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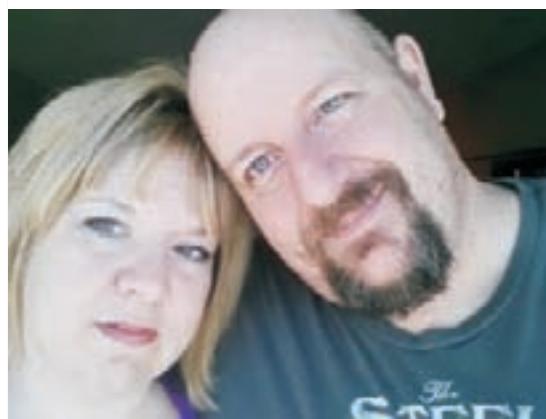


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## FALSE SEX ABUSE SPOTLIGHT

### Girl's 1st Allegation Causes Suicide, 2nd False Claim Ruins Family



Jennifer and Michael Young

By Edward Snook  
Investigative Reporter

Jackson County, OR – Please keep in mind as you read this article about the attempted false sex-abuse prosecution of Michael Young of Medford, Oregon, that the US~Observer has completed over 1,600 false sex-abuse cases successfully in the past 22 years.

This writer is much more aware

than most that sex abuse occurs in our society. From 30 years of experience, 22 of those years publishing the US~Observer, I take the position that perverted sex-offenders need severe punishment. I am also acutely aware that there are many false

allegations of sex-abuse today and solely from experience, I know exactly how to determine whether a sex-abuse criminal charge is legit or contrived in a great majority of the cases I take on.

The US~Observer has been successful in busting numerous sex-offenders and exposing them for their deplorable actions. However, most of our case articles are about false

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## Armando Garcia - Innocent of Rape! US~Observer Vindication Continue

By Joseph Snook  
Investigative Reporter

The Dalles, OR - The State of Oregon has a problem, make that two problems - Wasco County District Attorney Eric Nisley and his Chief Deputy District Attorney Leslie Wolf.

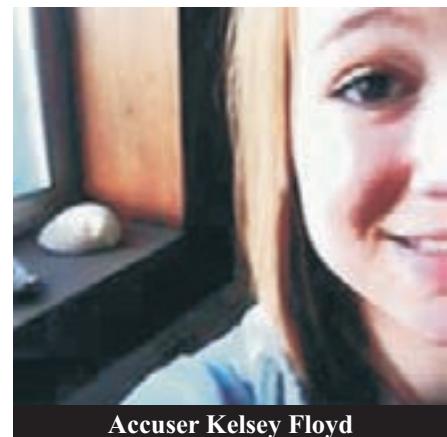
In July 2012, Oregon State Police (OSP) Detective Lori Rosebraugh brought them a case in which 15 year old Kelsey Floyd accused her 17 year old boyfriend Armando Flores Garcia of rape and sodomy. The case was unusual because the state had Facebook



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messages between the two in which Floyd had said how much she enjoyed having sex with Garcia. Normally, messages of that sort would put the state on notice that any and all sex was consensual.

In this case, the state chose to ignore the clear implication from Floyd's own words. First, Detective Rosebraugh and then the prosecutors played out their obvious façade when they appeared to believe Floyd when she said she was forced to put her mouth around Garcia's penis and that she was forced to engage in sexual



Accuser Kelsey Floyd

intercourse the first time.

The fact that Kelsey Floyd's father, Courtney Floyd, is a Wasco County Sheriff's Deputy almost certainly influenced Detective Rosebraugh and the prosecutors.

One puzzling question is, why was the case referred to an OSP detective

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## A VERBAL ASSASSIN COMMENTARY

### It's ALWAYS About Money NOT Healthcare/Gun Control

By Ron Lee

A good number of people are hailing The Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) as a way to establish universal healthcare in the United States. Hogwash! These same people are holding up the new bill to tax handgun and ammo sales as a way to curb gun violence. Rubbish! The real reason for these "feel-good" laws has nothing to do with government's compassion for its citizens. First, government doesn't feel anything for its citizens. It just is. It does not have feelings. It is not alive. It is, however, comprised of living beings who have separated themselves from the rest of society by passing laws that give them luxury and advantage over

the rest. And the one thing those people in government need to do is to find new ways to bring in revenue so their position is never threatened - especially those in high-up positions.

While the rest of us will likely just rely on Social Security, if it still exists, for our retirement, government has its own plan paid for by us. Look at the myriad of local-level politicians whose retirement programs are bankrupting their communities. Can anyone say Detroit?



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## INJUSTICE SPOTLIGHT

### The Gross Injustice of Obamacare

By Lorne Dey

As a writer for the US~Observer, I'm accustomed to finding injustice within government and the legal-justice system but one injustice among many from the so-called Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act otherwise known as Obamacare is particularly shameful.

I'm talking about the fines that people will have to pay for NOT signing up for having their money taken and receiving little if anything good in return from Obamacare. Many people who don't have healthcare now don't because either they don't want it or can't afford it.

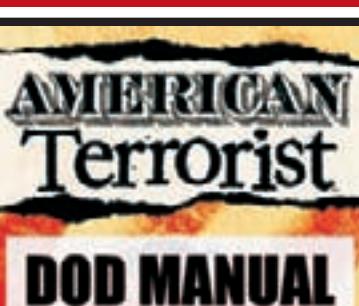
For those who currently want healthcare but can't afford it now,



they really won't be able to afford Obama's "Affordable Care Act" which is anything but affordable with rates for healthy individuals allegedly doubling or even tripling according to a July 2013 article in Forbes by Avik Roy. Estimates like this are typical from those analyzing the higher costs associated with the boondoggle. But when people don't sign up for it because they can't afford it, they'll be fined.

According to the Internal Revenue Service who will be enforcing the mandate, fines in 2014 will be \$95 per person or 1% of household income, whichever is greater. In 2016 the fines will increase and start at \$695 per person, or 2.5% for, according to Henry Blodget of Business Insider, households

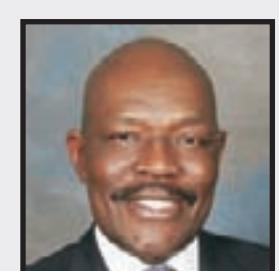
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James P. O'Hara on the advisement of Assistant Prosecutor Terra D. Morehead who reportedly stated that the 6 Hispanics were "flight risks and a danger to the community". To this day, Velasco-Veyro wonders why the 6 caucasian co-defendants were considered incapable, by Prosecutor Morehead, of being flight risks and dangers to the community and granted bail, while the 6 Hispanics were kept locked-up with no bail. Two of the six Hispanics were reportedly put in solitary confinement for no reason other than that they were Hispanic and *alleged* to be gun traffickers. **Is this not torture and racism?**

**PRESUMED GUILTY AND TREATED AS A CONVICTED FELON BEFORE TRIAL OR DUE PROCESS**

With bail denied and allegedly after barely 5 minutes to confer with his court-appointed attorney and provide financial information for the court, Velasco-Veyro was whisked away and strip-searched, then put in full body chains and loaded onto a van bound for prison. It wasn't until August of 2012, that he was finally allowed to be let out on bail by Judge Beth Phillips who, according to Velasco-Veyro, "was apparently not in the hip pocket of prosecutor Morehead", because, according to Velasco-Veyro, "Morehead became enraged when Judge Phillips granted him bail".

Upon examination of the indictment, Velasco-Veyro is named in only 3 of the 18 counts contained therein, the first being what is mentioned above along with a list of additional statutes.

A naturalized U.S. citizen, Mr. Velasco-Veyro has resided in the U.S. since 1965 when he entered the country on a student visa and has never been guilty of breaking any law in his entire life.

Resulting from our investigation, it is also clear that Velasco-Veyro had never met any of his alleged co-conspirators before his indictment other than Ramon Chavez, his son Douglas, and Chavez's ex-wife, Tammie Chavez.

Velasco-Veyro is a collector of antique and custom firearms and has only sold guns from his private collection primarily at local gun shows. Our investigation shows that he has sold no more than fifteen to twenty guns made up of primarily target guns or hunting rifles over the past 14 years and certainly not the kinds of guns that would interest members of drug cartels. He states that although he has sold some of his guns at gun shows in Wichita, where he has resided for the last 28 years, he has never rented a table on his own. He says he has never had enough firearms which he wanted to part with at any one time to warrant renting a full table. Instead, Velasco-Veyro states that he rented space from his acquaintance Ramon Chavez, one of the individuals indicted along with him and whose name appears on 13 of the total 18 counts.

**FALSE AND MANUFACTURED CHARGES**

Mr. Velasco-Veyro was charged along with his 11 co-



Prosecutor Terra D. Morehead

defendants for allegedly sending guns to Oklahoma. However, our investigation has revealed that he has never transported any guns to that state or any other state and that the prosecution has manufactured these charges in an attempt to make the alleged gunrunning ring appear as large as possible.

The second count against Velasco-Veyro is for selling, as stated on the indictment, a "9mm Fratelli Tangoflio pistol... to an individual, who was a Missouri resident, at a gun show held... in Wichita, Kansas". The "individual" has reportedly been identified as ATF Special Agent Steve Lester who, after "wrangling over price", purchased Velasco-

Veyro's pistol from him. Since there is no federal law requiring unlicensed sellers to ask for identification from a potential purchaser before selling a gun at a gun show and because Velasco-Veyro had no reason to suspect the undercover agent was from another state, Velasco-Veyro sold his gun to Special Agent Lester, who allegedly later took the gun to Missouri.

Convinced he had done nothing illegal, the first chance he got after he was released from his prison cell, Velasco-Veyro contacted the BATF about his alleged unlawful gun sale. The following is the emailed response that Velasco-Veyro received from the Firearms Industry Programs Branch of the ATF:

**This is in response to your email to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). In your email, you provided a scenario of an unlicensed buyer from Missouri who travels to a gun show in Kansas. The buyer purchases a handgun from another unlicensed resident of Kansas at the gun show. You want to know if that was illegal. Federal law under 18 U.S.C. §922(a)(1)(3) states in part; it shall be unlawful for any person other than a licensed importer, licensed manufacturer, licensed dealer, or licensed collector to transport into or receive in the State where he resides (or if the person is a corporation or other business entity, the State where it maintains a place of business) any firearm purchased or otherwise obtained by such person outside that State. Therefore, a person may only acquire a firearm within the person's own State, except that he or she may purchase or otherwise acquire a rifle or shotgun, in person, at a licensee's premises in any State, provided the sale complies with State laws applicable in the State of sale and the State where the purchaser resides. A person may borrow or rent a firearm in any State for temporary use for lawful sporting purposes."**

The above statute provided by the ATF clearly puts the burden on the unlicensed purchaser and not the unlicensed seller and

since there is no federal law that requires unlicensed sellers to ask for I.D. from potential buyers at gun shows, and since Mr. Velasco-Veyro did not know nor was required to find out that the buyer, Special Agent Lester, was allegedly from another state and/or not a licensed gun dealer, according to United States Code sent to Velasco-Veyro by the ATF, it was Special Agent Lester who broke the law by purchasing Velasco-Veyro's Fratelli Tangoflio pistol in Kansas, then transporting it to Missouri where he supposedly resided.

I should note that it is common practice for unethical federal agents to make claims like, "I told the seller that I was from another state" or in this case, "I informed Jose Velasco-Veyro that I was from Missouri." This ATF investigation has been ongoing since 2005 and other purchases from co-defendants were video-taped or recorded, however we have not found that the sale between Velasco-Veyro and agent Lester was recorded in any way. This leads us to believe that if this case goes to trial, Lester will claim he told Mr. Velasco-Veyro that he was from Missouri. Void of a recording, Lester's anticipated testimony must be considered false, especially in light of Velasco-Veyro's 66-year track record of integrity and honesty.

The third and last charge against Mr. Velasco-Veyro is that he "knowingly and willfully received and possessed the following firearms". What follows is a woefully incomplete list of firearms that allegedly belonged to Velasco-Veyro that are mostly quoted in the indictment as "Unknown caliber Unknown manufacturer... Unknown Model... unknown serial number".

Since the gun types alleged to belong to Mr. Velasco-Veyro are largely unidentified in the indictment as to make, model, and caliber, we can only report Velasco-Veyro's contention that his guns are primarily foreign made target and hunting firearms manufactured before 1968 and before a federal law that states that all firearms entering the United States be required to have an import stamp located on the firearm and that, according to a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) letter dated December 12, 2012, in response to an inquiry from Velasco-Veyro about his antique collection, "it is not unlawful for a private individual to be in possession of a firearm that does not have importer markings."

According to Velasco-Veyro, he is a collector of many pre-World War I firearms or others that were manufactured and imported into the U.S. before the 1968 law required all imported firearms to have import markings stating, "Name of the Manufacturer, Country of Origin, Model (if assigned), Caliber or Gauge, Name of Importer, City & State of Importer" and adding that, "These markings must appear conspicuously on the frame, receiver, barrel (or slide)". The alleged conspicuous lack of most of this information associated with

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2 a : a person who upholds the principles of individual liberty especially of thought and action

~Merriam-Webster

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## More Evidence That The U.S. Government is a Criminal Enterprise

Articles By Bob Livingston

Common sense is a crucial support of the rule of law. Without it, the rule of law is dead. The law then stands on air, ephemeral as gossamer and as malleable as Play-Doh.

Common sense is dead in America, slain by the psychopathic ruling class and progressive propagandists teaching America's youth to pledge fealty to the state at all cost and teaching collectivist claptrap, pseudo history, feelings-based psychobabble and political correctness above reading, writing, arithmetic, history and language arts. Several generations of youths have now grown up devoid of common sense and with little useable knowledge, having had it washed from their minds by the noneducation system.

When people cannot exercise common sense, normalcy bias and cognitive dissonance take over and dominate their thought processes. Normalcy bias is a condition in which the mind is convinced that because something has not happened, then it cannot or will not happen. When faced with a crisis, a person suffering normalcy bias underestimates the possibility of a disaster occurring and its possible effects. He is rendered unable to function beyond the level of automaton.

Cognitive dissonance is a condition of confusion. If a person believes a "fact" long enough (whether that fact is the truth or not), he cannot ponder or contemplate information or a question that challenges the "fact." Even when presented with information that is in obvious conflict with currently held beliefs, the person suffering from cognitive dissonance is unable to process the dissonance

and so accepts it as a normal state, i.e. conventional wisdom.

