids across Adelaide. Detectives arrested 3 “patched” Comancheros, one believed to be the Sergeant at Arms, & reported one more male member among 9 men & a woman charged with a range of drugs, firearms & unlawful cash possession offences. Police also seized a crossbow, flick knife, illegal batons, bayonets, electric stun guns & \$135,000 cash, which they said they suspected was connected to drug sales. Seized firearms included a .357 calibre revolver, a .45 pistol, a .22 pistol, a .25 semi-automatic handgun, one with a silencer & laser sight, & 4 rifles plus ammunition. “This is extremely worrying because it’s quite apparent these weapons are possessed for no other reason than to commit offences,” Assistant Commissioner (Crime) Grant Stevens said. “The Comancheros are a club which was not previously based in South Australia (but) there are clear intentions for them to do so. “This is a message to them ... we will confront them with an ongoing police effort as we do with all (bikie gangs). We are aware of their intentions to establish a clubhouse & we’re monitoring their activities in that regard & I can’t comment any further on that.” The Comancheros are based mostly in the eastern states & 10 members stood trial over the bashing murder of Hells Angel Anthony Zervas, 29, in a wild brawl at Sydney Airport in 2009. Several former New Boys street gang members including Vince Focarelli & Michael Syfris joined the notorious outlaw bikie gang late last year. Less than a dozen Comancheros are believed to be in SA, but Stevens said: “There are clearly people who are choosing to be associated with the club”. Those arrested were being interviewed by detectives & those reported will be summonsed to appear in court later.

Who’s the toughest cowboy Ever? Three cowboys were seated around the campfire out on the lonesome sagebrush prairie & with the pride for which these men were famous; it was a night of bravado, a night of tall tales. Tom, the hand from Wyoming says, “I must be the strongest, meanest, toughest cowboy there is. Why, just the other day, a bull got loose in the corral. It had gored 6 men before I wrestled it to the ground by the horns with my bare hands & castrated that sucker with my teeth.” Ben, from Montana, couldn’t stand to be bested. “That’s nothing, I was walking down the trail yesterday & a 15 foot diamondback rattler slid out from under a rock & made a move for me. I grabbed that bastard with my bare hands, bit off its head, & sucked the poison down in one gulp & didn’t even get a belly ache.” Old Platte River Frank, the cowboy from Colorado, remained silent ... slowly stirring the campfire coals with his pecker...

You, you, & you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me...

Biker gang peace deal off in Denmark - Sept 30, 2011 - *Denmark* - By www.IceNews.is - Biker gangs the Hells Angels & the Bandidos have announced the end of an uneasy peace deal in Denmark which has lasted for the last 14 years. The truce, which was agreed after the wars between the 2 factions in the 1990s, said that neither gang would threaten the other by setting up a chapter in the same town. However, the Hells Angels have recently opened up in Esbjerg where there is now also a Bandidos community, resulting in a breaking of the treaty. Deputy Pres of the Bandidos, Michael Rosenvold, confirmed that the agreement is now null & void. Rosenvold added that the deal effectively ended last year when a number of Bandidos crossed over to the Hells Angels, something which is also frowned upon in the biker world. Pres of the Hells Angels, Jorne Jonke Nilsen, has also said that the accord is no longer in place. When asked how he felt about the Bandidos opening up in Esbjerg, he said he would not be making a comment. The police in Jutland said that they were keeping both gangs under close surveillance. According to Deputy Chief Inspector Hans Roost, "The conflict between the 2 groups here in Esbjerg has led to the Bandidos wanting to open a fully-fledged chapter in order to match the Hells Angels. It is a clear indication from both sides in them setting up with badges & clubhouses in the city. We will have to see what it will actually mean," he told Politiken.

Hells Angels riders converge in Wilbraham for funeral of fellow member Nathan Stebbins of Ludlow - Oct 1, 2011 - *Massachusetts* - By Suzanne McLaughlin; www.MassLive.com - More than 200 motorcyclists converged at the Wilbraham Funeral Home Fri afternoon to give Hells Angels member Nathan T. Stebbins his "last ride." Some people in the crowd put the number of bikers at more than 400, but police estimated the number was closer to 200. Police said the motorcycle ride was orderly. The motorcyclists traveled to Palmer & back along Route 20 to honor one of their own, Nathan T. Stebbins, 25, of West Avenue in Ludlow, who died Sept. 22 as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident in Fairfield, Conn. Those gathered at the Wilbraham Funeral Home, 2551 Boston Road, were from motorcycle groups that included Hells Angels, the Phantom Lords & the Whip City Riders. "There are people here from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Long Island & Italy," said a Westfield woman who declined to give her name. She said she met Stebbins because her husband is a member of the Whip City Riders. "Hells Angels is a good organization," she said. "They do a lot of things for children. They hold collections for Toys for Tots." She added that Stebbins was devoted to his young daughter. Stebbins leaves his mother, Doris Neal-Bump, & step-father, Carl Bump, of Ludlow; his father, Thomas Stebbins of Huntington; his fiancée, Pamela Graf, & his 2-year-old daughter, Billie Lee Stebbins, both of Ludlow. He also leaves his siblings, Vincent & Alonzo Caputo of Ludlow, Amber Hoague of Agawam & Emily Maxwell of Franklin. Stebbins is a 2004 graduate of Gateway Regional High School. He worked as a construction laborer & carpenter for various firms in the area. He was a member of the Hells Angels MC, CT Nomads.

11-year-old boy shot in SA bikie gang war - Oct 1, 2011 - *Australia* - By <http://News.NineMSN.com.au> - An 11-year-old boy shot twice during an apparent home invasion in Adelaide's northwest is believed to be the son of a bikie gang member. Police say a number of people allegedly forced their way into a home in suburban Semaphore on Fri night & discharged "a number of gunshots". Soon after, an 11-year-old boy arrived at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital with 2 gunshot wounds to his leg. Police said in a statement on Sat that the boy, whose injuries are

not life-threatening, is believed to be the son a Finks bikie gang member. Superintendent Howard Davies told reporters in Adelaide that the incident was not random & that the Semaphore property was known by police as the home of a full member of the Finks bikie gang. He said witnesses are refusing to provide police with info. "We have an innocent child caught up in what is clearly bikie related violence & witnesses no doubt have valuable information that can assist police," said Supt Davies. "If we had full cooperation, there is no doubt police would be able to progress their investigation faster." Retaliation attacks were a concern, Supt Davies said. "Police are obviously concerned about on-going violence between members of outlaw motorcycle gangs & the possible threat of retaliation," said Supt Davies. The boy has been transferred to the Women & Children's Hospital, but his injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

Hells Angels MC banned in German city - Oct 1, 2011 - *Germany* - By Reuters; www.OwenSoundSunTimes.com - Citing a history of weapons offences & violence, a German state banned 2 Frankfurt-based chapters of the Hells Angels on Fri & confiscated their assets. "These gangs are not in any way made up only of harmless motorbike riders," Hesse state interior minister Boris Rhein said at a televised news conference. "Many members are known to the police because of violent, drug or weapon-related offences." The interior ministry said it had the authority to ban clubs when their aims or activities break the law.

Manteca Police lump Christian bikers with outlaw bikers - Oct 2, 2011 - *California* - By www.MantecaBulletin.com - Never in my wildest dreams would I think that my best friend & I would be "profiled" against at the Pumpkin Fair on Sun. We were walking around the fair minding our own business with our biker vests on; we ride with an international motorcycle ministry better known as Bikers For Christ. You can look us up at www.bikersforchrist.org ... Here we are as 2 guys trying to spread the word of Jesus in a lost world & we were approached by a Manteca police officer & asked us to turn our vests inside out or remove them in lieu of what happened in Sparks, Nevada, last weekend when Jethro, Pres of the San Jose Chapter of the Hells Angels, was shot & killed. To me, Manteca is grouping all bikers under the same umbrella as the "outlaw" clubs. This is obscene & when you have a beer garden serving beer all day long & drunk people running around the faire, this makes no sense to me! And we as a club are thinking about riding in the Christmas parade, but not if we are all going to be asked to remove our ministerial "colors". The group is about 40 to 60 strong. Please advise us so we know what to do for the parade. This saddens my heart for the city I call home. Once again, I thought profiling was illegal & for that to happen in my own hometown is crazy. What, once a bad biker, always a bad biker? I think not! "In God We Trust" Isaiah 53:5 Billy Rogers

Motorcyclists rev up support for Special Operations Warrior Foundation - Oct 2, 2011 - *Virginia* - By www.WTKR.com - On a poker run from Portsmouth to Virginia Beach Sat, a group of motorcyclists are revving up support for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation. "Basically it takes care of the families," said Recoil, part of the Viet Nam Vets/ Legacy Vets MC sponsoring the event. It's a group made up of current & former military members who know first-hand how important this mission is. "We've got Special Operations folks that are dying every week, so this is getting more & more important to take care of these families," said Recoil. That's what this ride is for -- to provide a full ride to college for children of fallen special operations personnel. "They get basically what equates to a scholarship to

college, complete ride, covers all their books, everything, they don't pay a dime for their education," said Recoil. To make that possible, they hold fundraisers like this poker run, where they're also auctioning off items & selling raffle tickets to raise money. "There's a lot that didn't make it home & hopefully this will help their family, their kids go to college & to let them know that their community's still proud of them & wants to support them," said Russ Brashaw. And though the foundation already has a lot to support -- there are more than 150 students in the program, for the first time, they're extending their reach beyond special operations troops. "The tragic incident of the SEALs going down in the helicopter, the other 8 men that were on the helicopter, their children are also being granted a college education," said Bettye House, coordinator. A chance to make the future a little more secure for the children of those who are making our future more secure. "It's something that we can do to give back to the military, I mean, we have men dying everyday to get us the freedom that we live under," said House. You can make a donation to their foundation at any Towne Bank.

Bikers for Bastrop - Oct 3, 2011 – *Texas* – By Santiago Ramos; <http://Star.TXstate.edu> - Area bikers blew through town in support of Bastrop fire victims this weekend. Local bikers gathered at San Marcos Toyota Oct. 1 to raise over 5 thousand dollars to benefit victims of the Central Texas wildfires. The Bandidos MC & other groups associated with the United Defenders, a national organization of bikers that work for the benefit of their communities, rallied to the car dealership located on Interstate 35 for music, food & a whole lot of bikes Sat. Events of the day included a H-D benefit ride, silent auction, chili cook-off & casino night. Jessica Drake, event coordinator, said the idea to hold a benefit arose after hearing of the loss of a family in Bastrop. "The family basically lost everything. Their pets, 2 cars & home were all completely gone," she said. "We decided we would help by providing them with a vehicle off our lot. Helping them made us realize that we had the resources to put together something huge." Drake said the "amazing" turnout from local businesses & the biker community made for a great event. The Bandidos MC, a group recognized by the FBI as an outlaw biker gang, brought a crowd of members to give support. "The Bandidos love doing charity events & contribution from them & the United Defenders is incredible," said Jim Stieaky, who helped organize the event. "I spoke to Jimmy Graves, the Pres of the U.S. Defenders in Texas, & with his help we were able to spread the word about our cause & the result is absolutely amazing." Stieaky said bikers were leaving \$40 & \$50 tips for drinks to be put toward the relief effort. At 2 pm on the day of the event, more than \$5,000 in donations was given. Local residents provided gifts for a silent auction including framed photography, works of art & gift packs from several businesses in the area. Maria Espinoza, Dir of First Impressions at San Marcos Toyota felt the awareness of community involvement was important. "We are a very big company," Espinoza said. "It's our pleasure to use all our resources to help the families affected by providing them food or anything they may need to get through this."

When Do I Have a Right to a Lawyer? – Oct 3, 2011 – *USA* – By Cynthia Hsu; <http://blogs.FindLaw.com> - When do you have the right to a lawyer? If you watch a lot of Law & Order, you probably know some of the basics. And you might even be able to recite the Miranda warning by heart. But what exactly does the right to a lawyer mean? Do you know the difference between the right to a court-appointed lawyer guaranteed under the Sixth Amendment versus the right to have an attorney present during police interrogations?

You have the right to a court-appointed lawyer during a criminal case. The 6th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guarantees criminal defendants the right to an attorney during all major aspects of a criminal case. This means that if you don't have a lawyer & you're facing criminal prosecution, you will be assigned a court-appointed attorney to handle the trial. For criminal defendants, "major aspects" of a criminal case extends to the trial, sentencing, & usually the first appeal after conviction.

You have the right to a lawyer during custodial interrogations. Individuals also have a right to an attorney even if they aren't being prosecuted yet. One famous example is that you have a right to an attorney during custodial interrogations. These are also called your Miranda rights. A custodial interrogation occurs anytime a law enforcement official detains a person in order to question them about a criminal investigation. A person is considered "detained" if they aren't free to leave. If a police officer stops you on the side of the road & starts questioning you, you may not be under arrest. But you might not feel free to leave either. If you aren't free to leave, you have the right to an attorney. You may wonder why it's so vital to have the right to a lawyer in the first place. For the most part, having a defense attorney is a safeguard against errors, possible police abuse, & prosecutorial misconduct. And it's a vital component of preserving our civil rights.

Hells Angels Members Appear in Court – Oct 3, 2011 – *California* – By Lauren Steussy; www.msnbc.MSN.com - 26 members of the HAMC gathered in a Fed courtroom Mon, but only 1 of the arrested individuals received a hearing. Martin Forschner, an alleged member of the gang, was one of the 26 individuals arrested Thu. Evidence from a wiretap was brought forth in his hearing, which the prosecutor said showed him involved in a meth delivery at another defendant's house. Forschner had served time in jail, & also had several instances where he failed to appear in court. However his attorney said that in the past 5 years since his release, he has behaved well, taking care of his wife & mother-and-law & working at an automotive repair shop. Still, with his record, the magistrate said that he still posed a risk of flight. He was ordered detained. Eleven others were given stipulated custody without bail at the hearing. The remaining suspects were delayed, & may be heard Thu instead. One atty told the family of a defendant that he would be asking for a later hearing, as the judge was in a "deny, deny, deny" mood. Police & FBI officials are still on the lookout for 4 fugitives who evaded arrest.

Her last motorcycle ride was to help others – Oct 4, 2011 – *Peoria, Illinois* – By Phil Luciano; www.pjstar.com - Jessica Williamson had 2 passions: children & motorcycles. To be sure, kids were her main focus: the single mom had 2 of her own. But when the 32-year-old wasn't with her offspring or at work, she often could be found on the back of friends' bikes. "She just loved it, the wind blowing in her hair," says sister Jennifer Meyers. Williamson sometimes combined both loves by joining charity rides for kids. One recently raised money for the children of a couple killed during central Illinois' dangerous & deadly motorcycle summer. And on Fri, she rode along on benefit for a Christmas party for disadvantaged youths. But the fundraising recipient was changed after the ride turned fatal. The money will now go to Williamson's children, ages 9 & 5. The Peoria woman died when 3 motorcycles collided on Illinois Route 116 in Germantown Hills. The operator of the motorcycle on which she was riding has been cited for driving under the influence. "She was just so full of life," her sister says through sobs. "And now

she's no longer here." Williamson & her siblings grew up in Peoria. After graduating Woodruff high school, she had 2 children. Over time, she worked as a bank teller, waitress, secretary - whatever necessary to take care of the kids. "You name it, she did it," her sister says. "She was a single mom, but we family were her support. We were her backbone." Her children were involved in T-ball, ballet, jazz, soccer & other activities. "She was at every play. She was at every recital," her sister says. "She was just there. "She did everything. She was amazing." Her Facebook page's "activities & interests" include multiple local charities & groups, including Dance for Dax, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital & Peoria Area CrimeStoppers. Also listed are several motorcycle-awareness pages; though Williamson never learned to ride, she enjoyed the feel & view from the back of a bike - & her many friends often obliged. One of those Facebook pages is "Please watch for motorcycles. R.I.P. Rachel & Korey Korenchuk." The couple - who had 2 children, ages 5 & 2 - was killed on their motorcycle in August when hit by an allegedly intoxicated motorist. The driver faces as many as 28 years in prison, pending trial on counts of aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol & reckless homicide. Williamson had socialized with the couple at motorcycle rallies & gatherings. So, after their deaths, Williamson made it a point to join a run to raise money for the kids. "She said it was so sad that they left young children behind," her sister says. "And now it's happened to her." Fri, dozens of motorcycles streamed throughout the area in a fund-raiser for the annual children's Christmas party thrown by the Peoria chapter of the Outlaws MC. Last year, more than 300 needy kids got presents at the club's 28th annual yuletide bash. Proceeds came from a \$10 donation from each participant, with the ride hitting multiple watering holes. Always a soft touch for kids, Williamson rode along. About 10 p.m., the group rumbled westbound on Route 116, at the top of the Germantown hill. Williamson rode on the back of a bike driven by Heith Evans, 32, of Kingston Mines. He collided with 2 other bikes, spilling all 3 motorcycles & throwing Williamson. I happened upon the scene Fri. More than 20 flashing emergency vehicles surrounded the dark scene, with the 4-lane hwy reduced to single lanes crawling in either direction. On both sides of the highway, a couple-dozen bikers stood stoically, most in silence, staring at wreckage - including a body draped with a white covering. As police took statements, a woman - obviously a friend or relative of Williamson - arrived on the scene & rushed to the body. Her anguished cries ripped through the darkness, drowning out the low moan of passing traffic. As police somberly led her away, the riders continued to watch in a sad, silent vigil as Williamson was officially pronounced dead at the scene. Evans, another operator & his passenger went to the hospital with injuries not considered life-threatening. Another operator declined medical help. Evans was cited for driving under the influence. He was released on a notice to appear in Woodford County Court. The crash remains under investigation. "We don't know what happened," her sister says. "All we know is it was an accident, & she didn't suffer." Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Remmert Funeral Home in East Peoria. After a funeral at 11 a.m. Thu, she be laid rest at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in West Peoria. Memorials may be made to her children through CEFCU. As for Williamson's last ride, the money generated for the kid's Christmas party - funds for that can be raised another day - is now going to help her children. Their future living arrangements remain uncertain. "I don't know," her sister says with a sigh. "That's all up in the air." She pauses, then begins to sob. "She left 2 beautiful children," her sister says. "We still have her 2 beautiful children."

The San Fran Cable Cars are the only mobile Nat'l Monuments.

Hells Angels member arrested in Nugget shooting released on bail – Oct 4, 2011 – *Nevada / California* – By www.RGJ.com - The San Jose Hells Angels member arrested on allegations of shooting a gun on a crowded dance floor at a Sparks casino during a melee last month with rival bikers that ended in his chapter leader's murder, was released on bail late Mon. Cesar Villagrana, 36, of Gilroy, Calif., had been jailed in lieu of \$500,000 cash only bail, which was reduced late Mon to \$150,000 bondable bail, the Washoe County District Attorney's Office said. Villagrana then posted the reduced bail & was freed.

Finks put up \$500,000 bounty for child shooting – Oct 4, 2011 – *Australia* - By Anthony Dowsley; www.AdelaideNow.com.au - Outlaw bikies are believed to have put a \$500,000 price on the heads of gang members who allegedly shot the son of a former Finks member. S.A. police are aware of the offer, which leaves them in no doubt club members want to handle reprisals for the shooting of the 11-year-old without their intervention. Mark Sandery's son was shot twice in the leg after armed intruders forced their way into a Semaphore house on Fri night. Police have received no co-operation from witnesses. A source told Melbourne's Herald Sun: "The Finks are offering \$500,000 to bring this bloke into any clubhouse in Australia. Every crook in Australia knows about it." Women's & Children's Hospital, where the boy is recovering, remains on high security alert, with some staff said to be terrified there could be further outbreaks of violence. Several police cars were seen parked outside & circling the hospital yesterday. Police were appalled by the incident, which is believed to be related to continuing bikie violence in S.A. All Finks chapters nationally were notified of the alleged offer, a source said. If the attackers are captured & presented to a Finks clubhouse, it is likely they will be tortured. Police are still working towards solving the case before tit-for-tat reprisals break out. The shooting followed years of feuding between the Finks & Hells Angels, which culminated in a brawl in Hindley St in May. SA Police would not comment on the alleged bounty but said they were worried about an outbreak of violence. "Police are aware & concerned about the possible escalation of violence between members of outlaw motorcycle gangs," a spokesman said. "The Crime Gangs Taskforce is actively monitoring the situation & warning members not to retaliate in response to the weekend's events. "However, we know that outlaw motorcycle gangs have total & utter disregard for the law or the safety of innocent people." Police are urging anyone with any information in relation to bikie violence to come forward. Sandery joined Finks members around the Adelaide Magistrates Court yesterday, where an aggravated riot case involving 5 members of the club was listed to be heard in court. He sent a chilling message to his son's attackers, telling Channel 7: "We'll find you, you f***ing dogs. You hurt kids ... you'll see what happens to you." All 5 members were excused from attending court yesterday, but that didn't stop them from making their presence known as up to 10 members circulated the perimeter of the courthouse on Victoria Square. All were displaying club paraphernalia. Two of the accused did appear in court one to vary his bail conditions so he could travel to Melbourne. Prosecutors did not oppose an application by Daniel Puddy, 25, of Lewiston, to go interstate to attend a motorsport event this month & an Eminem concert in Dec. Twenty-two men have been charged with aggravated riot over an alleged incident between Finks & Hells Angels representatives at City Nightclub on Hindley St in May. Yesterday, Craig Caldicott, for the Finks defendants, said he had not yet been provided with the full information of the prosecution's case. The accused Hells Angels members will make a similar appearance in court in a fortnight. All were remanded on continuing bail.