The lack of common sense first came to affect the hoi polloi. This was by the design of the ruling class. It is easier to fool and subjugate an ignorant populace than an intelligent one. Tyrants and despots have for years used the ignorance of their subjects against them. Notable examples include the Catholic church's ban on non-Latin Bible translations, prohibitions against teaching American slaves to read and write, and the Islamists' current and long-held ban on education for females.

I have written before that government attracts psychopaths. And while they are present throughout government and are evident by their actions, it is unfair to state that the whole of the elected class, all government functionaries and people in authority are psychopaths or exhibit psychopathic behavior. Many are simply suffering from a lack of common sense, which creates normalcy bias, cognitive dissonance or confusion. However, because of their positions of authority and status as "leaders" and "decision makers," they contribute to the lack of common sense suffered by the masses, for they spread it like a cancer.

The lack of common sense is now pervasive throughout government at all levels. Here are some examples:

The Federal tax code is now about 70,000 pages long, contains 3.7 million words and is changed on average more than once per day. It is so confusing that 82 percent of Americans pay for help, and 60 percent of them hire a professional accountant or tax preparer. Taxpayers spend almost \$28 billion per year to have their taxes prepared. Even the former head of the Internal Revenue Service, Douglas

Shulman, hired a professional tax preparer. It is impossible to get a "correct" answer when calling the IRS for help, because you are likely to get as many different answers as the number of different agents you ask.

This puts everyone in danger of becoming a "tax cheat" and subject to fines, penalties and imprisonment. The irony is that taxes are not necessary to fund the government. They were instituted as a control measure and a wealth-redistribution scheme.

U.S. regulatory bodies — the alphabet-soup agencies charged, ostensibly, with ensuring Americans are protected from fraud and abuse — are corrupt, fascist systems that serve as a revolving door of cronyism between

government, large corporations and lobbying organizations. What they actually ensure is almost monopolistic power for favored corporations, redistribution of wealth from the producers to the large corporations via corporate welfare and tax breaks, and favored status when contracts are doled out. Meanwhile, small businesses are regulated and taxed into destitution and forced to shutter their doors and windows.

The U.S. government is in a perpetual state of war, and the enemy is defined only as a "terrorist." But the definition of terrorist has become all-encompassing and ever-changing and applies to whomever the psychopathic elected class determines is a threat to their power, prestige or office. The threat of "terrorist attacks" is used to gin up fear and further oppress the people. Those threats evaporate as quickly as they appear. Yet they are not questioned. The reality is that terror attacks on American soil are most often created by the FBI, CIA or some NGO (non-government organization) working on behalf of the state. In addition to Afghanistan, the United States has assets attacking so-called terrorists in Pakistan, Syria and Yemen (that we know of) and has attacked them in Iraq, Iran and Philippines. Such a fear of "terror" has created a climate in which the government has decided that it can assassinate American citizens by drones without due process, and many people see nothing wrong with this.

While the United States fights undeclared wars against al-Qaida in many countries, it is funding and assisting al-Qaida-linked terrorists in others. An example of this is the

**COMMON SENSE ISN'T  
ALL THAT COMMON**

—anonymous

## Sweeping Torrent of Boundless Ambition And Corrupted Morals

Politicians, bureaucrats, et al. are wordsmiths. They twist words that sound good to us but lead to opposite conclusions. This semantic trickery is used in everything and every proposed piece of legislation.

Many of them are lawyers and doublethink legalese is their forte. Their political life is all about deception. This is their cover so that they hide the fact that they work for the government.

The politicians' fiat mentality can be described as a parasite that attracts other parasites of like mind. The fiat (paper money) mentality is rot and decay that attracts likes because they can't survive independently as creators of wealth.

They love the politics of envy; they are the epitome of greed, selfishness, laziness and physical dependence on authoritarianism. They are vipers who eat their young. A police state is their ultimate dream.

They protect the power elite and they want power over the people at the people's expense. They want the world in a concentration camp. They harbor a perfect hate for humanity and they would love the Gestapo.

Totalitarianism evolves from the breakdown of law and order through a synthetic and secretly directed make-believe democratic process. The breakdown of law and order is a political cancer that must be concealed in order to extend the system until the rape is over. Concealing the breakdown of law and order in the United States is of the very highest priority. It is the hidden national agenda.

Man, his work ethic, his spirit, his emotions, his duty and his morality are all distorted by a fiat system in the latter days. There is no more terra firma; all is quicksand. The debasement of morality is no surprise to the discerning. I and others have been foretelling it.

On the one hand, we have the boundless ambition without morality. On the other, we have the supine venality of the dependent class. The Founders foresaw it.

In an early draft of his first inaugural address, George Washington wrote in 1789:

The blessed Religion revealed in the word of God will remain an eternal and awful monument to prove that the best Institution may be abused by human depravity; and that they may even, in some instances be made subservient to the vilest purposes. Should, hereafter, those incited by the lust of power and prompted by the Supineness or venality of their Constituents, overleap the known barriers of this Constitution and violate the unalienable rights of humanity: it will only serve to shew, that no compact among men (however provident in its construction and sacred in its ratification) can be pronounced everlasting an inviolable, and if I may so express myself, that no Wall of words, that no mound of parchment can be so formed as to stand against the sweeping torrent of boundless ambition on the one side, aided by the sapping current of corrupted morals on the other.

It's taken 224 years, but America has arrived there.

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## Maryland 'Substantial Reason' Requirement Challenged



There's an important gun rights case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court that could be as significant as recent gun-rights wins like District of Columbia v. Heller (2008) and McDonald v. Chicago (2010). The case comes out of Maryland, where the State requires an applicant for license to carry a handgun to demonstrate "a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun as a reasonable precaution against apprehended danger."

Baltimore County resident Raymond Woollard had a license to carry for six years. It was granted after a violent home invasion attack by his son-in-law. But when the license came up for renewal again, his request was denied because the attack had occurred seven years earlier and he no longer demonstrated a sufficient "substantial reason" requirement, per Maryland law.

Woollard, along with the Second

Amendment Foundation, sued the State, citing SCOTUS rulings in Heller and McDonald. The Federal court ruled in his favor, but the ruling was subsequently overturned by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The appeals court ruled the State satisfied the standard as the good-and-substantial-reason requirement for obtaining a Maryland handgun permit is reasonably adapted to a substantial governmental interest.

In other words, the 4th Circuit believes the 2nd Amendment can be arbitrarily suspended if the means (restricting gun ownership) achieves the State's ends (reducing gun crime) but did not require the State to prove its case.

There have been several lower court decisions since Heller and McDonald that indicate the gun grabbers continue to subvert the will of the Founders on the rights of all Americans to "keep and bear arms." It will be up to SCOTUS to once again affirm the right.★

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# In The News

## DoD training manual suggests Founding Fathers 'extremists'



By Robert Bridge

(RT.com) - A Department of Defense training manual obtained by a conservative watchdog group pointed to the original American colonists as examples of an extremist movement, comments that have sparked fear of a broader crackdown on dissent in America.

The training manual provides information that describes, among other things, "common themes in extremist ideologies."

Now, if the Department of Defense has its way, historical figures who risked their lives to free America from British colonial rule – names like Paul Revere, Thomas Paine, Benjamin Franklin and Samuel Adams – will be rebranded as dangerous extremists, alongside the likes of skinheads and neo-Nazis.

The first paragraph of the section entitled 'Extremist Ideologies' opens with a statement that has drawn heated criticism:



"In US history, there are many examples of extremist ideologies and movements. The colonists who sought to free themselves from

British rule and the Confederate states who sought to secede from the Northern states are just two examples."

In America's early colonial period, many colonists served in state militias under the direction of the Continental Army in an effort to free the Thirteen Colonies from British rule. Indeed, the Second Amendment of the US Constitution clearly states: "A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

The document, entitled Equal Opportunity and Treatment Incidents (EOTI), was obtained on Thursday by Judicial Watch, a watchdog group, through a Freedom of Information Act request.

The military manual defines extremism as a "term used to describe the actions or ideologies of individuals or groups who take a political idea to its limits, regardless of unfortunate repercussions, and show intolerance toward all views other than their own."

Some would argue the military manual invokes a rather broad and loose definition that may be applied to any number of persons and organizations, including the Girl Scouts of America, for example, selling cookies door-to-door.

The manual warns military personnel that "the objectives of extremist organizations is [are] viewed as detrimental to the good order, discipline, or mission accomplishment of the unit and is [are], therefore, subject to appropriate disciplinary action."

The manual goes on to discuss "Doomsday thinking" under "traits or behaviors that tend to represent the extremist style."

"Extremists often predict dire or catastrophic consequences from a situation or from a failure to follow a specific course, and they tend to exhibit a kind of crisis-mindedness. It can be a Communist takeover, a Nazi revival, nuclear war, earthquakes, floods, or the wrath of God. Whatever it is, it is just around the corner unless we follow their program and listen to their special insight and wisdom, to which only

the truly enlightened have access."

"Nowadays," the manual continues, "instead of dressing in sheets or publicly espousing hate messages, many extremists will talk of individual liberties, states' rights, and how to make the world a better place."

Many Americans and civil rights groups fear that in the event of another national emergency, perhaps on the scale of a 9/11, the US military will take over the role of 'maintaining law and order' inside of American communities. These fears were increased after US President Barack Obama signed into law on Dec. 31, 2011 the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which grants sweeping powers to the US military.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) came out with a harsh rebuke immediately following passage of the controversial legislation.

"President Obama's action today is a blight on his legacy because he will forever be known as the president who signed indefinite detention without charge or trial into law," said Anthony D. Romero, ACLU executive director.

"The statute is particularly dangerous because it has no temporal or geographic limitations, and can be used by this and future presidents to militarily detain people captured far from any battlefield. The ACLU will fight worldwide detention authority wherever we can, be it in court, in Congress, or internationally."

The signing of the NDAA nullifies the Posse Comitatus Act, which worked to prevent the US military from taking over police functions within local communities.

"The US Congress passed a bill (on Jan. 1, 2012, known as the National Defense Authorization Act) that repeals Posse Comitatus, which means that we have now institutionalized and codified martial law," Congressman Ron Paul told a group of supporters in June 2012, as reported by Live Leaks.

"Right now the battle against terrorism involves all of us. Everybody in this country is a potential terrorist."

"If you happen to visit a website, or attend a meeting that contains a particular viewpoint...you can be accused of being a terrorist and the bill says you have no right to a lawyer," Paul added.



In January 2012, a study funded by the Department of Homeland Security ("Hot Spots of Terrorism and Other Crimes in the United States, 1970 to 2008") characterizes Americans who are "suspicious of centralized federal authority," and "reverent of individual liberty" as "extreme right-wing" terrorists.

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## IRS issues final rules on Obamacare's 'individual mandate'

By Kim Dixon and Patrick Temple-West

(Reuters) - The Internal Revenue Service issued final rules on August 27th for the individual mandate of President Barack Obama's healthcare overhaul, one of the most contentious elements of the U.S. law set to go into effect next year.

A centerpiece of Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, is a requirement that all individuals carry some minimum health insurance or pay a tax. The new system aims to provide insurance through state marketplaces and subsidies for tens of millions of Americans who lack it.

If individuals choose not to carry insurance, they are subject to a penalty, starting at \$95 per person per year or 1 percent of income in 2014, whichever is greater, and eventually reaching \$695 per person or 2.5 percent of income by 2016.

The IRS, which is administering parts of the law involving revenue collection, released the final rules spelling out the details of what constitutes minimum essential coverage, and how individuals are responsible for spouses, children and other dependents, among other topics.

The individual mandate is distinct from the employer mandate, which imposes a fee on most large employers that do not offer a minimum level of coverage. The Administration delayed that provision, putting off the effective date until 2015.

Backers of the law say that, unlike the employer mandate, the individual mandate is essential to ensure enough individuals are enrolled in the system to allow the online marketplaces to function.

The rules announced on Tuesday offered good news to employees getting health coverage through a union-sponsored plan. They clarify that these employees will not be penalized, said tax lawyers who reviewed the rules on Tuesday.

The IRS rules also said employees getting healthcare coverage from a temporary staffing agency are safe from penalties.

The 2010 healthcare law, backed by President Barack Obama, a Democrat, passed without any backing from the Republican Party, which is still trying to derail the legislation, with little success.

"I believe the individual mandate will go into effect," said Tim Jost, a professor at Washington and Lee University law school, who backs the law.

"It is important for people to remember that it is phased in and the first year it has very little bite. Basically the idea is to make people realize that it is there."

That is very different from the employer mandate where the fees will be in full force immediately upon the effective date, he added.

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2014	2015	2016
\$95 per adult	\$325 per adult	\$695 per adult
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1% of family income	2% of family income	2.5% of family income
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## When Police Wear Cameras, Use of Force Drops Over 2/3rds

By Chris  
InformationLiberation.com

When cops in Rialto, California were forced to wear cameras, their use of force dropped by over two-thirds. Additionally, the officers who were not made to wear the cameras used force twice as much as those who did. This strongly suggests the majority of the time police use force is unnecessary. In other words, the majority of the time these officers used force they were simply committing acts of violence which they don't feel comfortable committing if it's captured on film.

From The New York Times:

HERE'S a fraught encounter: one police officer, one civilian and anger felt by one or both. Afterward, it may be hard to sort out who did what to whom.

Now, some police departments are using miniaturized video cameras and their microphones to capture, in full detail, officers' interactions with civilians. The cameras are so small that they can be attached to a collar, a cap or even to the side of an officer's sunglasses. High-capacity battery packs can last for an extended shift. And all of the videos are uploaded automatically to a central server that serves as a kind of digital evidence locker.

William A. Farrar, the police chief in Rialto, Calif., has been investigating whether officers' use of video cameras can bring measurable benefits to relations between the police and civilians. Officers in Rialto, which has a population of about 100,000, already carry Taser weapons equipped with small video cameras that activate when the weapon is armed, and the officers have long worn digital audio recorders.

But when Mr. Farrar told his uniformed patrol officers of his plans to introduce the new, wearable video cameras, "it wasn't the easiest sell," he said, especially to some older officers who initially were "questioning why 'big brother' should see everything they do."

He said he reminded them that civilians could use their cellphones to record interactions, "so instead of relying on somebody else's partial picture of what occurred, why not have your own?" he asked. "In this way, you have the real one."

Last year, Mr. Farrar used the new wearable video cameras to conduct a continuing experiment in his department, in collaboration with Barak Ariel, a visiting fellow at the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge and an assistant professor at Hebrew University.

Half of Rialto's uniformed patrol officers on each week's schedule have been randomly assigned the cameras, also made by Taser International. Whenever officers wear the cameras, they are expected to activate them when they leave the patrol car to speak with a civilian.