Appeals Court Approves Cell Phone Search During Traffic Stop – Oct 4, 2011 – California – By www.TheNewsPaper.com -

Appellate court rules California cops can look through a Blackberry during a traffic stop. The California Court of Appeal on Sept 26 approved a police officer's rifling through the cell phone belonging to someone who had just been pulled over for a traffic violation. Reid Nottoli was pulled over on Dec 6, 2009 just before 2am as he was taking a female friend home. Santa Cruz County Deputy Sheriff Steven Ryan said Nottoli's silver Acura TL had been speeding on Hwy 1. After speaking with Nottoli on the side of the road, Ryan suspected the 25-year-old was under the influence of a stimulant drug. His license was also expired, so Ryan said he would impound the vehicle. Nottoli asked if his car could stay parked on the side of the road, which was not heavily traveled & out of the way. Ryan refused so that he could conduct an "inventory" search prior to the towing. Ryan testified that Nottoli's driving was not impaired, & Nottoli was not arrested for driving under the influence. As he rifled through the belongings in the car, Ryan found a fully legal Glock 20 pistol with a Guncrafter Industries 50 GI conversion that should have been stored in the trunk of the vehicle. He also noticed Nottoli's Blackberry Curve which, after it was turned on, displayed a photograph of a mask-wearing man holding 2 AR-15 rifles akimbo. Such rifles could have been legally possessed if owned before California's assault weapons ban took effect. The photograph could also have been taken in another state, but Ryan took it as evidence of possible "gun-related crimes." Another deputy began reading all of Nottoli's cell phone text messages, photographs & emails. Much later, Ryan obtained a search warrant to grab more information from the phone, & then a second search warrant was obtained for Nottoli's home. Based on the information from the Blackberry, the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office SWAT team on Dec 16 raided the Nottoli home. They found a large cache of weapons, a marijuana growing operation & \$15,000 in cash, which the law enforcement officials kept. At trial, Nottoli argued the cell phone search was illegal, & a magistrate agreed to suppress the evidence as obtained in violation of the Fourth Amendment. The appellate court, however, only agreed that the phone search was unlawful as part of the inventory process for the automobile. The judges insisted that the search was valid as part of the arrest process in which no warrant is needed to examine items related to officer safety & the preservation of evidence, as expanded by the 2009 US Supreme Court ruling in *Arizona v. Gant* (view ruling). "In sum, it is our conclusion that, after Reid [Nottoli] was arrested for being under the influence, it was reasonable to believe that evidence relevant to that offense might be found in his vehicle," Justice Franklin D. Elia wrote for the 3-judge panel. "Consequently, the deputies had unqualified authority under *Gant* to search the passenger compartment of the vehicle & any container found therein, including Reid's cell phone. It is up to the US Supreme Court to impose any greater limits on officers' authority to search incident to arrest." The court reversed the lower court's order suppressing the evidence, but the decision was made solely to set legal precedent. Reid Nottoli died on September 4. A copy of the decision is available in a 120k PDF file at the source link below.

<http://www.thenewspaper.com/rlc/docs/2011/ca-phonesearch.pdf>

Court orders Fulton Bar shut – Oct 5, 2011 – Pennsylvania –
By Dan Nephin; <http://LancasterOnline.com> - It could be last call for the current incarnation of the Fulton Bar. A county judge has issued a temporary injunction closing the bar until an Oct. 18 hearing to address the city's claims that it's a nuisance, a danger to the community & a "haven for disorderly persons." The city has tried to work with the owners, but to no avail, Lancaster

Mayor Rick Gray said. "We don't like doing it. I don't like doing it — especially to a place like the Fulton that used to be a nice neighborhood place," Gray said Wed. Police have responded to 36 complaints at the bar between Jan. 1 & Aug. 20 & another 16 complaints in the area immediately around the bar, according to court documents filed in seeking the injunction. Calls have included such problems as shots fired, public drunkenness, assault, noise, theft & fighting. "We don't have a real high tolerance for things like this," Gray said. "Decent people just shouldn't have to live around this kind of thing." Patricia Gribben, 60, who owns the bar with her husband, Harold Gribben, 65, said they have taken steps to address the city's concerns. A couple months ago, signs were put up to deter loitering & prohibit gang clothing and, Gribben said, in August, they hired an "excellent new bouncer who's known around the city. He pats everybody down. He knows all the riff-raff" & keeps them out. And some problems cited by the city aren't the fault of the bar, she said. For example, she said, an Aug. 11 incident in which a patron was accused of firing shots happened outside the bar. While the man was at the bar that night, Gribben said it was her understanding that he had left & perhaps that's when he got the gun. And a description by police of customers spilling outside the bar to watch a patron argue with someone was instead everyone leaving at closing time, she said. A summary of police activity included with the court documents mentions the presence of outlaw motorcycle gangs. But it's a myth that the bar is a biker bar, Gribben said. Gribben said her husband had joined the Strong Arm club to ride several years ago, but hasn't ridden in a couple of years & is no longer a member. The club is affiliated with the Pagan's, according to police. Police were called Aug. 13 for complaints of noise from about 30 to 40 motorcycles. Gribben said they caused no problems. Problems weren't what Gribben envisioned when she & her husband bought the bar about 5 years ago as a retirement investment. "We took pretty much all our savings & put it into it," she said at the bar Wed afternoon, her eyes tearing up. She said she fell in love with the 110-year-old bar when she first saw it. Patrons would tell her how their parents & grandparents came to the bar. A few customers dropped by Wed late afternoon but left when Gribben told them she couldn't serve drinks. "Most people want to have a beer," she said. Handles from a dozen or so beer taps have been removed, & the tiered shelving behind the bar is empty of liquor bottles. The bar is allowed to remain open pending the hearing for food service only, but because it also faces an Oct. 11-20 shutdown for 2 state liquor law violations, Gribben doesn't see a point. The violations are for serving intoxicated persons & loud music. At the Oct. 18 hearing, the city will seek to have the Fulton declared a nuisance & prevent it from selling alcohol for one year. "I don't know what neighbors feel we were a nuisance, but a lot of the neighbors come in here every day. We're a neighborhood bar," Gribben said. Denise Freeman, leader of the Neighbors United community improvement group, said the bar has changed & she's stopped going there, as have other people she knows. "The police record pretty much speaks for itself," Freeman said, adding other bars in the neighborhood don't have similar problems. Gribben said with the problems with the city & her husband battling a brain tumor, she said she's "pretty much done." Gribben hopes the Fulton continues to exist, but she wants to sell. In the meantime, she said, she plans to cooperate with the city.

The biker gets a condom & takes it to the cashier.

The cashier asks: "Do you want a paper bag?"

The biker says: "NO, she ain't That ugly!"

Guilty Pleas Entered in Professor Kinzey Case – Oct 5, 2011 – *California* – By Gina Tenorio; <http://LomaLinda.Patch.com> - Two defendants, who authorities say took part in the trafficking methamphetamine with a Cal State San Bernardino professor, have pleaded guilty, according to reports. On Mon, Stephanie Danielle Padilla & Elaine Linda Flores pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute illegal drugs, according to a report by The Press-Enterprise. Both will receive sentences of 210 days in county jail to be served on weekends, the report said. Steve Kinzey, of Highland, is a professor of Kinesiology at Cal State San Bernardino. He has been charged with possession of a controlled substance for sale, receiving stolen property, participating in a criminal street gang, conspiracy & possession of a controlled substance while armed with a loaded firearm.

Weapons, drugs seized in 7-county investigation into Vagos MC – Oct 6, 2011 – *California* – By www.DailyBulletin.com - State & local authorities announced Thu in San Bernardino that they've made several arrests & seized hundreds of weapons & drugs in connection with an 18-month, 7-county investigation into the Vagos motorcycle gang. The investigation, code-named "Simple Green," resulted in 52 search warrants & 12 arrest warrants served today in the 7 counties in Southern California, including San Bernardino, authorities said during a press conference at San Bernardino P.D. The warrants resulted in 9 arrests today & 25 total over the course of the investigation, according to authorities. "Those crimes that were committed in San Bernardino County, they will be prosecuted to the fullest," District Attorney Michael Ramos said. Five arrests were made in San Bernardino County. Of those, Vagos Internat'l Pres Pastor Palafox, of Colton, was working with authorities to surrender. The investigation was led by the Dept of Justice's Inland CrackDown (INCA) task force, in Riverside, agents said. "There is significant evidence that outlaw motorcycle gangs, like the ones whose member we arrested today, regularly perpetrate serious, violent crimes," said Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, in a statement. "Today's action will make Californians safer." San Bernardino Police Chief Keith Kilmer said, at the press conference, that an arsenal of weapons was taken off the street. Police displayed several rifles, handguns, an anti-tank weapon & a rocket launcher as well as packaged narcotics at today's news conference in San Bernardino. More than 300 weapons & thousands of rounds of ammunition were seized. "It shows the public we're going to be diligent & effective in rooting out this type of crime," Kilmer said. Agents from the state Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement also sought the public's help with solving a rape in the city of Los Alamitos, in Orange County. Four, fully patched Vagos members are suspected of violently raping a woman at the Starting Gate bar, BNE agents said. A member of the Vagos motorcycle gang was also recently arrested in the shooting of a rival gang member in a Nevada casino, according to the state Attorney General's Office.

Vagos MC targeted in raids – Oct 6, 2011 – *California* – By www.RGJ.com - Hundreds of law enforcement officers swept across 7 Southern California counties on Thu targeting members & leaders of the Vagos MC, some of whom are accused of crimes including rape & solicitation of murder. The early morning raids netted at least 12 arrests, drugs & more than 300 weapons, authorities said. Twenty-five others were already arrested, & more than 40 pounds of cocaine & 8 pounds of methamphetamine were seized along with a rocket launcher. Authorities said some members of the gang, which was founded in the 1960s & has about 500 members worldwide, were involved in a large-scale drug distribution ring. Members would threaten, intimidate or use

violence to protect their interests, they said. "Often times, Vagos members were armed & they don't hesitate to use their weapons," said David King, a senior special agent in charge with the California Dept of Justice, the agency that led the 18-month investigation. Most recently, a Vagos member from Northern California was arrested in connection with the Sept. 23 slaying of Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew, president of the San Jose chapter of the rival Hells Angels, during a shootout at a Nevada casino. Two Vagos members also were wounded in the melee, & a third was shot in the stomach the next morning by a gunman in a passing car. Forty to 50 state indictments were expected as a result of the investigation dubbed "Operation Simple Green." Among the crimes authorities uncovered are a solicitation for murder they said they couldn't disclose details about, as well as the rape of a woman by 4 Vagos members at a Los Alamitos bar in March. No arrests have been made in either case, but authorities were asking for the public's help in identifying the rape victim. "We feel like she's been threatened, & that's the reason why she hasn't come forward," King said. The raids were the latest effort to dismantle what officials have labeled an outlaw gang, whose patch includes the Norse god of mischief Loki. Vagos is a Spanish name that means "traveling gypsy" or "a street-wise person that's always up to something." It also has chapters in Australia, Canada & Nicaragua. Vagos leaders in the past have said their group is a social club, not a criminal enterprise, & have complained of being repeatedly targeted by law enforcement. Authorities served 52 search warrants on Thu at locations stretching from Santa Barbara to Imperial counties. Among those arrested was Andrew Lozano, 35, of Fontana, who was led out of his 1-story home wearing only a towel when agents busted down his door. Authorities combed through a large lot behind the home, essentially a junkyard filled with construction equipment, truck trailers & a pontoon boat. A dummy whose face was covered with a black hood & a noose around its neck hung from a eucalyptus tree. A H-D emblazoned with flames painted green - the Vagos' chosen color - was parked nearby. Lozano was charged with possession of body armor with a gang enhancement. If convicted, he faces up to 3 years in prison. Later at a command center, law enforcement agents met up to tally the day's results. At one point, 2 vehicles carrying about 100 rifles & other weapons were unloaded to be placed into evidence. All the guns were found at 1 house in Alhambra. 5 years ago, Fed, state & local authorities conducted a similar operation & arrested more than 2 dozen Vagos members, including 7 chapter presidents. In Sept 2004, a state investigation involving the gang led to the arrests of 26 people & the seizure of more than \$125,000 in cash, drugs & guns. In Oct 1998, a 2-year undercover investigation of the gang resulted in the arrests of more than a dozen people for alleged kidnapping, drug & weapons crimes. "The outlaw motorcycle gangs our agents targeted today are one example of the need for Calif to continue our coordinated & smart approach to targeting gangs committing serious, violent crimes," Harris said. The gang was initially suspected in attacks on Hemet police last year that included a gas line rigged to explode at a gang task force building. Two men not associated with the Vagos were later arrested, & Riverside County settled a lawsuit in August with the gang over that case.

A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, & washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts the top off & scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, & greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face & puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

Vagos Raids Summary - Oct 6, 2011 - *California* - By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com/4329 - Five hundred state, local & Fed police officers participated in a series of raids in San Bernardino, Imperial, Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego & Santa Barbara counties in Southern California this morning on residences & other locations associated with members of the Vagos MC. The raids culminated what authorities described as an 18 month long investigation of club members that is now called "Operation Simple Green." The Aging Rebel believes the investigation has been going on for at least 2 years & has included extensive electronic surveillance. Police served 52 search warrants including warrants for Vagos clubhouses in Riverside County & North Hollywood & a storefront on Lankershim Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. According to police, 200 firearms & 100 additional weapons including a grenade launcher & an anti-tank rocket were seized. Police claimed to have also seized more than 200 pounds of drugs during the course of Operation Simple Green. Police also served 12 arrest warrants. At least 9 Vagos were taken into custody. News sources reported that Vagos MC Press Pastor Palafox was still at large & attempting to negotiate a dignified surrender. California Dept of Justice Special Agent Andy Spillman told the Los Angeles Times, "It's going to be a tremendous blow, because we're targeting their (the Vagos) top leaders."

No ATF: According to a press release issued by California Atty General Kamala D. Harris, "Seventy special agents from the California Department of Justice, along with law enforcement from 42 allied local & Fed agencies, executed...warrants & arrested subjects for crimes ranging from murder, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy, rape & narcotic related crimes." "The California Dept of Justice led the investigation," the release continued, "with support from the U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Dept, the San Bernardino County District Attorney, San Bernardino P.D., Riverside P.D., & Riverside County Sheriff's Dept." Multiple sources over an extended period of time have identified the Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives as an active participant in both an ongoing investigation of the Vagos & in this morning's raids. The ATF has conducted numerous investigations of motorcycle clubs in the last 15 years including 2 investigations of the Vagos. Those 2 previous, acknowledged investigations included the participation of well-known, Los Angeles based ATF agents. The exploits of those agents have been chronicled in at least 5 well-selling books. Two of those books were authored by ATF agents. No explanation has been offered for the lack of credit given the ATF in Operation Simple Green. Harris' release characterized the Vagos as "a transnational gang operating in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Germany, New Zealand & Puerto Rico."

Californians Safer: "Our Dept of Justice agents lead California's efforts to combat gang violence," said Atty General Harris (in her press release). "Their expertise & ability to coordinate large-scale operations targeting the most organized & lethal gangs cannot be replicated. There is significant evidence that outlaw motorcycle gangs, like the ones whose member we arrested today, regularly perpetrate serious, violent crimes. Today's action will make Californians safer." "This outlaw biker gang has been terrorizing our community for years & what happened today is another huge step in the war on gangs I declared in 2005," said San Bernardino County District Atty Michael A. Ramos (in the same press release). "This task force is a clear example of how a cooperative team approach can be effective in making our citizens safe. I want to thank California Atty General Kamala Harris for her continued

support & the hard work of her special agents in the Dept of Justice for being such a key part of this team." The Los Angeles Times reported that "The state Dept of Justice launched Operation Simple Green in 2010 to dismantle the Vagos' extensive narcotics & money-laundering operations, which included the wholesale distribution of cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin & marijuana." Among other atrocities, authorities have accused "four, fully patched Vagos" with gang raping a woman at a bar called the Starting Gate in Los Alamitos last March. The victim of that attack has not been identified & police speculated that she has been intimidated by the Vagos into silence.

Triple-murder case involving local Hells Angel goes to grand jury - Oct 6, 2011 - *Massachusetts* - By Andrew Amelinckx; www.BerkshireEagle.com - The triple murder case involving a local Hells Angels member & 2 others is before a grand jury & a second case involving the same biker is heading there as well. According to a source close to the case, the grand jury is in session & interviewing witnesses in the Aug. 28 murder of 3 Pittsfield men. Adam Hall, 34, of Peru; Caius Veiovis, 31, of Pittsfield; & David Chalue, 44, of North Adams & Springfield, allegedly kidnapped then murdered David Glasser in order to keep him from testifying against Hall, a member of the Berkshire County chapter of the Hells Angels, in an assault & kidnapping trial that had been set to begin Sept. 19. The 2 other victims, Edward Frampton - Glasser's roommate - & their friend, Robert Chadwell, were killed because they were at the wrong place at the wrong time, according to police. All 3 were allegedly abducted Aug. 28 from 254 Linden St., where Glasser & Frampton lived. A 4th defendant, David Casey, 62, of Canaan, N.Y., has been charged as an accessory to the murder for allegedly helping Hall bury the bodies with an excavator in Becket. It was unclear whether Casey was part of the current grand jury proceedings. All 4 defendants have pleaded not guilty.

Police get tough as 1000 Rebels ride in - Oct 7, 2011 - *Australia* - By Anthony Dowsley; www.HeraldSun.com.au - Up to 1000 "patched" members of outlaw motorcycle club the Rebels will descend on Mildura. The police show of force will be a turnaround on last year's Rebel national "run" when police took a "softly softly" approach, ignoring breaches of road rules. Misbehaviour on or off the road will not be tolerated as club members ride from across the country to start the run on Fri. Police are already monitoring the ride, which involves all 70 chapters across Australia, in a multi-agency response. Outlaw bikies will not be able to run red lights or speed without sanction & they can expect to be stopped for drug & alcohol testing. Victoria Police's Echo taskforce, which has raided several gangs this year, will be part of the operation. The Mildura community is believed to be apprehensive about the arrival of hundreds of bikies. "Police will act to prevent & detect outlaw motorcycle gang members who commit crimes, public safety-related offences or breach road rules," a police spokesman said. "As part of a national approach we are working closely & will continue to work in partnership with other jurisdictions & our law enforcement partners ... (they) will be treated like any other motorist." The bikies are already travelling in convoy through South Australia & other parts of Australia, where they are being monitored. Already one member has been nabbed for dangerous speeding in South Australia's mid-west. Police will allege the Rebel, 50, from Western Australia, was clocked at 191km/h in a 110km/h zone. He immediately lost his license for 6 months & his H-D was impounded for 28 days. Detective Inspector Steve Taylor, from the South Australia Police Crime Gangs Taskforce, said it was a "typical" example of why resources were directed into managing

large numbers of outlaw bikies on the roads. “Unless we convoy-manage & control them, they have a complete & utter disregard for the law & other road users,” he said. The Herald Sun was told last year a convoy of bikies had been clocked travelling at up to 140km/h, but police did not take action because of official instructions. Although the Rebels are expected to ride to Mildura, police will be ready to carry out interceptions if they change their planned route. Last year the riders headed to Melbourne after planning to meet in Mildura.

Riverview man arrested following shooting in Tampa – Oct 8, 2011 – *Florida* – By www.myFoxTampaBay.com - An argument at the hangout of the Outlaws MC turned violent Sat morning & ended with 1 man in the hospital & another behind bars. Edward Victoria, 38, suffered gunshot wounds to the leg & stomach & was transported to a nearby hospital. He is in stable condition. Juan Jose Cabrera Jr., 46, is in the Hillsborough County Jail facing one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He is being held on a bond of \$7,500. According to a Tampa P.D. report officers were dispatched to 4007 N. Nebraska Ave. at approximately 7:24 am in response to a shooting call. The caller, an employee of a convenience store in the area, said someone had been shot. A preliminary investigation revealed the shooting took place inside the Outlaw’s hangout. Investigators say the suspect was still inside the building when they arrived & his vehicle was still in the parking lot. The Dept’s Tactical Response Team was called out to remove Cabrera Jr., but just prior to their entry, he surrendered & was arrested. Detectives say the 2 men got into an argument that escalated. Cabrera allegedly armed himself with a handgun & shot Victoria twice. Cabrera is no stranger to law enforcement. He has 2 prior arrests in Hillsborough County in the past 10 years. In 2002 he was charged with cocaine possession & in 2005 he was arrested on a DUI charge.

A Criminal Enterprise – Oct 8, 2011 – *California* – By The Aging Rebel; www.AgingRebel.com/4336 - Operation Black Rain, the 3 year long, \$150 million investigation of the Mongols & other motorcycle clubs, was a crime wave punctuated by at least 3 deaths, at least 2 six-figure “drug deals,” countless smaller drug deals, numerous assaults, hate crimes, multiple firearms violations, payoffs, perjury, embezzlement, obstruction of justice, theft & even wildlife poaching. The twist is that most of these crimes were either instigated by or actually committed by employees of the ATF. Throughout several cases related to the Black Rain investigation, including racketeering cases against members of the Pagan’s MC, members of the Outlaws MC & cases against Mongols in Southern California, San Francisco & Colorado, the Dept of Justice has maintained that biker clubs are: “Enterprises,” & “gangs” who “employ” their members to engage in, “among other things, murder, conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder, conspiracy to traffic in narcotics, narcotics-trafficking, robbery, extortion, money laundering, & witness intimidation.” Those charges should more properly be directed at the ATF agents & contractors who participated in Operation Black Rain & at Christopher Brunwin, the Assistant United States Atty who supervised the case. This investigation & prosecution was so overtly contemptuous of basic human rights & both the spirit & letter of United States law that the full extent of what the ATF & the Office of the United States Attorney in Los Angeles did is still virtually impossible to grasp even after years of looking. Black Rain was Orwellian. The subsequent prosecutions were & still are Orwellian.