A convenient feature of the camera is its "pre-event video buffer," which continuously records and holds the most recent 30 seconds of video when the camera is off. In this way, the initial activity that prompts the officer to turn on the camera is more likely to be captured automatically, too.

THE Rialto study began in February 2012 and will run until this July. The results from the first 12 months are striking. Even with only half of the 54 uniformed patrol officers wearing cameras at any given time, the department over all had an 88 percent decline in the number of complaints filed against officers, compared with the 12 months before the study, to 3 from 24.

Rialto's police officers also used force nearly 60 percent less often -- in 25 instances, compared with 61. When force was used, it was twice as likely to have been applied by the officers who weren't wearing cameras during that shift, the study found. And, lest

skeptics think that the officers with cameras are selective about which encounters they record, Mr. Farrar noted that those officers who apply force while wearing a camera have always captured the incident on video.

As small as the cameras are, they seem to be noticeable to civilians, he said. "When you look at an officer," he said, "it kind of sticks out." Citizens have sometimes asked officers, "Hey, are you wearing a camera?" and the officers say they are, he reported.

But what about the privacy implications? Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union, says: "We don't like the networks of police-run video cameras that are being set up in an increasing number of cities. We don't think the government should be watching over the population en masse." But requiring police officers to wear video cameras is different, he says: "When it comes to the citizenry watching the government, we like that."

Mr. Stanley says that all parties stand to benefit -- the public is protected from police misconduct, and officers are protected from bogus complaints. "There are many police officers who've had a cloud fall over them because of an unfounded accusation of abuse," he said. "Now police officers won't have to worry so much about that kind of thing."

Not only should every police officer be forced to wear one of these cameras, their videos should be freely uploaded for crowd-sourcing by the general public on YouTube. If privacy for the general public is a concern, they could blur people's faces a la Google street view.

Police love to say if you're not doing anything wrong, what do you have to hide, yet all over the nation police unions virulently fight calls to force them to wear cameras.

Fact is, most cops have everything and more to hide.

Their job is to enforce criminally idiotic and anti-human laws written by criminal politicians, from the drug laws to thousands of idiotic regulations on the books, their job is no longer to arrest violent criminals and thieves but to aggress against non-violent, non-criminals -- which turns them into criminals themselves.

Rather than focus on fighting crime, the majority of the millionaire cop next door's work consists of extorting the general public for cash. For example, speed limits have been shown to have no effect on road safety, yet when the speed limit is 65 instead of 55, revenue for cops drops dramatically, hence most places the speed limit is 55, of course the general public still drives 70 regardless.

Think for a minute how idiotic their speeding laws are. It's called a "speed limit," yet everyone drives over them by at least a few miles per hour, this turns everyone into a so-called "criminal." Police can then pull anyone over and shake them down for cash as a result, though because people get outraged and it makes the news if they ticket people for driving just a few mph over the limit, they generally only shake down people driving 10 mph and above over the limit. Hence the limits are set artificially low. Meanwhile, at the same time, almost every time you see a cop driving on the road they're speeding and weaving around like a lunatic. These are stupid, idiotic laws, but of course, they were not written to be rational and uphold order, they were written to extort the general public of their hard earned money.

Fact is, these days if any average person actually saw what the average cop does all day they'd be shocked and appalled. In fact, when they see glimpses of how police act when they're killing people's dogs and shooting unarmed woodcarvers they are shocked and appalled, they just don't realize these are not "isolated incidents" but instead the rule.

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## Triple Exoneration: Charges Dismissed Against Men Wrongly Imprisoned

(Innocence Project Northwest) Spokane, WA - Tyler Gassman, Robert Larson and Paul Statler were exonerated when their 2009 convictions for robbery, assault and drive-by shooting were dismissed. The State moved to dismiss the charges against Robert Larson on June 3, 2013 and charges against Tyler Gassman and Paul Statler were dismissed with prejudice on July 23, 2013. The dismissals came seven months after Spokane County Superior Court Judge Michael Price vacated the men's convictions. On December 14, 2012, Judge Price ruled that the volume of evidence presented by post-conviction counsel raised serious doubts about the original jury's verdict and about the reliability of the State's informant. After Judge Price ordered the men's immediate release from prison the State indicated its intent to proceed to re-trial. However, the men's five year ordeal came to an end when the charges were officially dismissed.

"These cases poignantly demonstrate the need for our system to reexamine its use of informant testimony," said Jacqueline McMurtie, the Director of the Innocence Project Northwest. "Paul, Tyler and Robert are innocent men who spent nearly five years in prison based solely on the word of an informant who got an extraordinary deal – one 'too good to be true' - for his testimony."

The testimony of Matt Dunham, the State's cooperating witness, was the only evidence tying any of the men to the alleged robbery of Rob Seiler and Eric Weskamp during a drug deal. The charges came about after Matt Dunham, along with his brother and two others, was arrested after committing a violent home invasion on April 23, 2008. A month later, Dunham, entered into a "cooperation agreement" with the police, and implicated Gassman, Larson and Statler in four robberies. In exchange, Dunham, who was facing a 30 to 40 year prison sentence, received a sentence of less than 18 months in juvenile detention. Of the four cases in which Dunham had implicated Gassman, Larson and Statler, one case was dismissed by the State after a jury was impanelled. A jury returned not guilty verdicts in two cases. The fourth case resulted in guilty verdicts and prison sentences of 41 years for Paul Statler, 26 years for Tyler Gassman, and 20 years for Robert Larson.

Initially, law enforcement believed the date of the crime to be April 15, a day for which each defendant had an alibi. Those alibis, including Mr. Larson's timecard showing he was at work at the time of the robbery, proved fatal to Dunham's version of events. Thus, the State found a witness who said his phone records suggested the crime date was April 17 and the State



Paul Statler, Robert Larson and Tyler Gassman

moved to amend the Information on the eve of trial. The Court granted the State's motion to amend the Information and postponed the case for three weeks.

It was undisputed that Weskamp, one of the robbery victims, suffered significant injuries during the attack and left work early the day after the robbery because of those injuries. Post-conviction counsel obtained Weskamp's work records, which showed he left work early on April 16, 2008, the only day that week that he did not work a full 8-hour day. This evidence established the date of the crime was April 15, as initially charged, and not April 17 as the State alleged at trial. This and other post-conviction evidence led Judge Price to vacate the convictions.

"It takes a village to exonerate an innocent person," said M. Fernanda Torres, of the Innocence Project Northwest, who represented Paul Statler. "The dedicated work of many people, including the post-conviction team of law students Allison Sherrill '12 and Michael Sprangers '12; attorneys Allen D. Clark of Baetz/Lamka/Clark LLP and Matthew J. Zuchetto '02 of The Scott Law Group; and investigators Ted Pulver and Tim Provost, led to getting the convictions overturned. When the State threatened re-trial, we were fortunate to bring Chris Bugbee and Mark Vovos, two experienced criminal defense attorneys, on-board."

Informant, or 'snitch' testimony is a leading cause of wrongful convictions and is known to have contributed to wrongful convictions in nearly 1/5th of the first 301 DNA exonerations. Alexandra Natapoff, author of Snitching: Criminal Informants and the Erosion of American Justice, concludes that "the criminal system does not have good internal mechanisms to protect defendants from lying informants—wrongful convictions are difficult to unearth and even harder to fix."

Duane Statler, Paul Statler's father, became a strong advocate for legislative reform while his son was in prison. His efforts were among the reasons Washington State Senator Mike Padden convened a 2012 work session focusing on reducing the risks of informant use in our criminal justice system.

Mark Vovos, who represented Tyler Gassman said: "These young men are innocent. The Legal System failed them the first time. It was an honor for me to help in a small way the Innocence Project Northwest set the record straight."

Paul Statler was represented pre-trial by M. Fernanda Torres of the Innocence Project Northwest, Tyler Gassman by Mark E. Vovos and Robert Larson by Chris Bugbee.

*For more information about the Innocence Project Northwest: [www.ipnw.org](http://www.ipnw.org).*

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## West Virginia Circuit Judge Arrested for Framing Romantic Rival, Rigging Grand Jury



Judge Michael Thornsby

CHARLESTON, WV - Mingo County, West Virginia Circuit Judge Michael Thornsby has been arrested on a federal criminal charge, U.S. Attorney Booth Goodwin announced today. Thornsby is charged with conspiring to have a romantic rival illegally arrested and manipulating a state grand jury to pursue criminal charges against the same romantic rival. The charge was revealed in a federal grand jury indictment unsealed today.

Judge Thornsby is charged with conspiring to violate the constitutional rights of a victim identified as "R.W." who was the husband of Thornsby's secretary. In early 2008, the indictment alleges, Thornsby began a romantic relationship with his secretary, identified as "K.W." which she broke off in June of that year. After K.W. ended the relationship, Thornsby instructed a co-conspirator to plant illegal drugs underneath R.W.'s pickup truck and then arranged for police to stop R.W. and search for the drugs. The co-conspirator tasked with planting the drugs backed out of the plan at the last minute, thwarting Thornsby's scheme.

Thornsby then tried a different approach, the indictment alleges. R.W. worked at a coal preparation plant, where newly mined coal was processed before shipping. One of the plant's functions was to remove scrap metal that had fallen into the coal during mining. Thornsby learned that R.W.'s supervisors had given him permission to salvage scrap items, including drill bits, that were found amid coal at the plant, which were simply discarded if R.W. did not collect them.

Thornsby secretly instructed a West Virginia state trooper to file a criminal complaint that falsely alleged R.W. was

stealing the scrap material from his employer. The trooper resisted, telling Thornsby that R.W. was allowed to salvage the scrap, but ultimately yielded to Thornsby's demands, filing a false criminal complaint that led to R.W.'s arrest for grand larceny in December 2008.

In January 2009, a new Mingo County grand jury was empanelled. According to the indictment, Thornsby decided to use it to pursue his campaign against R.W. As the county's sole circuit judge, Thornsby was empowered to choose the foreperson of the new grand jury. He selected Jarrod Fletcher, Mingo County's director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, with whom Thornsby co-owned a commercial real estate business and a wine shop. Thornsby and Fletcher were also joint debtors on \$1.8 million in loans they had taken out to finance their businesses. The business relationship between Thornsby and Fletcher was not widely known, however, and Thornsby did not disclose it when he made Fletcher the grand jury foreperson.

By installing Fletcher as grand jury foreperson, Thornsby was able to secretly co-opt the grand jury's authority and use it to victimize R.W. In January 2009, Thornsby created a set of purported grand jury subpoenas that ordered various local companies, including R.W.'s employer, to surrender private documents concerning R.W. He had Fletcher sign these purported subpoenas and send them out in the name of the grand jury. Thornsby planned to ultimately use the grand jury to charge R.W. criminally.

In March 2009, one of the recipients of Thornsby's so-called subpoenas, identified in the indictment as "DBC Inc.", asked for more time to respond. Thornsby entered a court order denying that request, without disclosing that he himself had ghostwritten the subpoena or that he was disqualified from any participation in the criminal case against R.W.

Most of the companies targeted by Thornsby's subpoenas handed over the documents demanded, believing that the subpoenas were legitimate. DBC Inc., however, waged a legal

battle against the subpoena it received and eventually discovered the deep business ties between Thornsby and Fletcher. When DBC Inc. publicly revealed those ties in a court filing, Thornsby was forced to abandon his plan to use the grand jury against R.W.

Several years later, in 2012, R.W. was involved in an argument outside a convenience store with two other men. One of the men took a swing at R.W., and the other one drew a gun. The police were called, and the two other men were charged with assault.

Nearly a month after the altercation, however, the charges against the two other men were dismissed, and R.W. was charged with assault and battery. Thornsby, through a messenger, told the county prosecutor to ensure that R.W. received a sentence of six months' confinement, an extraordinarily harsh punishment even if R.W. had been guilty. Prosecutors in turn offered R.W. a plea agreement that would have confined him for six months. R.W. refused it, and on the eve of trial, the prosecutor dismissed the case, stating that after reviewing the evidence against R.W., he believed the prosecution was not in the

interest of justice.

The indictment charges Thornsby with conspiring to violate R.W.'s right against unreasonable arrest, guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and his right not to be deprived of his liberty without due process of law, guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment. The indictment also charges that Thornsby conspired against the companies targeted by the purported grand jury subpoena, specifically, against their Fourteenth Amendment right not to be deprived of their property without due process of law.

Thornsby, 57, has served as Mingo County's sole circuit judge since 1997.

The FBI and the West Virginia State Police are conducting the investigation. Counsel to the U.S. Attorney Steven Ruby is in charge of the prosecution.

An indictment is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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## US~OBSERVER NOTE ON FALSE CHARGES:

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## CIVIL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT Court Staffer Fired for Helping Wrongfully Convicted Man



Sharon Snyder

By Ruth Brown

document she provided them by themselves, if they'd known what it was and where to get it, the Kansas City Star reports.

"The document you chose was, in effect, your recommendation for a Motion for DNA testing that would likely be successful in this Division," the judge wrote in his dismissal letter. "It was clearly improper and a violation of Canon Seven ... which warns against the risk of offering an opinion or suggested course of action."



Robert Nelson and family

DNA tests helped Robert Nelson go free. And then Snyder was fired. A Jackson County Circuit judge says she violated court rules by helping Nelson and his family—even though they could have obtained the

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## The Power Of Obama's Skin Color



By Mychal Massie  
WND.com

Race-mongers and those who use color of skin as a cudgel to silence any and all criticism of Obama should be forced to answer the following questions.

Was Hitler bad because he was German or because he was an Erebusic evil consumed by hatred? Was Ted Bundy bad because he was white or because he kidnapped, raped, engaged in necrophilia and confessed to murdering at least 30 women? Is Fidel Castro bad because he is Cuban or because he is a vicious dictator who installed a failed political system and has murdered and imprisoned his people at the same time he was taking their property by constraint? Was Saddam Hussein bad because he was an Iraqi or because he imprisoned, tortured and murdered his own people? Are child-molesting Catholic priests bad because they are Catholics or because they are priests who used their positions to molest children?

I know that race-mongers, liberals and those who wield color of skin as a weapon are as loath to permit facts to stand in the way of their fallacious arguments as they are to give straight answers. But apart from sidestepping the obvious answer to the questions proffered above, the answer in each instance is no.



Ted Bundy

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who was also a friend to the United States?