Secret Justice: The Gov’t has gotten away with it by making most of these cases secret. The cases are putatively secret to protect

cooperating witnesses, the innocent & other, ongoing biker investigations. In truth, most of the alleged evidence in these cases has been hidden to protect employees of the ATF & personnel in the office of the U.S. Atty in Los Angeles from embarrassment, professional censure & prosecution. One small, & therefore comprehensible, place to begin examining the corruption that characterized Black Rain & its legal aftermath is with an ATF confidential informant named Steven J. Veltus.

Veltus: Veltus is the brown sheep in a family of accountants from Racine, Wisconsin. He was arrested in November 1996 with 2 accomplices, fifteen pounds of marijuana & a gun. “He did his time in St. Croix,” an old girlfriend explained, “and it was very stressful for him. The man I knew back in the late 90’s would never have turned.” Veltus changed. In 2003 he picked up 5 criminal charges stemming from his possession of about an ounce of crack cocaine & a pound of marijuana. Two days after he picked up the cocaine charges, in November 2003, he agreed to work for the ATF & all his legal problems went away. Beginning in 2004, the ATF gave Veltus a paid job. A standard deal with ATF informers is \$2,500 a month & immunity from prosecution. So as long as Veltus worked for the Gov’t, besides the \$2,500 a month he could keep what he stole & he could continue to sell drugs. The ATF continues to protect Veltus from prosecution to this day. The ATF, according to one informed source, also employed Veltus wife, who multiple sources call “Anna Veltus” but who may be calling herself anything.

William Lazara: Alias’s abound among domestic spies. Veltus has also carried ATF supplied identification documents in the name of “William Lazara.” His wife has called herself “Anna Lazara.” Veltus, has also bragged about bonuses he would receive based on the number of Mongols convicted on the basis of information he supplied. The shadowy nature of Veltus employment for the ATF is evident in how ATF agents have testified about that employment. Veltus went to work for the ATF in Dec 2003, for example. But, according to ATF Special Agent John Ciccone, he did not become a “documented ATF informant,” for another 2 years.

Kaos: Ciccone, who was the Case Agent on Operation Black Rain & a previous Mongols investigation called Operation Ivan, pointed Steve Veltus at the Las Vegas Mongols. At the time the chapter had 3 members & the President & founder of that chapter was a man named Harry “Face” Reynolds. Veltus introduced himself as “Kaos” & asked to hang around the Vegas club. The ATF’s repeated efforts to turn Reynolds into a criminal was a multi-year, often absurd entrapment that a Fed prosecutor named Reema El Amamy later called “guerilla street theater.” Veltus wore a recording device, enclosed inside a key fob, His Vegas apartment contained at least 3 surveillance cameras. He spent years trying to get Reynolds or other Mongols to say something incriminating. One of those loaded conversations was recorded in Reynolds’ living room on Sept 26, 2006. In that conversation Reynolds tried to convince Veltus to go straight. The conversation lasted for almost 2 hours & Reynolds clearly could not conceive that Kaos was an agent provocateur. Reynolds began by reprimanding Veltus for trying to force a prospective member of the club to break the law.

On Face Reynolds’ Couch: A representative excerpt from that 2006 conversation follows. *Kaos:* What’d I do bro? *Reynolds:* (Inaudible) um... *Kaos:* That thing with Milo? *Reynolds:* Yeah, you hurt my feelings, you both. You...you were treated shitty as a prospect, & he, last week he asked me if this club...if

he would ever be asked to do anything illegal. And, I told him no, dude. The club would never make you do anything And then what happens? You take him to do something illegal.... Reynolds then told Kaos to stop trying to give him money from the crimes he was supposedly committing. *Reynolds*: You don't make money off of them, what you do, you turn around & hand it back to them.... *Kaos*: Yep, yep, yep. *Reynolds*: . . .okay. What did you do that day you came here with an envelope for me? You hand me an envelope? *Kaos*: Oh? *Reynolds*: What'd I do? It ain't mine. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: I don't make money off you. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: You know. If we do something together fine. I...I think that's wrong. That hurts. That really fucking hurts. Because I think brotherhood & helping each other is first. Not to mention...okay...I might be taking it a little personal, maybe I'm not, I don't know, but uh...I need a bike. Milo needs a bike. Your bike ain't tuned too good... *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: ...why is he so, you know what I mean? Hello! *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: That... I don't understand that. You know. Nothing can...here first. You're thinking me, me, me. That's all you think about! Me, me, me. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds* then told Kaos that the least he could do was not implicate the Mongols in his crimes. *Reynolds*: You know what? Mongol no! Mongol no. Not to mention...and this is the other thing I'm bothered with you about...you went to do something that was illegal with your shirt on! You were wearing a support shirt. That makes it a Mongol issue. I'm just pointing it out. I won't tell them that. But, I'm telling you that. I'm not doing nothing about it. I'm telling you.... *Kaos*: Alright. *Reynolds*: So you can think next time. I don't want to see that shit like that again. Because I...think about it. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: (inaudible.) You got a shirt, they ever pull you over...whatever...and they find out? Bam! Okay? They can run your name (inaudible). Oh, you were (inaudible) Mongols. (You say) I don't know what you, you are talking about. (Cop says) Well you're wearing that. I know you got that. Now...you fucking.... Now all the house is gonna be ready cause... now you put all of us, & not just you.... Him too! Because you know what? He seen you wearing the shirt! He's fucking 3 year fucking member. Should be telling you. You shouldn't be wearing that! What we're doing, 'cause I don't check (inaudible.) When I seen you out here I knew where you were going. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: So I can't say nothing about your shirt, right? *Kaos*: Yeah, yeah. *Near the end of the conversation* *Reynolds* tried to explain to Kaos for about the hundredth time what is important & what is not in an outlaw motorcycle club. *Kaos*: Yeah, basically that was my worry. Because I need the money you know? *Reynolds*: And I understand that, but you know what Kaos? And, I don't mean to be disrespectful. Brotherhood is first. Money second. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: I could give a fuck about money. Because you know what? When I'm in...laying in the gutter...my brother's gonna be there. Not, you know.... Money ain't gonna float up to me. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: You know what I mean? And I'm not saying you're like.... *Kaos*: But I still gotta pay my bills, bro. You know? *Reynolds*: I understand that. But you'd rather (inaudible) with a prospect who was a cool dude & (inaudible).... I understand bills need to be paid. You know what? I don't work. She don't work. But you don't see me going out there fucking over my brothers, just to make a couple bucks.... Like I said...I...I'm disappointed in you but I don't blame you because you don't know your grounds as much. But I'm telling you right now, your grounds are, are a lot, & it's not me.... I understand you're worried about losing a deal but you know what? Fuck that deal. Fuck that fucking deal. This is more important, I think. And if you don't think it's more important then I can't teach (inaudible). You know what I mean? This club's first. *Kaos*: Yeah. *Reynolds*: This

club is fucking first. I don't care if I could make a million dollars. If it had anything to do...and I swear to God I mean that...and if it had anything to do with putting my brothers in jeopardy or anything like that I wouldn't do it. I would not do it. Cause, I (don't) give a fuck about money. I give a fuck about this club. We're brothers.

Mongols Last To Know: Throughout the investigation Veltus bragged to his (non-ATF) employer, his wife's employer (she worked for Clinique) & other non-biker friends that he was an "undercover agent." These sources, fearing retribution by both the ATF & the Mongols MC, spoke to The Aging Rebel on condition that their identities would be protected. When told they probably had nothing to fear from the Mongols the sources expressed their fear of the ATF. "He bragged the ATF handed him guns," one source said. He bragged, "the ATF allowed him to break the law & would let him do anything." He bragged that the ATF would help him "publish a book." He bragged he would sell, "way more books than (former ATF agent & author) Billy Queen because he was going to have way more busts." On another occasion he bragged he was, "Gonna have the ATF record for the most busts." Veltus also stated that the Mongols investigation began in July 2003. And, he openly & gleefully bragged to sources in both Las Vegas & Montana that the Mongols investigation was "all a setup." Most elements of that setup failed because Reynolds is, at worst, cagey or, at best, a heroically admirable man. Veltus stored untaxed cigarettes in Reynolds garage for example, & tried to get Reynolds to move the boxes so they would be covered with Reynolds' fingerprints. On another occasion, Veltus reported that he had sold Reynolds "a pound of marijuana." The accusation, which was completely fabricated, was repeated as a truth to the grand jury in the case & was used by Ciccone in testimony to secure wiretaps. Multiple sources have also stated that throughout the investigation Veltus became addicted to drugs

John Carr: Veltus was directly supervised by ATF Special Agent John Carr. "I never liked that guy," one Mongol said. "He wasn't one of us. You know what I mean? He didn't even like motorcycles very much." Carr was assigned to the Los Angeles office of the ATF. He had been involved in trying to entrap motorcycle outlaws, especially the Mongols, for almost a decade. William Queen described the ATF Agents who have spent their careers entrapping bikers like this: "John Ciccone, in his years targeting the growing OMG (for outlaw motorcycle gang) problem in Southern California, had developed a 'gang' of his own; ATF Special Agents John Carr, Eric Harden & Darren Kozlowski, fondly referred to as Koz, were the core. They'd all started with the bureau together and, after a decade, remained the hard chargers they'd been at the beginning of their careers." These ATF Agents actually do describe themselves as a "gang."