Based on the color of his skin are we to ignore that he attacked Libya and helped overthrow its leader, Moammar Gadhafi, without congressional authority? Based on the color of his skin do we overlook that Gadhafi could be controlled and in recent years, while not our best friend, was certainly not our sworn enemy? Based on the color of Obama's skin do we ignore the fact that his administration played a major role by backing the release of Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, the terrorist responsible for the

coalition that joined America in attacking Iraq had information which led them to conclude that Iraq had WMDs. The House of Representatives voted 296-133 to grant Bush authority to attack. Eighty-one of those yes votes were cast by Democrats, outnumbered Democrats voting against the resolution by a better than a 2-to-1 margin.

In the Senate, the vote to extend authority to President Bush to declare war was 77-23, with over 50 percent of Senate Democrats voting yes at a time Democrats were the majority in the Senate.

As a senator, Obama savaged President Bush as not having a plan and for mishandling the Iraq war. How are we now to view Obama's handling (read interference) in the Middle East? Based on the color of his skin do we ignore the problems and rise of the hard-line terrorist group Muslim Brotherhood? Based on the color of his skin do we ignore the precarious position he has placed Israel in by deposing

about the President. I don't really even want to talk about Washington. What matters most right now is what you are doing with your life in your own community.



By Glenn Beck

Hello America,

There are some things I want to talk to you about today, and some things I really, really don't want to talk to you about today. I don't want to talk about politics. I don't want to talk

about the President. I don't really even want to talk about Washington. What matters most right now is what you are doing with your life in your own community.

Over the past few years, I've been blessed to have the opportunity to travel all over the country and halfway around the world. I've met amazing people and seen some of the most beautiful places on earth. But in recent months, I've chosen to spend my free time with my family at our ranch in the Mountain West. Why? Because I know now, as a man and as a dad, how important it is to teach my kids the value of hard work; to teach them about the values that our parents and our grandparents grew up with - it didn't have anything to do with video games or smart phones.

Just a few weeks ago, TheBlaze published its biggest story of all time with 4.3 million views. It wasn't about a national scandal, a terrorist attack, or an election. It was Ashton Kutcher, of all people, standing in front of a bunch of teenagers at the Teen Choice Awards talking about the importance of hard work:

*"When I was 13, I had my first job with my dad carrying shingles up to the roof, and then I got a job washing dishes at a restaurant, and then I got a job in a grocery store deli, and then I got a job at a factory sweeping Cheerio dust off the ground."* Kutcher said. *"And I've never had a job in my life that I was better than. I was always just lucky to have a job. And every job I had was a stepping stone to my next job, and I never quit my job until I had my next job. And so opportunities look a lot like work."*

I've thought a lot about why this message resonated so much with our audience, and here's what I've concluded: Human beings are wired to understand the value of hard work, but millions of Americans have been seduced by a 'free stuff' society. People are desperate for someone, anyone, to speak the truth - especially to our youngsters. The 'leaders' in Washington, D.C. have grown accustomed to merely offering more free candy than the other guy. For example, does anyone think two years of unemployment benefits is a good idea? Will opportunity really find you after 99 weeks on the couch? Of course not. But not many people are willing to say it. That's why Ashton's message went viral - it was truth. A truth society desperately needs.

As parents, we have to understand the culture around us. The things we grew up understanding - hard work, diligence, persistence - are not what America's current crop of youngsters are being taught. Equal stuff, 'fairness', trophies-for-all, and political correctness are, sadly, the new standard bearers. As parents, we have to understand this cultural change and lead the charge against it. I know this isn't easy. Our kids are growing up learning about the 'free (and equal) stuff' society, while simultaneously living with so many conveniences we went without. It sometimes feels impossible to get them to understand that these things didn't just appear out of thin air. Someone's blood, sweat, tears, failures - and HARD WORK - made it happen.

I grew up working in my dad's bakery and, in the summers, on my grandfather's farm. They taught me the value of hard work, honesty, and decency. My dad worked his tail to the bone. And because I saw him working so hard every day, I strove to share that work ethic. And because of that work ethic, my family changed. My family has

school and throwing temper tantrums. Zero tolerance policies — the ultimate in no-common-sense policies — have even led to children as young as 3 and 4 being charged with sexual harassment and having permanent marks on their school records.

The Missouri chapter of the NAACP is calling for the Department of Justice to investigate an incident in which a rodeo clown donned an Obama mask and asked the crowd if they'd like to see Obama run down by a bull. In response to the incident, the Missouri State Fair will force all future clowns to undergo "sensitivity training" mind-alteration therapy for the thought crime of projecting harm on a likeness of the President.

These are just a few examples demonstrating that common sense has been thrown out the window, but the political class and the masses accept as normal. Any questioning of the status quo gets one labeled an extremist, a conspiracy theorist or a "wacko bird."

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recent Libyan revolution and the current hostilities in Syria. With U.S. funds, NATO helped terrorists linked to al-Qaida defeat Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi's military so that the terrorists could take power. The U.S. was running guns through the Benghazi consulate to al-Qaida-linked terrorists in Syria.

The Barack Obama regime, with an assist from the neocon wing of the Republican Party, backed the Muslim Brotherhood terrorist organization in its rise to power in Egypt and Libya. In Egypt, the Obama-supported Muslim Brotherhood president was thrown from power by a military coup over his efforts to create an Islamist state and failure to crack down on its attacks on the country's Coptic Christians.

In schools, students are being treated like criminals for the "crimes" of biting their food into the shape of guns, cutting off one-fourth of a sheet of paper (a teacher thought it looked like a gun), wearing T-shirts with gun images and the 2nd Amendment printed on them, bringing small G.I. Joe guns to

## (More Than) A Labor Day Message

more opportunities. Because of my father's work ethic, I have opportunities that he didn't have. Because of my work ethic, my children have opportunities that I didn't have.

I'm away from my children an awful lot because I work an awful lot, but I don't work more than you do. I work 12 hours a day and then I come home. I try to be at home for dinner with my kids. I try to be home on weekends. Sometimes I can't, but I'm trying to be better at it. We're reading our scriptures together, and we're telling stories together. We're spending more time together as a family.

But on days like today, days where I am fortunate enough not to have to work and I can spend time with my family, I've decided we, as a family, are going to be at the ranch because, frankly, when we are there, we don't have much of a choice but to do things as a family. I can get them away from electronics, which aren't inherently bad - but how often do we spent too much time on our phones instead of actually engaging with people? How easy is it to send a text message or an e-mail rather than pick up the phone or walk downstairs? How easy is it to turn on video games or the TV, rather than talk to our kids at the table about their day and what they learned.

We have got to get back to the things that have value. We have to teach our kids about work ethic and what matters. We have to make them go outside and play in the dirt with rocks and sticks and imagination, not waste their day on mindless video games that kill creativity and disconnect them from reality. We have got to interact on a human level, not a digital one.

Today, I want you to try a little experiment that I have been doing with my own family. Turn off the video games and computer while the kids are awake. Don't rely on electronics for your entertainment - rely on one another. At dinner, we're reading our scriptures together and we're talking. After we clean everything up, we're playing games. We're doing these small things, and yet I've already seen a change in my own family.

Another thing we are doing is making sure everything our family consumes is something positive. I've put together about thirty songs that are positive and hopeful, and I'm playing them around the house. If you are sick and tired of being sick and tired, change your attitude. That's what we are trying to do.

If you want people to follow you - don't be angry, bitter, and frustrated. No one looks at that type of person and says, "I want to be like that."

Be grateful. Be joyful. Be a blessing to others. But most importantly, lead by example. If we want to raise a generation that understands the value of hard work, we must begin the hard work at home. And make no mistake, we face an uphill climb. If you don't believe me, after you are done reading this go get an ice-cream sandwich out of the freezer and ask your child if they'd rather:

A) Eat it right now, free of charge

OR

B) Take a bath, clean the dishes, pick up the toys, and do their homework so they can earn the snack

Is it an uphill battle? You bet. But it is a battle we can WIN because we are on the side of truth. It all starts at home, and it all starts with YOU.

Here's to the next generation of Americans - may they understand that opportunity looks a lot like hard work.

God Bless...

**US~Observer's Note: Mr. Beck is spot on with his recommendation. In a continued cultural climate of detachment, there is nothing more grounding, more centering, than a good hard day filled with work AND family.**

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# Who's Getting Rich Off The Prison-industrial Complex?

By Ray Downs  
Vice.com

You likely already know how overcrowded and abusive the US prison system is, and you probably are also aware that the US has more people in prison than even China or Russia. In this age of privatization, of course, it's also not surprising that many of the detention centers are not actually operated by the government, but by for-profit companies. So clearly, some people are making lots and lots of money off the booming business of keeping human beings in cages.

But who are these people?

Using NASDAQ data, I looked through the long list of investors in Corrections Corporation of America and GEO Group, the two biggest corporations that operate detention centers in the US, to find out who was cashing in the most on prisons. When we say "prison-industrial complex," this is who we're talking about.

## HENRI WEDELL

The individual who's invested the most in private prisons is Henri Wedell, who started serving on CCA's board of directors in 2000, when the company was struggling with scandals related to prisoner abuse and mismanagement. He now owns more than 650,000 shares in the company, which is far more successful these days. Those shares are worth more than \$25 million.

I called Wedell to ask him what it was like to make a fortune from the incarceration of others, and whether it bothered him to profit off a system that puts more people in prison than any other country in the world.

"America is the freest country in the world," he told me. "America allows more freedom than any other country in the world, much more than Russia and a whole lot more than Scandinavia, where they really aren't free. So offering all this freedom to society, there'll be a certain number of people, more in this country than elsewhere, who take advantage of that freedom, abuse it, and end up in prison. That happens because we are so free in this country."

Presumably, when he's referring to all the freedom Americans have, he's not including the 80,000 inmates in 60 prisons

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the firearms Velasco-Veyro is alleged to have possessed in the indictment is compelling evidence that he indeed owns the types of guns he claims which, according to the ATF, are NOT illegal, but also are the types of guns that members of drug cartels would probably not be interested in – also as Velasco-Veyro asserts. US~Observer sources have informed us that Velasco-Veyro's claims about his gun collection are spot-on accurate.

The above letter from the ATF are deliberately mentioned in this article because they would seem to exonerate Mr. Velasco-Veyro of any wrongdoing. The U.S. Codes quoted and sent by the ATF are extremely important since the US~Observer has learned from a source that Prosecutor Morehead allegedly plans to keep this correspondence from being entered into court and hence from the eyes and ears of a jury. Our source also told us that the BATF did not contact Ms. Morehead regarding Mr. Velasco-Veyro as she contends, but that it was she who contacted them and then ordered them to "cease and desist" from corresponding with Mr. Velasco-Veyro in any way. If this allegation is true, then Morehead is instigating a gross miscarriage of justice and we will do everything in our power to prevent her from following through on her nefarious schemes.

## DELIBERATE DENIAL OF JOSE VELASCO-VEYRO'S 6TH AMENDMENT RIGHTS

Almost since the day he was arrested and thrown into prison, Velasco-Veyro, who has been declared indigent by the court and whose home is 210 miles from the prosecutor's office and his attorney, has repeatedly asked to have in his possession the discovery in his case. In other words, he wants to see and study the evidence Prosecutor Morehead has against him so he can aid and assist in his own defense, something that is his Constitutional, Sixth Amendment right. However, the US~Observer has learned that Velasco-Veyro's requests have been repeatedly denied by Prosecutor Morehead. This is yet another violation of Mr. Velasco-Veyro's rights as he can't aid



operated by CCA.

## GEORGE ZOLEY

Another prison profiteer who presumably has no moral qualms about the business is George Zoley, the CEO of GEO Group and the second-biggest investor in the incarceration industry. In fact, he's so proud of his business, which has committed a laundry list of human rights abuses, he tried to get a college football stadium named after it.

Zoley made nearly \$6 million last year through salary and bonuses alone, but the real money is in stocks—he owns more than 500,000 shares in GEO, and he has made \$23 million in stock trades during one 18-month period. But you can't accuse him of not earning his pay, exactly. GEO saw a 56 percent spike in profits in the first quarter of 2013, and the company's executives reassured investors that the incarceration rate wouldn't be dropping any time soon when announcing its earnings. Zoley will be mega rich for years to come.

## JEREMY MINDICH AND MATT SIROVICH

Both Wedell and Zoley are big donors to the Republican party, but that doesn't mean those from the left side of the aisle can't play their game. Matt Sirovich and Jeremy Mindich both donate to Democratic politicians and are involved with progressive-leaning organizations like Root Capital, a nonprofit lending company that offers loans to farmers in developing countries to alleviate poverty.



Their day job, however, is running Scopia Capital, a hedge fund that is the one of the largest shareholders of GEO Group. The fund owns about \$300 million in shares in that company, which represents 12 percent of its entire portfolio. Like Zoley, they are good at what they do—their fund outperformed the market by 20 percentage points, and the State of New Jersey hired Scopia to manage \$150 million worth of pensions.

I called them up to ask their thoughts about being politically liberal but heavily invested in private prisons, but Mindich refused to answer any questions and Sirovich was unavailable.

It should be pointed out that while being far to the left politically might seem incompatible with investing in prisons (or managing a hedge fund in the first place), the Democratic party is totally fine with the incarceration rate. Although

Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan are largely responsible for the drug-war policies that caused the prison population to skyrocket, Bill Clinton was a "tough on crime" president who continued their ideas. And Vice President Joe Biden was a principal player in the Clinton era's crime policies—he wrote the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, which, among other things, called for \$9.7 billion in increased funding for prisons and stiffer penalties for drug offenders.

Though the US prison population is shrinking slightly, the number of inmates in federal lockup is increasing, and while Obama keeps saying he's ending the war on drugs, he's also proposed budgets that call for increasing the amount of money spent on the Bureau of Prisons. So it's not such a stretch that a Democratic donor would also be in the men-in-cages industry.

## RETired PEOPLE AND PROBABLY YOU

The Vanguard Group and Fidelity Investments are America's top two 401(k) providers. They are also two of the private prison industry's biggest investors.

Together, they own about 20 percent of both CCA and GEO. That means if you have a 401(k) plan, there's a good chance you benefit financially from private prisons. And even if you don't, there are many more mutual funds, brokerage firms, and banks that invest in private prisons—it being a growth industry and all—so if you have money somewhere other than your wallet or your mattress, it's a good bet you're involved in some way with companies that are locking up and probably abusing inmates.

This is especially true for government employees like public school teachers because their retirement funds are some of the biggest investors in private prisons. According to NASDAQ data, the retirement funds for public employees and teachers in New York and California together have about \$60 million (\$30 million each) invested in CCA and GEO. Teacher retirement funds in Texas and Kentucky have \$8.3 million and \$4 million invested in prisons respectively, and public employees in Florida (\$10.3 million), Ohio (\$8.6 million), Texas (\$5.6 million), Arizona (\$5.3 million), and Colorado (\$2.25 million) are also connected to the industry. Except for New York, which has only one privately run detention facility, each of these states has several prisons run by CCA and GEO Group facilities. And it's not just Americans who have ties to prisons. Foreign investors have money in them as well, including the pension fund for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which recently sold off its \$5.1 million worth of GEO Group stock.

Most of these employees are probably unaware that their pensions are tied to prisons—and it's hard to say that these are "bad" investments from a purely capitalistic perspective, since these prisons are making money hand over fist. The private prison industry is entrenched in our society. And the only way to make sure that we're not individually and collectively profiting off of it is to close these things.

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and assist in his own defense if he is only allowed to see the evidence against him occasionally and for relatively short periods of time. This is particularly important in his case since, according to Velasco-Veyro, he has done a cursory examination of two recorded conversations between himself and his friend Ramon Chavez that occurred in Spanish that, when translated into English by Morehead's office, show evidence of being manipulated to make him appear guilty. It is absolutely Velasco-Veyro's right to have these entire unmoleded conversations along with the rest of his discovery at his disposal so he can take all the time he needs to pour over those entire conversations to ensure that he has not been unjustly portrayed and/or quoted out of context.

The US~Observer has learned of still another ploy utilized by Prosecutor Morehead's office where she is invoking an enigmatic "Rule 16" that allegedly allows her to deny Mr. Velasco-Veyro his right to receive in his possession his full discovery. A source has told us of a letter from U.S. Attorney Barry R. Grissom's office and signed by Assistant Prosecutor Morehead that essentially orders Velasco-Veyro's attorney not to give discovery to his client by stating: "You are not permitted to make copies of this discovery. You are not permitted to share this discovery with anyone other than your client pursuant to the court's order." Let me remind Ms. Morehead that according to Marbury v. Madison, a monumental Supreme Court case, Chief Justice Marshall declared that any law repugnant to the Constitution is null and void. An un-Constitutional "Rule 16" is a poor excuse to deny Mr. Velasco-Veyro his Constitutional right and only makes one wonder why Ms. Morehead doesn't want Velasco-Veyro to be able to effectively aid and assist in his own defense.



U.S. Attorney Barry R. Grissom

## What does she fear?

Because firearms attributed to Velasco-Veyro reportedly differ so greatly from other guns mentioned in the indictment, his attorney has asked Prosecutor Morehead for him to be allowed to see his confiscated collection to identify them as his (if they are) and tag them as separate from the other types of firearms in the indictment that ARE the kinds of guns that would interest drug cartels in Mexico. Prosecutor Morehead has denied this request alleging that allowing Velasco-Veyro to view his sequestered firearms inside an ATF warehouse constitutes "possession". If indeed Ms. Morehead is intending to railroad Velasco-Veyro into appearing he is part of something illegal when he is not, it is imperative that his firearms not be shown to a jury in such a way that his "markedly different" firearms not be lumped in with the more modern, "combat type" weapons that DO interest members of cartels. Not allowing Mr. Velasco-Veyro this right or to see his own guns is another Constitutional violation at the hands of Prosecutor Morehead. What is she hiding?

Besides racial profiling and racism, other allegations by Velasco-Veyro are that he and the other Hispanics incarcerated along with him are part of "pressure Morehead is receiving from higher up that is pushing her to prosecute people like him as part of shifting blame from the ATF agents involved in Attorney General Eric Holder's Fast and Furious debacle and put it on Hispanics with ties to Mexico". According to Velasco-Veyro, what has been done to him and his 5 Hispanic co-defendants is straight out of Katie Pavlich's book, FAST AND FURIOUS – Barack Obama's Bloodiest Scandal and its Shameless Cover-up. Since Ms. Morehead doesn't appear to be

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# COMMENTARY

# Your Right to Speak Out



By Andrew P. Napolitano  
FOX News

(FOX NEWS) - How is it that the government can charge Edward Snowden with espionage for telling a journalist that the feds have been spying on all Americans and many of our allies, but the NSA itself, in a public relations campaign intended to win support for its lawlessness, can reveal secrets and do so with impunity? That question goes to the heart of the rule of law in a free society.

Since Snowden's June 6th revelations about massive NSA spying, we have learned that all Americans who communicate via telephone or the Internet (who doesn't?) have had all of their communications swept up by the federal government for two-plus years.

The government initially claimed that the NSA has gathered only telephone numbers and billing data. Now we know that the NSA has captured and stored the content of trillions of telephone conversations, texts and emails, and can access that content at the press of a few computer keys.

All of this happened in the dark, with the permission of President Obama, with the knowledge and consent of fewer than 20 members of Congress who were forbidden from doing anything about it by the laws they themselves had written, and based on secret legal arguments accepted by a secret court that

keeps its records secret even from the judges who sit on the court.

This massive spying -- metadata gathering, as the NSA calls it -- was also done notwithstanding statements NSA officials made in public under oath and in secret classified briefings to Congress, which effectively denied it.

The denials were in one case admitted to -- "least untruthful," as the director of national intelligence later called his own testimony. Then, when even members of Congress who usually support a muscular national security apparatus realized that they, too, had been lied to by the NSA, the NSA responded with its own leaks.

It has leaked, for example, that as a consequence of its spying it has prevented at least 50 foreign-originated plots from harming Americans.

It eventually backed off that number and declined to reveal with specificity what it independently learned and how that knowledge foiled the plots. But we do know that its colleagues in the FBI were participants in many of those plots, which means they weren't real plots at all -- just government stings going after dopes and dupes.

Recently, the NSA leaked that it captured actionable intelligence of grave and imminent danger to our embassies in the Middle East. The implication it wants you to draw here is that because it caught Al Qaeda operatives talking in code in Yemen about deadly deeds they plan to perpetrate in the Arabian Peninsula, somehow the NSA's spying on 300 million innocent Americans is constitutional, lawful, effective and therefore worth the loss

of freedom.

Then, we learned that other federal agencies of alphabet nomenclature -- the DHS, the DoJ, the DoD, the DEA, the CIA, the IRS, the FBI -- all want access to the NSA's database, and it has shared some of it with most of them.

We also learned that former DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) agents, claiming this has been going on for at least a decade, acknowledged that the DEA regularly receives raw data from the NSA and uses that data to commence criminal investigations.

Down the slippery slope we go.

The whole NSA spying apparatus was sold to Congress as a limited mechanism for combating foreign terrorists. How putting the intimate thoughts of all Americans who use telephones and the Internet under the federal microscope helps to fight foreign terrorists has never been explained in a public court -- only in a secret one. But using this extra-constitutional means to fight crime brings us closer to a Soviet-style and value-free police state.

The Constitution intentionally has placed values in the path of law enforcement and national security so as to maintain our natural rights.

Those values are generally articulated throughout the Constitution and specifically addressed in the Fourth Amendment.

The linchpin of those values is the natural right to be left alone. All persons -- even bad guys -- have that inalienable right, and the government may only invade that right when it can identify a bad guy and articulate the probable cause it has to believe he is

committing criminal acts.

The rest of us -- those for whom there is no probable cause of criminal acts -- retain that right, and it cannot be taken away from us by the supine acquiescence of Congress or an unnamed judge in a secret court. That constitutional requirement -- and that requirement alone -- has kept Americans free from Soviet-style persecutions.

Now comes Obama, who is quarterbacking the most massive end run around the Constitution in modern times by invading everyone's right to be left alone in the name of national security, but in reality for any governmental purpose the government wishes. And for the unfortunate people whose criminal prosecutions have commenced from the NSA's supposedly anti-terror spying, the feds are refusing to reveal to lawyers what the source of the negative information against them was. That, of course, violates the constitutionally protected right to confront all of one's accusers, especially those who have been paid for their accusations.

What's going on here?

It is painfully obvious that the government is not troubled by its own violation of the Constitution. The people in the government who have done this are far more concerned with their retention of power than they are with protecting our personal liberties. That explains their perverse view that when Snowden frustrates them with a whistle-blowing leak, he can be prosecuted, but when they rebut him with their own leaks, they are to be lauded. That is not the rule of law in a free society.

What will the NSA spies seek next? Our passwords? We already know the answer to that one. They asked for them last week.

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## The Disappearing Middle Class

By Attorney Jack Swift, JD  
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It is a matter of regular note in the Main Stream Media (MSM) that the so-called "middle class" is shrinking and disappearing. The rich are getting very much richer and the ranks of the poverty-ridden are swelling which should tell one where the middle class is headed. Also, in the MSM, the reason is always a mystery. This is because sensitivities for political correctness will not allow the MSM to critically appraise certain sacred cows. The culprit killing the middle class is inflation. And inflation is the direct result of two very sacrosanct governmental cows.

In economics, wealth is defined as the capacity to acquire things and services. Money, in turn, is the vehicle by which we transfer wealth. Accordingly, the value of money is a matter of critical concern to the general public which is why the founders conferred upon the Congress the duty to regulate the production of money. Unfortunately, Congress has made a mess of that which is why we have a disappearing middle class.

Money, is a commodity much like everything else. It is the fuel of barter and exchange. Like all commodities it is subject to the law of supply and demand: the more there is of it, the less the value of the individual unit or piece.

To regulate the supply of money, Congress has engaged the Federal Reserve System which is sacred cow number one in our inquiry. The Federal Reserve, in turn, is committed to creating a 2% inflation in the money supply each and every year. If the demand for money remains equal, a 2% increase in the supply must translate to a 2% decrease in its value. Just based on its fundamental policy, the Fed must necessarily destroy the purchasing power of money. The Fed is committed to devaluing our money. Why would Congress tolerate such a policy in view of its Constitutional mandate? Because Congress borrows money on a long term basis. Doing so in combination with intentional devaluation allows Congress to borrow good money today and pay it back with devalued money over ten, twenty and thirty years.

So what's wrong with that?

When the Fed or the government chooses to issue a bunch of new money into the market, it is indistinguishable from the money that is already in circulation. Those who receive it first -- typically the member banks of the Federal Reserve and their owners -- enjoy full value. It is only when the money begins to move through the economy that supply and demand reacts with devaluation. Those who receive it last get devalued currency. What is worse, the money they happen to already have is also devalued proportionately. Think this might tend to make the rich richer and the poor poorer? Unfortunately, that is but one end of the attack.

The second sacred cow is the war on poverty and its primary weapon of choice: food stamps. It has been said that "Helicopter Ben" at the Fed could fly around the country in a helicopter throwing new money out the window and thereby make everybody rich. Of course, that would likely induce hyperinflation once everyone knew what he was doing. On the other hand, Congress could do the same thing and get away with it for a time if they would simply change the name.

Congress gives away billions of food stamps every month to the poverty stricken. What are food stamps but an alternative currency? The recipient utilizes them to acquire goods and services. In result, they are nothing more than another inflationary injection into the currency of the market. Wonder why the cost of food keeps going up while Bernanke tells us there is no inflation?

Again, noting the rule that the first recipients of inflationary money enjoy full value, it follows that the poor do not find themselves shorted, and of course, they, by definition, have no other money to be devalued.

Who is left to suffer the loss of their devalued money and what wealth they might enjoy?

Not the rich. Not the poor. The disappearing middle class is purely and simply the result of Congressional monetary policy and short of a balanced budget amendment, I don't see what anyone can do about it.

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By Ileejah Hutchinson

In recent years with a growing number of exonerations of innocent individuals, there needs to be a discussion about who is effected by wrongful convictions. Of course the individual who is incarcerated for a crime he or she did not commit is considered victim number one, but where do the victim's children fall on that extensive list?

According to the KIDS COUNT Data Center, a project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation providing information regarding the well-being of children and families in the United States, 24,718,000 children live in single parent households. That number represents 35 percent of the children in the nation. In Florida, 1,493,000 kids are living with a single parent, which is 39 percent of the children in the state and the number continues to grow yearly.

In 1980, Luis Diaz -- father of three -- was convicted and sentenced to life in prison for a crime he was adamant he was innocent of. Twenty-five years later, with the help of the Innocent Project of Florida and the Innocence Project, Diaz was exonerated. At the time of his conviction, Diaz's three children were ages 6, 8 and 14.



Luis Diaz and Family

CHAT First: Children and Teens First, a website developed by the Children and Families in Transition Project, reports the ages of Diaz's children were crucial ones for their development. Children in the age group 5 to 8 frequently miss the parent they are not spending time with deeply and can become highly emotional resulting in early depression, and teenagers between the ages of 12 to 18 are more likely to react in anger due to the absence of a parent.

It would be an immense reach to blame wrongful convictions as the primary cause of children growing up with single parents, because numerous circumstances play a part.



Derrick Williams and William Dillion

However ripping a father away from his children at such an acute time in their development to have him labeled as a murderer or rapist is more than cruel; it is also avoidable.

Children of Diaz and many of the exonerates were robbed of the chance to have their fathers watch them in school plays, congratulate them for A's on report cards, send them off to school dances and to create lifelong memories during family vacations; the question remains why.

Imprisoned at age 22, William Dillion had the opportunity to have children of his own ripped away from him after spending 27 years in prison due to a miscarriage of justice. As Dillion mentions the injustice of fatherhood being hijacked from the palms of his hands in Unlock The Truth, his voice cracks, his chin drops, and his eyes water with emotion, and the questions remains, why?

On April 4, 2011, Derrick Williams became the 13th Florida DNA exoneree, but not before serving 18 years in prison for a crime he was innocent of, and almost two decades away from his son Omar Edwards.

Why should innocent children grow up without a parent if they don't have to? Why should a man be robbed of the opportunity to be a father if he is willing and able to take on that responsibility? The answer to these questions are buried beneath bad lawyering, prosecutorial misconduct, eyewitness misidentification, unreliable or limited science as well as other elements that make up the body of causes of wrongful convictions.

Unlocking the truth can no longer be the job of one, but must be the duty of many. It is truly a myth that only innocent prisoners are effected by wrongful convictions and now that we are aware of the far reach of wrongful convictions, we must do our part to help correct this growing issue, if not for ourselves, then for the innocent children.

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"Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the general welfare but only those specifically enumerated."