Hero: Carr also recruited men to rob drug safe houses & then arrested them for that. He won a Fed Bar Association Medal of Valor Award in 2002. According to his commendation "Special Agent Carr earned his award for working undercover to catch violent gang members staging a series of home invasion robberies. Carr transformed his look, acquainted himself with the criminals, & pretended to help them in their operation. Carr gave the criminals false information, which led them to traps planned by the ATF. Thanks to Carr's work, many dangerous criminals were caught & taken off our streets." The commendation goes on to portray Carr as a hero. "John Carr risked his life working on this assignment," the commendation states. "There are not many people who would make such a great sacrifice for others to feel safe in their homes. Through his courage, bravery & steadfast

dedication, Carr prevailed in the face of danger.” Few of his victims would agree that Hollywood Carr is heroic. Immediately before he turned his attention to Harry Reynolds, one of the dangerous criminals Carr took off our streets appealed his conviction on the grounds “that the Gov’t violated his right to due process by supposedly directing the entire criminal enterprise from start to finish & by promoting a crime of violence.” What Carr actually did was recruit 5 men who were “predisposed” to sticking up a drug safe house. He supplied a drug house for them to rob & talked them into the crime in a series of meetings over more than a month. The men demonstrated their predisposition by meeting with Carr, putting on bullet proof vests & possessing firearms. When they were arrested during their final meeting with Carr they were charged with “conspiracy to distribute at least 5 kilograms of cocaine,” “conspiracy to interfere with interstate commerce by robbery” & “possessing a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.” The Ninth Circuit Court rejected the appeal on the grounds that the one man who was actually convicted should have raised the issue before his trial instead of afterward. “We hold today,” the Court wrote, “as have the Second, Third, & Eighth Circuits, that a defendant waives his claim of outrageous Gov’t conduct of which he is aware if he fails to assert it in a pretrial motion to dismiss.” The ATF had already seized a warehouse in Los Angeles for Carr to use as a cover. Reynolds thought Carr bought & sold surplus goods. For more than a year, Carr’s association with the Mongols was as Steve Veltus’ friend. Carr became Veltus’ source for contraband cigarettes. Reynolds thought Carr was up to no good & refused to let him formally apply for membership in the club – a process called prospecting. Eventually Veltus was allowed to start another chapter, in nearby Henderson, Nevada, & Carr was allowed to patch into that chapter without going through the process of prospecting. Carr was allowed to “P-Patch” which is what the Mongols called a probationary membership. Carr paid then Mongols National President, Ruben “Doc” Cavazos \$750 & Cavazos let him put on a patch.

Kids And Dads: Motorcycle outlaws have their own rigid set of laws. Just as you can get thrown out bad for sleeping with a club brother’s woman or lying or refusing to fight, members are also honor bound to observe an unbreakable paternal relationship between the man who sponsors someone for membership in the club & the man who is sponsored. In the Mongols, for as long as both men remain in the club they call each other “my Dad” & “my Kid.” Hollywood Carr, Face Reynolds eventually learned, had set up “some sort of deal” in Vegas for September 2007. Reynolds learned that Carr had recruited his “kid” from San Bernardino, a young Mongol named Raphael Vargas “Peligrosa” Lozano, to provide “security” for whatever the deal was. Carr had also recruited a young member of Reynolds’ Vegas chapter named Ismael “Mouth” Padilla. Peligrosa was going because he owed Veltus for 2 cases of Carr’s discount cigarettes & this was a way to repay the debt. Padilla was offered a thousand dollars. Reynolds, who was mostly concerned about what Carr might be trying to involve his “kid” in, called Veltus & asked him about the deal. Veltus told Reynolds it was “just a deal” & told him if he was worried he could attend & Carr would pay him a thousand, too. So, Reynolds agreed.

Guerilla Street Theater: Since Carr was passing out cash Reynolds even brought his wife’s cousin’s boyfriend because he needed money, too. The complete “drug deal” was caught on 3 hidden video cameras. In total, the footage is about 6 hours long & probably fewer than a 100 people have ever seen it all. It was never intended to be evidence in a trial. It was always meant to be

evidence to present to a grand jury to get an indictment. Because in Fed criminal cases the war is virtually won by the prosecution as soon as an indictment is returned. At least 2 things stand out about this video the moment it starts. First for a case that cost \$150 million the quality of the footage is ridiculously bad. One camera was placed right over the television so the only audio on that feed is from the Ultimate Fighting Championship Fight Night 11 which was broadcast live from the Palms Hotel & Casino. Over & over viewers hear about the amorous triumphs of Bob, & the delights of very many women, after Bob discovered Enzyte male enhancement. The footage from other feeds is either very dark or the audio is difficult to understand without listening over & over. The time stamps on the 3 feeds are un-synched. Events that are captured on one camera occur up to ten minutes earlier or later on the time codes of the other 2 cameras.

Bad Acting: Secondly, it is impossible not to notice how performative both Carr & Veltus are. Carr turns the air conditioner on & off depending on whether he wants his voice to be recorded or not. Carr, who seems to be a narcissus, takes off his shirt & flexes for the grand jurors. Veltus practically leans against one camera with an automatic pistol shoved in the small of his back. He ties a bandanna around his head & theatrically announces “Change my look a little bit in case I got to pop one of those fools.” The grand jury transcripts in this case will never be released but it seems pretty obvious that the grand jury thought they were indicting Carr & Veltus. Both Carr & Veltus drop Face Reynolds name as many times as possible. The first Mongols to enter the room are Lozano & Padilla & the depth of their criminality is betrayed by what they talk about. “Is this smoking or non-smoking. As soon as we walked through the door we saw these 3 gorgeous, like fine ass bitches in skirts, I guess they work over there at that little restaurant.” Carr replies, “Is it just you guys coming? Or Face.” Veltus says, “Face is coming. Yeah, Face is down.” One of the young men asks “what is the deal?” Carr replies, “I’ll explain when Face gets here.” Then he starts pulling bullet proof vests out of a duffel bag, hands them out & instructs the young men on how to put them on. Among the charges in the Cavazos indictment is that the Mongols must be criminals because they wore bullet proof vests. Carr then tries to establish for his grand jury audience that the Mongols armed themselves for this deal. “Now hey, did somebody need a strap? Who needs one. Yeah I’m covered. You covered? Who needs one? Uh, Face’s boy?” Lozano tries on his bullet proof vest & says, “Hey, this is nice. It even covers your fucking huevos.”

The Drug Deal: Then Face Reynolds & Caspar, his wife’s cousin’s boyfriend enter the room. Face gives Carr a very pro forma hug. Their bodies never touch. Face puts his left arm briefly around Carr while he holds him away with his right hand, pats him on the back & moves on. Reynolds nervously, immediately lights a cigarette. Carr offers Face a gun & says “You want one? You got one?” Reynolds shakes his head no. Carr asks, “Are you sure?” Reynolds mumbles, “I’m cool.” And turns his back on Carr who he clearly cannot stand. One of the video feeds says the time in Vegas is 8:49:57 & Carr immediately moves close to one of the hidden microphones. “Come here, fellas.” Then Carr tells Veltus, “Tell them what we’re going to do.” He orders the confidential informant to explain the deal in order to weaken the defense of entrapment. It is calculated. Veltus jerks his hand as if he is setting a hook in a fish. Then Carr, who is clearly nervous, goes ahead & explains anyway. When he talks Face Reynolds has been in the room for exactly 30 seconds. “Here’s basically, the deal. This dude, I’ve dealt with him 2 prior times. I’ve bought like 2 or 3 from him.” It becomes 8:50:17. Reynolds has been in the room

for under a minute. “He’s been cool. You know, like we’re on a personal, like friend level but Anthony stepped it up. I’m gonna pick up 33 from the guy today.” In the corner of the screen Face Reynolds cocks his head to the left & crosses his arms. The video is too dark to recognize his expression. “So when I talked to him 2 days ago he was cool, you know. There was nothing unusual but he was like ‘you know I’m gonna bring my boys, you know,’ which is kind of unusual because usually it’s just me & him. So that kind of gets me thinking because you know because we’re talking 33. I’m paying 16. I mean, we’re talking 500 grand. So that just gets me thinking in my head, you know, that maybe this dude’s, you know, that this dude...I just want...I don’t want too skinny a palm tree with this guy...you know on the outside chance that he wants to get like squirrely with me...I figured, you know...the presence of you dudes is gonna stand up & down. The way I’m gonna play it to him is he’s gonna come here. He’s gonna bring the shit here. We’re gonna look at all of it. We’re gonna cut every one. Make sure it’s all straight.” Reynolds wipes his face with one big hand then & turns his back to Carr. Carr continues. “I’ve got the money in another room. I’m gonna take him & me. The only two. I’m not gonna let him bring anybody else. We’re going to the room. I got a counter. We’re going to count our money. The money’s straight. We’ll come back. Adios. He goes. Pack up the shit. Walk me to the car. Cause I have no doubt this dude’s is gonna bring other dudes. I mean, I would. I mean, I can understand that. But he may post them up, you know, outside or something like that. See I just want to make sure that one of 2 things is gonna happen. (And here Carr become histrionic.) I’m gonna come up out of here with 33 keys or I’m gonna come up out of here with my money.” He says this like bad television. Like he is auditioning for a role. It is 8:51:57. Reynolds has been in the room for about 2 minutes & ten seconds. Caspar has spent most of the time looking at pictures on the wall. Carr continues, “And there’s nothing other than those 2 things that are going to happen. I just want to make sure that he’s straight with me on this. I just want to make sure that everything counts out right, you know. Like I’ve said I’ve dealt with him before. I have no issues with the dude. He’s always been straight with me so I’m not anticipating any problems.” As Carr stood up, Veltus instructed Caspar “go ahead” & handed him a gun. Caspar looks at it like a child with a toy & promptly drops one of the bullets on the floor. Carr continues to prattle on about “I don’t anticipate any problems.” As one of the Mongols in that room that night later explained, “I’m thinking you are gonna go into another room alone? Then what are we doing here?”

Dope On A Bed: What they were all there for was to appear to incriminate themselves. At 8:57:50, according to the video feed with both audio & video, Carr got a phone call from his “drug supplier.” The drug supplier, Carr announces, looks “Mexican but he’s like part Sicilian.” So he could be affiliated with at least 2 of the more well known Mafias. Carr said, “It’s show time.” The drug supplier was actually a Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Deputy named Tino Brancato who had a part time job as a Task Force Officer, which is to say an amateur actor, for the ATF. While Carr & Veltus bragged to each other about the pending drug deal Padilla & Lozano continued to chatter excitedly to anyone who would listen about the pretty girls they almost talked to downstairs. “...three fine ass girls with skirts & everything! And I was like, fuck! I just died & went to heaven! Out loud, you know, like right in front of them. I go like, I don’t give a fuck. So those girls, they start talking in Spanish & I go like Que chulas (which is a demure & almost old fashioned pickup line in Spanish.) So they go “Oh shit. You speak Spanish.” And Kaos was dragging us back like, no, you gotta go that way.”

Punishment: Reynolds was later arrested & roughed up at his job, lost his job as a result, had his home wrecked, had his daughter’s room maliciously wrecked, had his motorcycle & his father’s motorcycle seized, had 2 truckloads of his personal possessions seized, was evicted & was eventually prosecuted for racketeering for being in that Vegas hotel room that night. The charges against him carried a penalty of 20 years to life imprisonment. The legal ordeal lasted years & he, & his family, may never recover from it. Three weeks after the “guerilla theater” production in the Vegas hotel room, the ATF moved Steve Veltus & his wife to Missoula, Montana. Whenever Veltus needed to make an appearance in Las Vegas or California, the ATF would fly him to Vegas on a private plane. (Private plane flights are one of the ways an investigation & prosecution of the Mongols came to cost \$150 million.)

Missoula: While in Missoula, Veltus continued to be a loose cannon. He broke laws with impunity. “The ATF knew it,” a source said. Multiple sources saw him flash a gun. He pulled a gun on a University of Montana student. He assembled a portfolio of photographs for his pending memoir. At the same time he was introducing himself to the Helena chapter of the Mongols, Veltus seemed to have been on a campaign to tell everybody in Missoula that he was secret agent. He also bragged with alarming openness that he was about to join the witness protection program under the assumed name William Lazara (the similarity to Lazarus who rose from the dead has Ciccone’s fingerprints all over it) & that he was going to retire on his “bonus money” from the Mongols case. At that time, Veltus also had a cell phone with a Boston telephone number. He used his status as an ATF informant to commit more crimes. Veltus’ announced retirement plan was to buy a restaurant from an old woman in Sula, Montana. He gained the woman’s trust & moved into but did not operate the establishment. Late in 2008, 2 months after shaking hands with the restaurant owner on the deal Veltus & his wife disappeared. He attempted to burn the restaurant down when he left but the arson was not successful. Inside, firemen & police found several pounds of marijuana & the carcass of an illegally taken elk. Veltus also stole kitchen equipment & at least \$2700 in cash. The total loss to the restaurant owner was \$18,000. The restaurant owner tried to track down Veltus to sue him for the damage he had done. The pursuit quickly led to the ATF. “What do you want us to do,” John Ciccone asked the owner. The owner said she wanted to sue either Veltus or the ATF for the damage Veltus had caused. Ciccone replied, “Well that’s not gonna happen.” A friend of the owner approached the local ATF office in Missoula & threatened to sabotage the Gov’t case against the Mongols by testifying to statements Veltus had made about it “all being a big setup.” The agent threatened the man with “prison” if he tried to publicize what he knew about the informant.

Manchester gang shooting earns veteran a maximum prison sentence – Oct 8, 2011 – *New Hampshire* – By Joseph G. Cote; www.NashuaTelegraph.com - A prospective member of an outlaw motorcycle gang has received a rare maximum sentence for assault following the shooting of a teen after a melee at a pizza joint last year. Kristofer Haken, 32, formerly of Londonderry, was sentenced to 10-20 years in prison by Hillsborough County Superior Court Judge Gillian Abramson on Wed. Haken had pleaded guilty to second-degree assault for shooting a high school student during a gang turf war at Luigi’s Pizza Bar & Grill in Manchester, said Hillsborough County Attorney Dennis Hogan. Police were called to the restaurant at 712 Valley St. around 8:30 p.m. April 16, 2010, after what Hogan described as a “tense confrontation.” Members of 2 motorcycle gangs, the Hell’s Angels & the Outlaws, began fighting in the parking lot, & the

bar's owner, Petros Kostakis, fired several rounds from a handgun into the air to try to break up the melee, Hogan said. Shortly after that, Haken, who was a prospective member of one of the motorcycle groups, went to the vehicle of his girlfriend, Alica Cote, & retrieved a 20-gauge shotgun, got into the passenger seat & fired the gun out the window as Cote drove away, Hogan said. The blast was toward 3 high school boys, who were unconnected to the gangs, & hit one of them in the hand & leg, causing serious injuries, Hogan said. At the sentencing hearing on Wed, Haken's lawyers presented evidence that he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder after serving in the military in Afghanistan & Iraq, Hogan said. But Manchester Police Chief David Mara testified at the hearing – also a relatively rare occurrence – that a long sentence would send a message that Manchester won't tolerate gang violence, Hogan said. Abramson sentenced Haken to the maximum sentence for the felony assault charge, suspending 21/2 years of the minimum term, Hogan said. Assistant County Attorney Kenneth Perkes prosecuted the case, Hogan said.

Berlin considers banning Hells Angels – Oct 11, 2011 – *Germany* – By www.TheLocal.de - Representatives across all major parties in the newly-elected state parliament of Berlin have spoken out in favour of banning the Hells Angels, a motorcycle gang linked with organized crime, in the German capital. Green party domestic policy spokesman Benedikt Lux told Tue's edition of the Berliner Morgenpost newspaper that banning the Hells Angels would make sense in Berlin. "But this should be a water-tight ban that can withstand any appeals," he said. Lux's counterpart in the socialist Left party Marion Seelig agreed, adding, "Just as important as banning this group is destroying the networks that it uses." Thomas Kleineidam & Peter Trapp, spokesmen for the Social Democratic Party (SPD) & the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) respectively, also spoke out in favour of a ban on the club, which is thought to be involved in drug trafficking & violent crime. The Berlin police have raided several Hells Angels clubhouses in recent years, while one Hells Angel in Rhineland Palatinate was jailed earlier this year for killing a policeman. Berlin would be the second German state to pass such a ban. The state of Hesse shut down 2 branches of the group in Sept. The Hells Angels have previously threatened to fight bans at the European Court of Justice.

Sons of Silence member facing Fed charges – Oct 15, 2011 – *Indiana* – By Jaclyn Bevis; www.WTHITV.com - A Terre Haute motorcycle gang member faces charges in Fed court. Brian Ellington was a member of the Sons of Silence motorcycle gang. Ellington was indicted on Aug 24, 2011. He faces charges of possession of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute. He faces between 10 years & life in prison on that charge. He's currently in Fed custody & being held at the Vigo County jail.

Hells Angels member gunned down at San Jose funeral – Oct 15, 2011 – *California* - By Sean Webby & Tracey Kaplan; www.MercuryNews.com - Despite a heavy police presence at a Hells Angels funeral in San Jose on Sat, a top bike-club enforcer nicknamed "Mr. 187" after the state penal code number for murder was gunned down Sat in front of stunned spectators. Multiple sources told this newspaper the victim was Steve Tausan, a notorious sergeant-at-arms for the Santa Cruz chapter of the club suspected of killing another biker years ago. San Jose police would not confirm the identity of the shooting victim, but did report that he was pronounced dead at a hospital at 1:44 p.m. Sources said the incident Sat was an inter-club squabble set off when Tausan punched a fellow biker & the biker retaliated by

shooting him. Police have no suspect in custody but are interviewing several witnesses, according to San Jose police spokesman Jose Garcia. When asked why the heavy police presence was not enough to prevent the shooting, Garcia replied, "Let's suppose we were embedded in there. We can't be next to every individual. There were 4,000 people there." He said the shooting suspect fled & the chaotic scene may have aided his escape. The funeral at the Oak Hill Cemetery was for fellow Hells Angel Jethro Pettigrew, Pres of the San Jose chapter, who was shot in a Sparks, Nev., casino by a member of the rival Vagos club. Tausen told a reporter that shortly after Pettigrew was killed that he had received death threats. Police & the Santa Clara County Sheriff are now guarding the HA headquarters in San Jose, as well as other locations where bikers gather.

'Ban Swedish biker gang vests': Social Democrats – Oct 17, 2011 – *Sweden* – By www.TheLocal.se - Municipalities in Sweden ought to have the right to ban vests bearing symbols associated with known motorcycle gangs in order to fight organized crime, a leading Social Democrat has suggested. "The vests are what these characters use to strike fear in those around them," Social Democrat justice policy spokesperson Morgan Johansson told the Svenska Dagbladet (SvD) newspaper. "They signal 'I am a member of Hells Angels or Bandidos or whatever & I'm dangerous. If you don't obey me, I've got a bunch of guys behind me that will come & deal with you.'" According to Johansson, who is also chair of the Riksdag's justice committee, by taking away motorcycle gang members' symbols, one also revokes "a large part of their violent capital". He has proposed giving officials in Sweden's 290 municipalities the authority to ban vests with controversial biker gang symbols from being worn in local pubs & nightclubs. Up until now, the vests have received constitutional protections under Sweden's freedom of speech laws, thus scuppering local authorities' previous attempts to implement bans. In June 2009, for example, Eskilstuna in central Sweden banned biker gang vests at area night spots by including a clause in alcohol regulations stating that guests would "not be allowed to bear clothing which shows membership to a gang or group which could be considered criminal". But a court nullified the ban, arguing it violated Sweden's speech freedom laws. Nevertheless, Johansson believes that banning the vests could be a useful tool in the fight against organised crime. "In weighing between, on the one hand, freedom of speech, and, on the other hand, the importance of combating organised crime, one must be ready to review legislation to make it possible for municipalities to have rules like these in the future," Johansson told SvD, adding that society can't be "naïve" in the fight against organised crime. Johansson's suggested biker gang vest ban was rejected by both the Left Party & the Liberals (Folkpartiet). "I don't believe in the idea at all. We have a constitution that we need to uphold," Liberal Party justice policy spokesperson Johan Pehrson told SvD. The far-right Sweden Democrats, however, expressed support for the idea, while the Christian Democrats also left the door open for a vest ban. "Symbols are important means of expression for many criminal gangs & it's possible that it's time for a change," said Christian Democrat justice policy spokesperson Caroline Szyber.

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San Jose biker is suspect in cemetery slaying – Oct 18, 2011 – *California* - By Sean Webby; www.MercuryNews.com - San Jose police continued their manhunt for a Hells Angels member who they believe shot to death Steve Tausan, a fellow member of the notorious outlaw motorcycle club, during a funeral crowded with mourning bikers -- & then mysteriously disappeared underneath the watch of hundreds of police officers. Police have not released the suspect's name, but sources told the Mercury News he is Steve Joseph Ruiz, a 38-year-old San Jose Hells Angels member. And they said investigators believe he could be dead. San Jose police said very little Mon about the chaos Sat at the Oak Hill Memorial Park, when Tausan was shot & killed at a memorial for San Jose Hells Angel president Jeff "Jethro" Pettigrew, who himself was shot & killed last month in a Nevada casino. Although police had surrounded the cemetery in anticipation of possible trouble, the shooter somehow vanished. There was also no trace of the handgun. That's why, sources said, investigators Sat night got a judge's permission to exhume Pettigrew's coffin to see if Ruiz's body or any other evidence was hurriedly buried in the soil next to his former club president. They reportedly found nothing connected to Tausan's killing. The coffin itself was not opened. Investigators suspect Hells Angels members or other bikers somehow managed to smuggle Ruiz, dead or alive, from the cemetery. They believe he may have been killed soon after he shot the 52-year-old Tausan, according to sources. Although he was a member of the Santa Cruz chapter of the Hells Angels, Tausan was a close friend of Pettigrew & was a former member of the San Jose chapter. The bizarre & brazen shooting came around 1 p.m. during the Sat funeral for Pettigrew, a longtime city heavy equipment operator & the San Jose motorcycle club's local Pres. He was shot to death last month at a Sparks casino, allegedly by a local member of the Vagos, a rival club. To pay their respects, the Oak Hill cemetery grounds were filled with thousands of mourning bikers -- from the Hells Angels & many other supportive biker clubs -- & guarded outside by a large contingent of police officers. Some bikers said they were infuriated by the macabre search of Pettigrew's resting place. "He was a friend first & foremost, & being told that San Jose Police dug up the grave was more than could be imagined," said "Big Ed" Aki, a leader with the Henchmen motorcycle club in San Jose. "First Jethro & now Steve Tausan, both friends who helped the Henchmen San Jose Chapter. There are no words to describe this loss." Police, who on Mon identified Tausan, a former Marine, ex-boxer & San Jose bail bondsman, as the victim in the case, have said nothing about what they suspect was a motive. But sources said it appeared the 2 men had argued before the shooting. Sources said investigators later found a weapon which may have been used in the shooting of Tausan, a popular member of the Santa Cruz chapter of the Hells Angels known as Mr. 187, after the penal code for murder. Tausan was prosecuted 14 years ago on suspicion of killing Kevin Sullivan for drunkenly badgering a dancer at the Pink Poodle strip club in San Jose & then insulting the motorcycle club. He was acquitted. A Santa Cruz County Gang Task Force supervisor said Mon that the Santa Cruz Hells Angels chapter has members who frequent the Santa Cruz & Live Oak areas, as well as some spots in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Sgt. Eric Montalbo said task force investigators keep tabs on local members as best they can, he said, acknowledging that work includes monitoring of who might fill any leadership vacuum. He said they would confer with San Jose police about Sat's shooting, but as of Mon had not done so. "We'd be concerned with acts of retaliation in the organization if the person killed had leadership status in the gang," Montalbo said. "And we have concerns about who that suspect is... Did they take off with that person to hide that person, or because they were going to