...A wise and frugal government...shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

--Thomas Jefferson



By Clive Crook

*"As a prosecutor, a judge, an attorney in private practice, and now, as our nation's attorney general, I've seen the criminal justice system firsthand, from nearly every angle. While I have the utmost faith in -- and dedication to -- America's legal system, we must face the reality that, as it stands, our system is in too many respects broken." -E.H.*

In a widely reported speech, Eric Holder delivered that assessment of U.S. criminal justice. Many commended his frankness, but if you ask me he's confused. A broken system of justice shouldn't command the utmost faith; it should arouse the utmost skepticism. And his appraisal was actually too generous. America's criminal-justice system is not "in too many respects broken": It's a national disgrace, from top to bottom.

The U.S. is not a forgiving country, and most Americans believe in harsh punishment for serious crimes. I've no quarrel with that. But the principle of proportionality -- really, the very notion of justice in sentencing -- seems to

have been overthrown. According to a forthcoming report from the American Civil Liberties Union, 2,074 federal inmates are serving sentences of life imprisonment without possibility of parole for nonviolent crimes. Think about that.

#### GUILT TRIPS

The U.S. -- a country that loves freedom, so I'm told -- has virtually abolished trial by jury. According to one recent count, guilty pleas resolve 97 percent of federal cases that are prosecuted to a conclusion. Instead of bothersome trials, the U.S. has a plea-bargain system in which prosecutors not only bring the charge but also, in effect, determine guilt and pass sentence. As this astonishing assault on civil liberty proceeds, judges have allowed themselves to be turned into rubber-stamping functionaries, apparently for reasons of administrative simplicity.

Meanwhile, Congress has criminalized vast new swaths of activity. In extending the criminal law into the regulatory domain, it has removed the requirement of "guilty mind" (a bedrock principle in common law) from many of the new crimes it has invented -- so you can be sent to prison for doing something you didn't know was wrong. In the land of the free, you can be sent to prison if a worker you're supervising causes some damage while you're

off-duty and at home.

In response to momentary spasms of popular outrage over front-page crimes, Congress has also enacted a raft of mandatory minimum sentences. The express purpose of these rules is to deny courts the ability to take mitigating

incorruptibility of individuals. How strange that the country has made an exception for criminal justice.

You can tell from my puzzlement and outrage that I'm not a lawyer. It takes years of legal training to be acquainted with this system

and not be appalled by it. Somebody who knows more about the law than I do will have to explain why plea bargains and mandatory minimum sentences don't violate the Constitution's requirements of "due process" and "equal protection of the laws," or why life in prison without parole for a nonviolent offense isn't an instance of the "cruel and unusual punishment" forbidden by the Eighth Amendment. You'll need an expert to tell you why the Supreme Court was right to uphold a sentence of 50 years to life (under California's three-strikes rule) for the crime of stealing nine video cassettes.

Holder says he'll tweak instructions to prosecutors so that they don't bring charges that trigger grossly inappropriate mandatory minimum sentences. Well, that's great -- but how come his prosecutors needed to be told that in the first place? How come Congress passed those laws to begin with? And how come it leaves them on the books as the grievous miscarriages of justice multiply?

Holder's speech cast much of the argument as an appeal to save money: Prison is expensive; greater use of noncustodial sentences and parole would be more cost-effective; and so on. Again, good. The need for economy is one reason that some states have experimented with sentencing reform. Far be it from me to resist any argument that pushes in the right direction. But the issues at stake in all this are rather more fundamental than what it costs to keep somebody locked up.

Despite the vaunted separation of powers, Congress, the courts and the executive have cooperated in violently skewing the balance of power between ordinary citizens and the government's endlessly proliferating law-enforcement agencies. The Constitution's framers would, I think, be stunned. The U.S. criminal-justice system is beyond illiberal. It's beyond what any nation of laws should tolerate.

#### PROSECUTORIAL DECENCY

In this system, everything -- everything -- depends on the decency and restraint of prosecutors. Most no doubt are indeed decent and restrained. (If that weren't so, the demand for radical change would already be overwhelming.) But some lust after high political office and wish to make their mark; some are vain; some, as in any profession, are just bad people. The American way is to create checks and balances, so that the system's integrity doesn't depend on the

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## BREAKING: Did The Federal Government Just Legalize Marijuana?



By Michael Lotfi

As states continue to nullify federal laws against marijuana and hemp, the federal government has been faced with an important question. It's been more than 75 years, and marijuana and hemp still remain illegal. Never mind the total lack of reasoning behind the federal government's ban. Is it time to end the law?

Less than 24 hours ago, it all came crashing down. According to the Associated Press, the justice department said that states can allow citizens to use the drug, license people to grow it and allow them to purchase it in stores. As long as the drug is kept away from the black market, children and federal property--It's a go!

According to Mike Maharrey, national communications director for the Tenth Amendment Center:

"The genie is out of the bottle and she won't ever go back in. The feds have lost and they know it. No matter how Holder and the DEA couch their words in an attempt to maintain an illusion of control, state actions continue to effectively nullify these unconstitutional marijuana laws."

When asked if the federal government just

essentially legalized marijuana Maharrey responded:

"The announcement makes it clear the feds have no will to fight the states on weed. They can call it an "illegal drug" all they want, but if they can't, or won't, stop people from using marijuana, their "law" means nothing."

The recent surge in nullification has sent states fighting against the federal government on pot use. It would seem that the federal government just gave up. A major victory for the states--no doubt.

*US~Observer's Note: Marijuana prohibition, just like alcohol prohibition decades ago is absolutely nothing more or less than a cash cow for corrupt, unconstitutional government agencies.*

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circumstances into account. The effect is to send large numbers of people to prison for unconscionably long periods of time -- not because a judge has calculated that justice requires it, but because an immoral rule must be mechanically applied. Frequently you read of judges deplored the sentence they have to pass as they deliver it. They do it anyway. It's the law.

These elements, disturbing enough in themselves, come together in an especially pernicious way. The combination of plea bargains and mandatory minimum sentences -- not to mention the U.S. practice of stacking charge upon charge, with sentences to run consecutively -- gives prosecutors awesome powers of intimidation. One dreads to think how many innocent people are in U.S. prisons, and will be felons for life, because they were offered the choice of a relatively light sentence if they pleaded guilty to a lesser charge, or the risk of decades of incarceration if they preferred to take their chances with a maxed-out indictment at trial.

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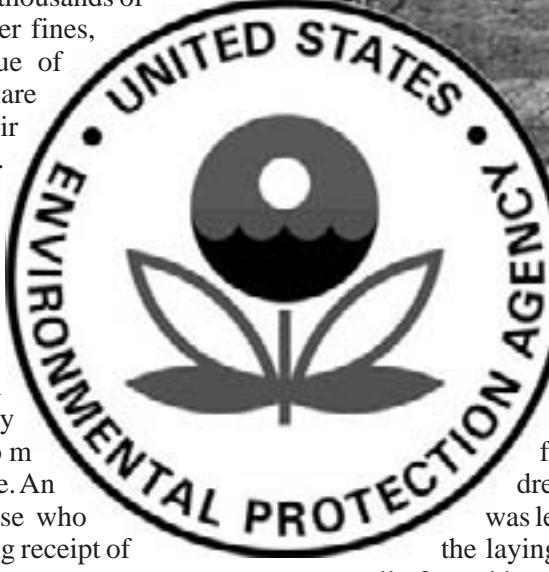
Is your property truly your own or may the federal government on virtually any pretext take it away from you?

More than a century ago, Congress began the movement to exercise federal regulatory control over the nation's waterways. This year the Clean Water Act turns 41. For four decades EPA regulations have caused thousands of property owners to suffer fines, lose the economic value of their property, or declare bankruptcy and lose their property entirely. Farmers and land owners near waterways have come to learn all to well what it means to experience a regulatory takings—to have your property devalued and your title to property transformed from defeasible to indefeasible. An owner in title only, those who suffer the worst following receipt of EPA Compliance Orders must pay taxes on property they can neither use nor sell.

EPA has defined properties across the United States to be "wetlands" or "jurisdictional wetlands" because those properties accumulate water seasonally, are adjacent to navigable waterways, or are used by migrating water fowl or other water dependent species.

EPA has deemed those who own commercial or residential lots near navigable waters and choose to build structures on those lots to have violated EPA regulations that protect "jurisdictional wetlands." The Supreme Court case of *Sackett v. EPA* is an excellent example of EPA's "jurisdictional wetlands" regulatory abuse.

The Sacketts own a residential lot in a residential community that is adjacent to Priest Lake in Idaho. Unbeknownst to them, EPA decided to deem their property a "jurisdictional wetland." Having no



knowledge of that EPA determination, they contracted to have the land prepared for construction of their dream home. The earth was leveled in preparation for the laying of a foundation when

all of a sudden the EPA arrived on site, informed the Sacketts that they had to halt construction, and then shortly thereafter mailed them a Compliance Order that imposed a fine and penalties of about \$75,000 a day on them. They asked EPA to halt the fines and penalties pending a hearing on the matter, but EPA told them it would neither stop the daily fines and penalties nor afford them any hearing. In short, they were told they could not appeal the decision, had to stop construction and return the land to its "wetlands" state, and pay the monies demanded. They sued, and each federal court except for the Supreme Court sided with EPA. The Supreme Court reversed, remanded the case to the district court, and ruled that EPA had adopted a final rule that must be open for judicial review.

The Sacketts are still battling the EPA, and the EPA is still imposing \$75,000 in fines and penalties every single day. The figure

demanded by EPA is now in the tens of millions. All the while their fate hangs in the balance, depending on what the federal courts decide. If they lose, they will be driven by the EPA into bankruptcy.

That horror is the subject of an interview with Damien M. Schiff, aired on my radio program, Jonathan Emord's Truth Trial (see emordtruthtrial.com). Damien Schiff is the lawyer who represents the Sacketts. He is the Principal Attorney for the Pacific Legal Foundation in Sacramento, California. He argued the Sackett case before the Supreme Court.

EPA has an ever expanding definition of "jurisdictional wetlands" that essentially embraces every property in the United States that directly or indirectly feeds surface water

into a navigable water way of the United States. As much as 75% of land in the United States could satisfy that definition, meaning that the land you think you own may well be land the EPA thinks it controls.

The federal courts have yet to define limits to EPA's power to declare "jurisdictional wetlands," and, so, EPA endeavors year after year to expand its regulatory reach, causing ever more private property to slip from private hands and into the clutches of that agency.

Rarely are individuals whose lands are taken by the federal government ever fully compensated for the taking. At the founding, property rights were considered largely inviolable. No just government could presume to deprive Americans of their rights to life, liberty, and property. Since the mid-1930s, however, property rights have been violated on no more than a rational basis justification; virtually any government reason for depriving Americans of their property has sufficed under the law. Until we restore property rights protection, all Americans remain at risk. Indeed, the entire free enterprise system remains in perpetual peril, capable of being driven out of existence by aggressive economic regulation.

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instead of a Dalles Police detective? Garcia and Floyd both live in The Dalles. The Dalles Police Department is primarily responsible for investigating crimes alleged to have been committed within city limits. There are two possible answers to this question. One, The Dalles Police Department hires incompetent detectives; two, Detective Rosebraugh could be relied on to make Floyd look like a victim and thereby protect her and her father's reputations. The US~Observer believes Detective Rosebraugh's primary goal was absolutely about protecting reputations.

The state's case weakened as the January 2013 trial date approached. Floyd reported that her memory had changed as she continued with weekly victim counseling. This tactic is common-place in most false sex abuse cases. She reported that she had not consented 3 more times than the first time she and Garcia had sexual intercourse. According to defense Attorney James Leuenberger, "It is axiomatic among trial attorneys that changed stories weaken a witness' credibility." At this point more motions were filed that continued the case until April.

The state's case was weakened again as the April 2013 trial date approached. Floyd added a new story of forced sex. The new story was that Garcia had forced his fingers into her vagina and forced his lips and tongue onto her vagina after she had invited him into her father's bedroom one night after her mother had fallen asleep (father and brothers were out camping). Based on the newest version of the story, the state sought and obtained a new indictment alleging unlawful sexual penetration and sodomy (cunnilingus) for this event.

Trial was postponed from April to July because the state was unhappy that the court had granted the defendant's motion to present the Facebook messages at trial. Immediately after the court granted the defense motion, the state said it would appeal that decision. The appeal would have delayed the trial by at least a year, had the Oregon Department of Justice agreed to accept the appeal. At this juncture the US~Observer entered this case.

The US~Observer investigated and found that Garcia was not guilty. We published the facts in May 2013. Our prior article on this case can be found on-line by conducting a word search for Armando Flores Garcia.

Many emails and calls were received with crucial information in this case and many people stepped forward with their support for Garcia. Numerous Wasco County citizens spread US~Observer newspapers throughout the county, exposing the truth about the false charges against Armando Garcia.

Once the DOJ got a good look at the issue, they decided to not appeal the trial court's

decision to allow the defense to present the Facebook messages.

Shortly after the DOJ declined the appeal, the case was scheduled for trial.



Kelsey Floyd and Armando Garcia before the accusations, when they were happy

In the mean time, while the DOJ was deciding whether to appeal or not, DA Nisley told Presiding Judge Paul Crowley that Judge Janet L. Stauffer was prejudiced against the state and should not preside at a trial. DA Nisley then filed a formal motion for Judge Stauffer to recuse herself from the case. Judge Stauffer refused to recuse herself, the defense opposed the motion, and an independent judge from Multnomah County denied Nisley's motion.

The state proceeded to trial even though it knew that the trial would be very embarrassing to any normal girl. The state's theory and argument at trial was, "no means no, no matter when or how said."

The defense argued that when "no" is coupled with laughter and conduct such as going to a boy's bedroom, the "no" no longer means "no." This common sense argument was actually brilliant legal work conducted by Leuenberger.

At trial Floyd testified that Garcia forced her to have intercourse after she voluntarily went to his bedroom instead of school, voluntarily got into bed with him, and was voluntarily spooning with him. She testified that she did not want him to pull down her pants and put his penis in her vagina. Her credibility was undercut by another girl who happened to enter the bedroom later that day. The other girl testified that immediately after she backed out and closed the bedroom door she heard both "Garcia and Floyd laugh."

At trial Kelsey Floyd also testified that on a different occasion when she and Garcia had

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Robert J. Dole Courthouse

working for the sake of justice, just who is she working for?

Out of complete fairness, our investigation has shown that some of Jose Velasco-Veyro's co-defendants may indeed be guilty of illegal "gun-running," however, we have concluded factually that Velasco-Veyro is completely innocent of the charges leveled against him.

Hopefully, the last grievous act against Mr. Velasco-Veyro by the District of Kansas "justice system" was allegedly perpetrated while he was incarcerated in prison. Velasco-Veyro has a condition called diabetic neuropathy that is a byproduct of diabetes. He has been taking medication for it since 2006, that he says helps ease the pain associated with his condition that can become especially acute in cold temperatures. During his imprisonment, Velasco-Veyro was denied these literally life-saving medications that among other things keep his blood pressure from becoming lethally high. When his doctor, Robert McIntyre, called the prison physician, Dr. Donald Satterfield, to explain the absolute necessity that Velasco-Veyro be allowed to receive his medications, Dr. McIntyre told this reporter that Dr. Satterfield told him that "there are no choir boys here" and denied McIntyre's

request and Velasco-Veyro's medication. Velasco-Veyro described the nights in prison as "pure torture" since he says his prison cell was "habitually kept between 50 and 55 degrees," which caused him "such great pain that he could not sleep." Dr. McIntyre also told this reporter that to deny Velasco-Veyro these crucial medications, he knew that the "system was either trying to break him or kill him." Dr. George Newell Bentley from Texas

confirms what Dr. McIntyre has reported and both professionals are ready, willing, and more than able to testify to these facts under oath. They are both also ready to testify that Jose Velasco-Veyro is a person who possesses impeccable honesty and integrity.

To place two Hispanics in solitary confinement and deprive another innocent Hispanic of his life-sustaining medication, can only be considered pure torture and racism!

According to US~Observer sources within the federal justice system and the facts in this case, Prosecutor Morehead is a shameful example of the public's trust.

Ms. Morehead is under the authority of U.S. Attorney Barry R. Grissom and ultimate responsibility for this miscarriage of justice is his. The US~Observer urges Mr. Grissom to investigate the facts in this case and the charges against his subordinate and to take appropriate action against her for the sake of all prosecutors who are required to dispense justice according to the law with fairness and without bias.

The way Mr. Velasco-Veyro has been treated at the hands of authorities who are supposed to protect his Constitutional rights is absolutely

unconscionable. He has been treated like a criminal from the onset and his valuable collection of firearms acquired over a lifetime of expert scrutiny has been handled like so much rubble by federal agents who consider him guilty of the charges against him before he has been given a fair trial or investigation.

The US~Observer is incensed by this more than obvious false prosecution and we are left wondering just how many other Hispanics are being abused and prosecuted on false and manufactured charges. How many others are being wrongfully denied bail, while incarcerated in deplorable and inhumane prison cells?

Help us let others know what has happened to Jose Velasco-Veyro and if anyone has any information regarding: Assistant Prosecutor Terra D. Morehead, ATF Special Agent Steve

**Dr. McIntyre also told this reporter that to deny Velasco-Veyro these crucial medications, he knew that the "system was either trying to break him or kill him."**

Lester, or Mr. Velasco-Veyro's co-defendants: Ramon Chavez Sr., Douglas Chavez, Tammie S. Chavez, Alejandro Arroyo-Campos (a/k/a Alejandro Guzman-Campos), Carlos Cifuentes, Osbaldo Garcia-Garcia, Adam Howard, Ashley Mooney, Jordan Veal, Homero Rocha, or David G. Percival (a/k/a "El Guero"), be responsible and contact Lorine Dey at lorine@usobserver.com or at: 720-231-2038.

Are you tired of the blatant injustice occurring in our legal system today? Are you opposed to racism? If you are, please contact U.S. Attorney Barry R. Grissom by phone at: (913) 551-6730 or by email at: barry.grissom@usdoj.gov and inform him that his Assistant Prosecutor Terra Morehead is falsely prosecuting an exemplary, innocent American citizen and he needs to stop her! ★

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I uncovered a history of violence against the Young's that dated back nearly six years.

According to property reports and witness statements, the Young's driveway is an easement for other property owners, known by the residents who use it for ingress and egress as Miller's Gulch Road.

The Young's have had several disputes with multiple neighbors regarding "use of the driveway." According to Dan Young, "On one occasion while trying to return to my residence, I was blinded by a very bright light causing me to stop and get out of my car. I was then viciously attacked by my neighbor (see front page picture of this edition)." This was just one of several incidents over the past six years.

During a conversation with Dan and his wife Susan, they stated when the problems first started happening they would contact the Sheriff's Department. After multiple neighbors became involved, it seemed as if they were against us for asking them to stay off the driveway with their ATVs and other Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's). The deputies automatically "took their side." All the Young's have asked for is that people use the road to get to and from their homes without destroying their property with extraneous use, as well as endangering the lives of themselves and others. According to the Young's, "some neighbors create large amounts of dust, travel at unsafe speeds and disregard the trespassing signs we have posted."

Describing the lack of respect from Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies, the Young's voiced their concern over dealing with the police. They feel that no matter what happens, "the deputies will automatically arrest them every time." Dan stated, "It's just not fair, especially when we hold the legal claim to the property and the easement."

Dan Young isn't the only one who has had issues. Susan Young also claims to have been accosted by her neighbors, especially by Mr. Mayfield. Validation of Mrs. Young's reports was captured on video just weeks ago as she was traveling towards her house. Mr. Mayfield is clearly seen on his dirt-bike taunting her as he rides next to her and revs up his engine. Mr. Mayfield is seen continuing past the driveway to his rental before discontinuing his confrontation with Mrs. Young. This video can be viewed online at www.usobserver.com.



Kevin Mayfield

Mayfield, which supports Mr. Young's version.

A neighbor stated that he has seen Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV's) recently traveling on Miller's Gulch Road. He also stated that "large amounts of dust are created, but this is Southern Oregon."

The Young's have spent "over \$50,000.00 in attorney fees, doctor bills and other costs" attempting to make sure their neighbors use the driveway for its sole and only purpose - to get to and from their residence and to "defend Dan Young against false charges." The Young's are currently arranging to place video-surveillance on the road.

Multiple attempts to reach Mr. Mayfield were unsuccessful - several business cards were left at the house he rents. I have messaged him via Facebook with no return message or phone call.

What would you do if you were in Mr. Young's position and why would Kevin Mayfield apparently avoid speaking with this reporter?

**Editor's Note:** The Jackson County Sheriff should instruct his deputy's to obtain some credible evidence before they falsely arrest someone for a crime. Both the sheriff and prosecutor should take a long hard look at the video recording that Mrs. Young has... Anyone with information on this case is urged to contact Edward Snook at 541-474-7885 or by email at ed@usobserver.com. \*\*\*



Ashley Marie West's father, Gary West

providing the facts to the "Court of Public Opinion." We have cleared Garcia's name publicly, now that public needs to demand that "public records" laws are changed.

DA Nisley and his Deputy Leslie Wolf need to be sanctioned for this malicious and false prosecution. If these corrupt individuals were



Attorney James Leuenberger

very hard and very long for a client he was convinced was innocent. Leuenberger should be highly commended as most defense attorneys who have an innocent client lose sex abuse cases at trial and their client ends up in prison. Justice in this case also required a brave Judge Stauffer who refused to be intimidated by a bullying District Attorney and who weighed the facts and law fairly and impartially.

Even though Armando Garcia has been vindicated, we are left with one major and continuing problem; why aren't those responsible for bringing false charges against Garcia also responsible for removing the negative records that have and will most likely continue to harm this young man's public records identity.

The US~Observer is apparently the only entity demanding such accountability, by



DA Eric Nisley

required to pay for their unjust actions, they would think twice about attempting to falsely prosecute in the future. Paying for Garcia's defense costs would be a great place to start.

**Editor's Note:** The US~Observer has a strong message for Wasco County District Attorney Eric Nisley; we are documenting every case of corruption that you involve yourself in and we have been doing so for quite some time. Nisley is greatly mistaken if he thinks he will continue to get away with his absolute corruption forever.

**Remember Ashley Marie West Eric Nisley? Do you remember how you "illegally took her from her exemplary father when she was 14 years old?" In case you haven't heard, Ashley Marie was recently found dead in a motel room in Rock Springs, Wyoming. She was 26 years old DAEric Nisley... \*\*\***



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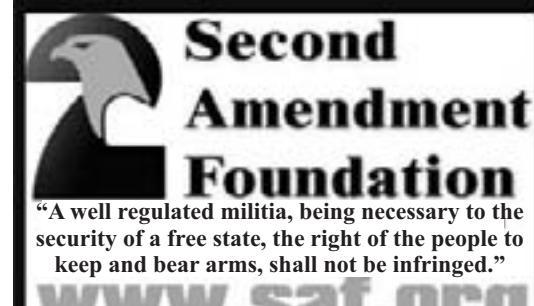
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## Harvard Study: No Correlation Between Gun Control And Less Violent Crime

By Awr Hawkins



(BREITBART)

- A Harvard Study titled "Would Banning Firearms Reduce Murder and Suicide?" looks at figures for "intentional deaths" throughout continental Europe and juxtaposes them with the U.S. to show that more gun control does not necessarily lead to lower death rates or violent crime.

Because the findings so clearly demonstrate that more gun laws may in fact increase death rates, the study says that "the mantra that more guns mean more deaths and that fewer guns, therefore, mean fewer deaths" is wrong.

For example, when the study shows numbers for Eastern European gun ownership and corresponding murder rates, it is readily apparent that less guns do not mean less death. In Russia, where the rate of gun ownership is 4,000 per 100,000 inhabitants, the murder rate was 20.52 per 100,000 in 2002. That same year in Finland, where the rate of gun ownership is exceedingly higher--39,000 per 100,000--the murder rate was almost nil,

at 1.98 per 100,000.

Looking at Western Europe, the study shows that Norway "has far and away Western Europe's highest household gun ownership rate (32%), but also its lowest murder rate."

And when the study focuses on intentional deaths by looking at the U.S. vs Continental Europe, the findings are no less revealing. The U.S., which is so often labeled as the most violent nation in the world by gun control proponents, comes in 7th--behind Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Belarus, and the Ukraine--in murders. America also only ranks 22nd in suicides.

The murder rate in Russia, where handguns are banned, is 30.6; the rate in the U.S. is 7.8.

The authors of the study conclude that the burden of proof rests on those who claim more guns equal more death and violent crime; such proponents should "at the very least [be able] to show a large number of nations with more guns have more death and that nations that



impose stringent gun controls have achieved substantial reductions in criminal violence (or suicide)." But after intense study the authors conclude "those correlations are not observed when a large number of nations are compared around the world."

In fact, the numbers presented in the Harvard study support the contention that among the nations studied, those with more gun control tend toward higher death rates.

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## Sheriffs Band Together to Overturn Colorado Gun Control Laws



By Awr Hawkins

(BREITBART) - Colorado GOP gubernatorial candidate Tom Tancredo says sheriffs throughout CO have added momentum to efforts to overturn gun control laws that are infringing on the Second Amendment rights of Coloradans.

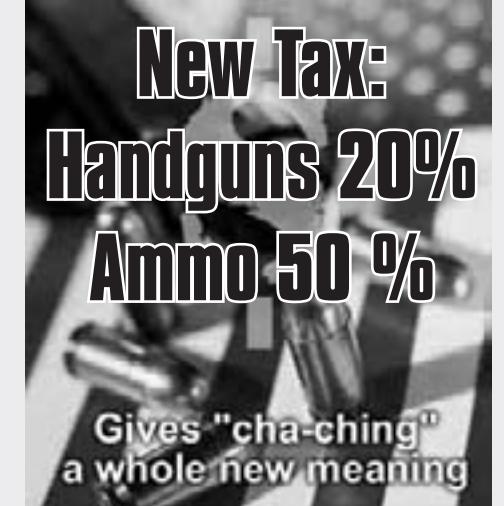


Gubernatorial candidate Tom Tancredo

When Breitbart News spoke with Tancredo on August 26, he said: "The laws that have been passed are being challenged by 55 Sheriffs, along with other Coloradans who anticipate the laws will be struck down because they are blatantly unconstitutional."

In the interim he said winning the upcoming September 10 recall elections "will be the most important and powerful signal we can send." These recalls focus on Democrat state senators John Morse and Angela Giron, both of whom supported the gun control measures that Democrat Governor John Hickenlooper signed into law on March 20.

These laws include a ban on magazines over 15 rounds (rifle or pistol), background check requirements for every sale in the state, and a new tax--described as a service fee--for those background checks. The background check



By Ben Bullard  
PersonalLiberty.com

Two Democratic Congressmen are sponsoring a House bill that seeks to place a Federal tax on the sale of handguns and ammunition.

House Bill 3018, sponsored by Danny Davis (D-Ill.) and Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.), would amend current Internal Revenue Code to assess a 20 percent tax on "pistols" and "revolvers" and a 50 percent tax on "shells and cartridges."

The bill, titled the "Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act of 2013," aims to reduce the incidence of violent shootings by dissuading gun buyers from purchasing so doggone much ammunition and, to a lesser extent, the guns that shoot it, all while stockpiling additional tax revenues for use at the Feds' discretion.

Pascrell has said he believes the tax is "a long time coming" and that Federal revenues raised from the tax increase could subsidize police departments across the country.

Congressman Pascrell estimates the tax hike on guns would amount to additional \$600 million in Federal revenues each year.★

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## The Right to Self-defense and the Duty to Protect

By Tom Stilson

(BREITBART) - Pro-victim, anti-gun ideologues suggest we do not need guns because the police serve as the guardian of law-abiding citizens. This notion is false. *Warren v. D.C.* was a 1981 Washington, D.C. appeals court case in which local law enforcement was found not liable for failing to properly dispatch and respond to a home invasion that led to three women being raped and beaten repeatedly over a period of 12 hours.

The court held law enforcement has no duty, barring a special relationship, to victims of criminal acts. In today's world, the national average police response time is 11 minutes, but as Warren illustrates, the police won't always be there, and 11 minutes is a long time to be defenseless. This decision and others may provide a legal foundation, though, for the next argument against gun control.

*DeShaney v. Winnebago County* involved a four-year-old boy's removal from his father's home into social service's custody. The boy was later returned to his father, whereupon social workers documented further abuse until the boy was beaten to the point of severe mental handicap. The Supreme Court held against the mother, who petitioned on behalf of her son to have Social Services held liable for returning the boy to his father after observing abuse. The majority decision deemed the boy's right to due process was not violated because:

...it is the State's affirmative act of restraining the individual's freedom to act on his own behalf

- through incarceration, institutionalization, or other similar restraint of personal liberty - which is the "deprivation of liberty" triggering the protections of the Due Process Clause, not its failure to act to protect his liberty interests against harms inflicted by other means.

The Constitution, along with the majority opinion in Deshaney, recognizes our three most fundamental rights as Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. These rights cannot be deprived by the state without due process. However, the state is not liable for deprivation of



a restraint of life.