dispose of that person?" Montalbo added that he does believe the Santa Cruz chapter is an active one. He said he spotted about 8 of them outside a downtown Santa Cruz bar the night before the cemetery shooting. "I believe they are an active gang, & one that is very organized & tough to investigate," Montalbo said. "We probably end up prosecuting them less than some of our local street gangs, but I don't believe by any means that they are any less violent." Santa Cruz gang prosecutor Charlie Baum said the District Atty's Office has not had many recent cases involving Hells Angels members. Last year, one alleged Santa Cruz Chapter Hells Angel was arrested in Live Oak after a search warrant stemming from an altercation in Campbell turned up a firearm & steroids in his Ivy Lane home, he said. That man, William Bettencourt, 39, is in custody in Santa Clara County, Baum said. A former Santa Clara police officer, Clay Rojas, was convicted of 12 felony charges in San Jose this summer for allegedly selling information to Bettencourt. A Gilroy man who is an alleged member of the San Jose Hells Angels chapter, Cesar Villagrana, is facing a gun charge after crashing on his H-D on March 11 in Aptos & spilling a gun onto the road that was not registered to him, Santa Cruz prosecutors said. Villagrana, 36, was arrested after the Pettigrew homicide in Nevada last month, & police there allege he was firing a gun during the melee. Last year, there was a fight between Hells Angels & members of the rival Vagos motorcycle group that started in downtown Santa Cruz & ended in a fight among members armed with ball-peen hammers, Santa Cruz police said. But charges were dropped against at least one of the people arrested after that conflict, & a gang charge facing Villagrana was dropped during a recent preliminary hearing. Several years ago, a county man was indicted but later cleared of felony charges stemming from a fatal 2002 brawl between Hells Angels & Mongols in Harrah's casino in Laughlin. He lived in the Watsonville area at that time, but Watsonville police say they haven't had much trouble with Hells Angels members since the gang left a rented East Lake Avenue clubhouse about 3 years ago. Several Santa Cruz County LEOs said they did not know whether the Santa Cruz chapter had established a clubhouse since moving from Watsonville.

Biker faces charges in cat deaths - Oct 18, 2011 - *Pennsylvania* – By Rose Quinn; <http://DelCoTimes.com> - Glenn J. Turner is a convicted drug dealer & attempted cop killer who was once tagged as one of the "most vicious and violent" motorcycle gang members in the country. Could it be that Turner, a former reputed V.P. of the Pagan's who was charged Mon with killing or maiming domestic animals - namely, his son's 2 cats - was driven by his love for his ailing Doberman pinscher, Nunya? "I'm gonna kill your f__ cats for making my dog sick," Glenn Turner, 64, allegedly told his son, Clark, via a Nextel 2-way, with several witnesses in earshot, according to the charging documents. Additionally charged with burglary, criminal trespass and tampering with evidence, Turner is free on 10% of \$40,000 bail. At the time the threat was allegedly made, Clark Turner was in the hospital, visiting his wife, Donna. According to sources, Donna Turner was hospitalized soon after she reportedly broke up a fight between her cats, both now missing, and the dog, which is believed to be in bad shape and under veterinary care. Sometime late last week, according to sources, she let the dog into the house to stop its incessant barking. Glenn Turner often brought the dog when he worked in an unattached garage on the property. "He loved that dog," the source said. Police responded to the couple's home on Sun, after receiving a phone call reporting that someone at the address was killing cats. The individual showed the officer areas around the house, which was marked in several areas with fresh blood — believed to be from the dead cats.

Judge denies lowering of bail for Vagos MC members – Oct 18, 2011 – *California* – By Mike Cruz; www.DailyBulletin.com - A Superior Court judge Tuesday denied a reduction in bail for two members of the Vagos MC arrested during a raid across Southern California. Attys for Thomas Gibson and Andrew Eloy Lozano asked Judge Michael Dest for the bail reductions. Lozano's lawyer, Mark McDonald, who substituted to represent Gibson, 60, of San Bernardino, told the court that Gibson is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail. But based on the charges of possession of marijuana for sale and participation in a criminal street gang, McDonald argued \$50,000 to \$100,000 bail "is more appropriate."

Man jailed in severe stabbings - Oct 20, 2011 – *Illinois* - By Michael Smothers; www.PekinTimes.com - A month ago, after her husband kicked & cracked her ribs, a Pekin woman told police she feared he would come back to kill her if she reported his assault. On Wed, Julie Rhoades & her teenage son were struggling to live with what police described as serious knife wounds inflicted by the husband they arrested on 2 counts of attempted murder. Shane Rhoades, 40, whom his wife of several months said is a member of the Outlaws motorcycle gang, allegedly stabbed the 2 shortly before 11 p.m. Tue in the woman's apartment on Florence St. He fled on foot before police arrived, but was captured about 2 hours later when an officer spotted him around 12:30 am in the backseat of a taxi cab westbound on Willow St at Florence. Police stopped the cab at the intersection of Willow & Augusta, & Rhoades was arrested without incident, said Pekin Police Public Info Officer Don Jolly. Police arrested him on 2 counts of attempted murder, one count of home invasion & one count of violation of an order of protection. Rhoades' wife & her 19-year-old son, who Jolly said is not related to the suspect, are under treatment for what Jolly called serious wounds at an area hospital he declined to identify. Their conditions, & the son's name, were not available Wed. The Daily Times obtained the name of Rhoades' wife from court records, not the Pekin P.D. Rhoades, was free on \$5,000 cash bond on a charge of aggravated domestic battery stemming from his alleged attack on his wife the morning of Sept. 10 in her Florence St apartment. According to court records, Julie Rhoades summoned police on Sept. 15 to report that attack after her doctor determined she had several cracked ribs. She said Rhoades had pushed her during an argument while they were out the night before & she spent the night at a friend's house. She returned home to find a hole in her wall, her computer damaged & Rhoades — who then allegedly left her with 2 black eyes, loose teeth & a kick in the ribs, according to court records. The woman repeated several times that she feared Rhoades, an Outlaws gang member, would kill her for reporting the attack. Police withheld details of the twin stabbings Wed night as prosecutors prepared to file formal charges against Rhoades later today in Tazewell County Circuit Court. As a condition of his bond in the domestic battery case, Rhoades was ordered to have no contact with his wife, who Jolly said was preparing to divorce him. A motion was filed to eliminate that condition, with the argument that both Rhoades & his wife desired it. While the file contained no record of the motion's status, Rhoades was next scheduled to appear in court on Fri.

Mesa Hells Angel guilty of murder - Oct. 20, 2011 – *Arizona* - By JJ Hensleyon; <http://TucsonCitizen.com> - A Mesa Hells Angel who killed a woman in 2001 has pleaded guilty to her murder nearly a decade after the case began. The lengthy delays were due in part to a flawed undercover operation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives that marred the agency's successful infiltration of the motorcycle club. Kevin J. Augustiniak, who pleaded guilty last week to second-degree

murder, was originally indicted in 2003 on suspicion of murdering Cynthia Garcia in October 2001 with other members of the motorcycle club, then dumping Garcia's body in the desert. The details of the murder are brutal. Augustiniak, 33, & other members of the gang met Garcia, 44, at a party at the gang's Mesa clubhouse in late October 2001. As the party went on, members of the club began to think Garcia was being disrespectful, so they beat her until she was unconscious, "stomping on her head repeatedly," according to court documents. Augustiniak & his buddies then dragged Garcia to a car, threw her into the trunk & drove her into the desert, according to court filings. After they got Garcia into the desert, as she was still somewhat conscious, Augustiniak & the others used a knife to slash at Garcia, "cutting her throat, stabbing her & attempting to cut her head off," according to court records. Maricopa County sheriff's deputies later collected her body near Usery Pass in the southeast Valley. Augustiniak & 15 others were charged with the murder in Fed court in 2003 through a 43-count indictment that included allegations of racketeering, drug trafficking & other violent crimes related to the motorcycle club. But problems began to emerge as the case made its way through court. The ATF's Operation Black Biscuit allowed agents to infiltrate the Hells Angels over a 21-month period in one of the agency's largest undercover operations. It resulted in the indictments of 16 members associated with the club, including Augustiniak & Paul Eischeid in Garcia's murder. Fed agents initially described Operation Black Biscuit as one of the most successful infiltrations of the biker club, but the case began to fall apart after disputes began to emerge between Fed prosecutors & ATF agents. There were also problems with the role undercover informants played in the investigation. Half of those originally indicted were given plea deals on lesser charges, & Fed charges against 5 other defendants, including Augustiniak, were dismissed. Most of the bikers could have faced life terms in prison under the original indictment, but plea deals dictated that none serve more than 5 years in prison. Augustiniak, who served 10 months in prison for aggravated assault in 2004 & 2005, was reindicted in Garcia's murder, this time by a Maricopa County grand jury in 2007. Eischeid, a former stockbroker, was released from jail after his arrest in 2003 & was required to wear a monitoring device. He removed the device & fled the country, landing on a list of the U.S. Marshals Service's 15 most wanted fugitives before he was captured in February in Argentina. Eischeid remains in Argentina, where the Marshals Service, the Justice Department & the Argentine Gov't are coordinating the extradition process. Augustiniak is scheduled to be sentenced on Nov. 17, but his plea deal included stipulations that he serve 22 to 25 years in state prison, according to the County Atty's Office.

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