If guns are confiscated or grossly restricted and/or the right to carry is outlawed or grossly restricted, the means to individually protect life is now restrained. Then, arguably, the state is to preserve an individual's life and liberty. This situation could be devastating to a state because of the liability and exposure it would have if it failed to thoroughly protect its citizens. Another *Warren v. D.C.* would potentially go in the plaintiff's favor.

Cases such as *Heller v. D.C.* and *McDonald v. Chicago* established the right to keep and bear arms as an individual, Constitutionally-protected right extending to the states. The 7th District's recent decision in *Moore v. Madigan* to overturn Illinois' ban on concealed carry is a shift towards defining self-defense and the Second Amendment as inclusive of each other.

Reality is a harsh reminder that we, not the state, are responsible for our safety when we have the right to carry and own firearms for protection. If we are disarmed and the courts reject the above argument, then who is to defend our life and liberty? Remember that the next time someone argues in favor of gun control.

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liberty if the act is committed by another individual. Life is inclusive of liberty and, if the state causes a "restraint of personal liberty", it is

## More 'Fast and Furious' weapons appear at Mexico crime scenes



(FOX NEWS) - Three more weapons used in Operation Fast and Furious have been recovered at crime scenes in Mexico, Fox News confirms.

CBS News first reported earlier this week that the guns had been tracked down. According to Justice Department documents, all three are described as WASR-10 .762-caliber Romanian rifles and all three were traced to a gun shop in Glendale, Arizona. The exact locations where the guns were recovered, and what crimes the guns may have been used in, was not immediately clear.

The documents further state that two of the three guns were purchased by Uriel Patino, who is believed to have purchased 700 weapons with encouragement from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. The third was bought by Sean Steward, who was convicted on gun charges in 2012.

An ATF official, in response to the reports, told Fox News: "ATF has accepted responsibility for the mistakes made in the Fast and Furious investigation and at the Attorney General's direction we have taken appropriate and decisive action to ensure that these errors will not be repeated. And we acknowledge that, regrettably, firearms related to the Fast and Furious investigation will likely continue to be recovered at future crime scenes."

The Justice Department has acknowledged encouraging gun stores in the U.S. to sell weapons to purchasers who trafficked them to Mexican drug cartels. The Department said that the goal was to capture a major cartel leader.

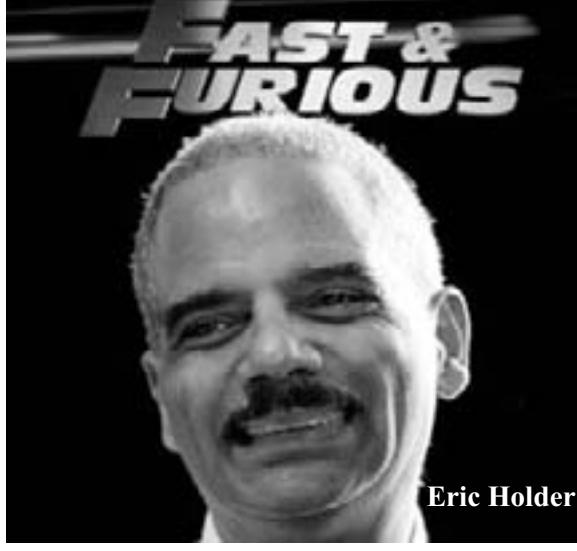
In December 2010, two Fast and Furious rifles were recovered from the scene of Border Patrol Agent Brian Terry's murder. Terry had been shot by illegal immigrants who were smuggling drugs into the United States. The program was shut down in January 2011 when the details of Terry's death became public.

The Justice Department has refused to provide a full account of the weapons involved in Fast and Furious to Congress. Refusal to turn over certain documents related to Fast and Furious led to a bipartisan vote in June 2012 to hold Attorney General Eric Holder in contempt of Congress. The House Oversight Committee is suing for release of the material.

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Brian Terry



Eric Holder

## Support for arrested Sheriff Finch growing

(CNN) - Bay County Sheriff Frank McKeithen received a standing ovation as he took the stage to stand shoulder to shoulder with other Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police from around the country today in support of embattled Sheriff Nick Finch of Liberty County. Sheriff Finch was arrested by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for allegedly interfering with the arrest of Floyd Parrish for a weapons charge by ordering him set free and destroying the records of his arrest.

Law enforcement officials and citizens are standing by Finch because they say FDLE's narrative of events does not match the evidence. Under Florida law, a Sheriff is authorized and in some instances required to intervene in an arrest if he believes it is without merit. FDLE also faces a physical evidence issue if the surveillance videos from inside the jail and the recorded conversation between Sheriff Finch and a dispatcher were recorded over, as reported when Finch's attorney requested them.

As the government's position unravels, activist groups from all over the political spectrum have been rushing to aid Sheriff Finch. Civil liberties advocates are stating that Floyd's stop and arrest were unconstitutional as he was not under the influence, the cited reason for the stop. The Oath Keepers, primary facilitators of today's event, have stated they are fully

behind Sheriff Finch's defense of Second Amendment. The Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association have been assisting in raising funds for Finch, who has been suspended without pay. Radio host Burnie Thompson also took the stage today and announced that he possessed a

recording from the FDLE operation that he would be playing for Governor Rick Scott at their meeting next week and said that the group was "on the verge" of victory in their battle to have Finch reinstated.

This support led today's fundraiser for the Sheriff to exceed capacity and spill into the lobbies around the conference hall. "Normally, higher ups try to cover up when one of their officers exceeds their authority. Normally, they'd just let an innocent man to go to jail. We finally get a sheriff that steps in and lets the innocent man go free and the state arrests him" said one attendee, a sentiment echoed by many. The crowd openly vilified FDLE for, as they see it, arresting a Sheriff that broke ranks with the code of silence and



Oath Keepers & Police Supporting Sheriff Finch

helped a citizen who was going to be arrested by an over-zealous deputy. It should be noted that under Florida law, a person is not required to have a concealed weapons permit to have a firearm in their vehicle.

Sheriff Finch refused a deal in which, in exchange for his resignation, all charges would be deferred. Jury selection is set to begin on September 30th.

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# Government Pays \$2.6 Million To Family After Swat Team Raids Home, Starts Fire That Kills Innocent Man



Rogelio "Roger" Serrato, 31, died at the scene and left a family with four children without a father.



By Jonathan Turley

Monterey County has agreed to pay a family \$2.6 million after police conducted a military-like raid on the home of an innocent man and burned down the home with the man inside while blocking fire trucks rushing to the scene. Rogelio "Roger" Serrato, 31, died at the scene and left a family with four children without a father.

We have been following how police departments have used terrorism funds and grants to buy military equipment and expand SWAT team raids (and here and here and here and here and here and here) for even small alleged crimes. Even the

Department of Education is ordering military-like raids.

In this case, the Monterey County Sheriff's SWAT team hit Serrato's home on suspicion of being involved in a non-fatal shooting (he turned out to be entirely innocent). They drove an armored Lenco Bearcat on to his lawn and surrounded it with paramilitary officers. When he did not come out, they hit the house with a flash bang grenade that caught furniture and a Christmas tree on fire. An officer approached the burning home with a fire extinguisher but they spotted Serrato in his shorts in the living room. Shouting "suspect," he withdrew with the fire extinguisher. The officers retreated to the armored vehicle and kept their guns pointed at the house as Serrato was reportedly heard screaming. Officers watched the house burn as fire crews were blocked by their vehicles in getting to the scene.

Despite this record, County Counsel Charles McKee insisted that the officers acted as true heroes: "They put their lives at stake in trying to secure the property and they should be commended for trying to resolve a very tense situation." They should be commended for starting a fire and then watching a man burn inside while blocking fire trucks? I am not saying that the officers wanted the house to burn or that they could have foreseen the fire. However, their actions after the fire seem less commendable as demonstrated by the large damage award. Yet,



SWAT team as they raid Rogelio Serrato's home.



no officers were punished for these actions.

The county's insurance carrier settled the lawsuit without admitting any wrongdoing. \*\*\*

## GMOs Hiding In Plain Sight

By Bob Livingston  
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Genetically modified organisms (GMOs) now infest almost everything we consume. Yet, amazingly, most Americans don't even realize they eat GMO food at just about every meal. That's because they are deceptively hidden in the list of ingredients.

The term genetically modified, when pertaining to foods, refers to food plants and animals that have been modified at the molecular or genetic level to enhance or create certain desired traits. It is a process very different from hybridizing or selective breeding.

GMO proponents argue that the technology is safe. But there has been little research on the short-term effects and even less on the long-term effects of consuming foods that have been modified genetically or molecularly.

This is by design. Monsanto, one of the leading creators in the GMO field, owns Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency and other regulatory agencies. And when independent labs begin researching the effects of GMOs and producing their findings, Monsanto either squashes them under an avalanche of lawsuits or buys them up and buries the research. But recent discoveries about what happens in the genetic material of altered organisms are not reassuring.

For example, suppose you want to create tomatoes that can withstand cold weather. In theory, you take the genes that allow a frost-resistant plant to survive freezing temperatures and you put it into a tomato plant. When seeds of the new tomato plant grow, the presence of this genetic material stimulates activity in the new plants that keep them alive as the temperature drops.

In practice, however, unforeseen complications arise. Only during the past few months have scientists discovered that the genes technologists insert into plants are often contaminated with unintended material. That includes viruses.

Recently, the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) discovered that when lab scientists altered genes in GMO food, they were also feeding in parts of a virus gene. No one had ever noticed that before. This virus gene, however, is now in the food we eat. Is it safe? Will it lead to unforeseen illness among the millions of people who consume it? The experts are uncertain. It has never been present in our food previously. And until this recent scientific discovery, nobody knew it was in our GMO foods.

Reports about this virus show that of the 86 different processes being used to insert genes into GMO crops, this virus is present in 54 of them. Meaning this virus of questionable safety is in a lot of the snack foods sitting in your cupboard.

Experts explain that these types of viral genes can be extremely dangerous. Viral genes are designed to hobble our immune systems (and the immune systems of plants and animals) so that the viruses can invade cells and flourish.

Scientists are concerned about this newly discovered viral material because the viruses that invade the cells of a plant do not fundamentally differ from the viruses that cause illness in humans and animals.

Concern about these genes caused Pete Riley, director of the public interest group GM Freeze, to warn: "This is a clear warning (that GMO food) is not sufficiently understood to be considered safe." Riley also told the British newspaper The Daily Mail: "Authorization for these crops must be suspended immediately, and they

should be withdrawn from sale, until a full and extended review of their safety has been carried out."

Farmers in both the United States and around the world plant shockingly vast amounts of these laboratory-created crops. In particular, soy, corn and cotton (our food frequently has cottonseed oil added to it) have been genetically engineered to contain toxic pesticides and to withstand massive amounts of herbicides applied to farm fields. This allows GMO crops to survive and be harvested, while weeds are supposed to wither and die. Of course, other beneficial living things — most especially pollinators like honeybees, butterflies and a wide collection of other wildlife and fish — also perish from pesticide exposure. And the pesticides often persist long enough to poison our water and air.

Right now, the International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications estimates that since GMO crops were introduced in the 1990s, 1 billion acres worldwide have been planted with these plants. That's an area larger than the continental United States.

One of the modifications to many crops has made them resistant to glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's herbicide Roundup. This has allowed farmers to coat their fields with Roundup in order to wipe out all the weeds growing there.

Monsanto claims glyphosate is biodegradable and environmentally friendly. But in 2009, a French court found Monsanto guilty of lying about these claims. Glyphosate is being found in groundwater many miles from farmland. It is being detected in human and animal blood samples, and it has been shown to cross the placental barrier.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, 88,000 tons of glyphosate have been used in the United States. The Environmental Protection Agency lists it as a Class III toxic substance. It is an endocrine disrupter, and just 30 grams can be fatal to humans. It has been linked to more than 20 adverse health effects, according to peer-reviewed literature.

The ailments and deleterious effects attributed to glyphosate exposure include autism, gastrointestinal diseases, obesity, allergies, cardiovascular disease, depression, cancer, infertility, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease).

But back to the GMOs themselves: GMOs are surreptitiously inserted into almost every form of processed food or product, and they are even found in vitamins.

According to the Non-GMO Shopping Guide, hidden GMOs are listed as innocent-sounding ingredients that include everything from baking powder to colorose to corn flour to cottonseed oil to food starch to fructose to invert sugar to malt to soy flour to starch to vitamin B12 to xanthan gum. A list of likely hidden GMO ingredients can be read in the guide here.

In vitamin supplements, GMOs are hidden as ascorbic acid, high fructose corn syrup, maltodextrin and sucrose, as well as other ingredients.

The proliferation of these substances makes avoiding them almost impossible and renders vigilance against them a full-time necessity.

One way to help avoid GMOs is to avoid all processed food. When selecting meats choose only organically grown beef, poultry or fish that is not fed or injected with steroids, hormones and antibiotics. Ideally, your diet should focus instead on organically grown heirloom whole, fresh vegetables, as much raw as possible. \*\*\*



## New Jersey AG's Report: State Troopers Don't Follow Own Rules

By Ben Bullard  
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The office of acting New Jersey Attorney General John Jay Hoffman released a new report last month revealing that too many highway patrol officers in the department's own rules, using excessive force during routine traffic stops, using motorists' race as a determinant when bringing out police dogs and improperly searching vehicles.

The report, which covered the first six months of 2012, notes that the State police break rules at a "troubling" rate and doesn't do enough self-monitoring to catch their repeated occurrence or to correct the officers responsible. Out of 155 cases the police self-reviewed during early 2012, they failed to identify such mistakes nearly one-third of the time.



An independent police expert who helped the Federal government monitor the New Jersey State Police during the execution of a recently ended consent decree said the new report is "disturbing."

"By the time you reach 30 percent, that's getting pretty serious," Samuel Walker told The Star-Ledger.



The most recent in the Federally mandated series of periodic reports was released in July by the New Jersey Office of Law Enforcement Professional Standards (OLEP). OLEP is an internal division that was set up to monitor the State following the department's 2009 exit from the Federal consent order, which had set Federal watchdogs to ensure the department had curbed its practice of racially profiling black on the New Jersey Turnpike by singling them out for "routine" traffic stops.

In addition to finding the State Police had used excessive force in a number of stops — an allegation the police themselves deny — the report also found that Troopers seemed to be deploying police dogs on a disproportionate number of black motorists.

"White drivers made up 48 percent of all stops, yet only 30 percent of motor vehicle stops with canine deployments," according to the report. "Black drivers made up 39 percent of all stops and 61 percent of canine deployments."

The findings also indicate troopers did not advise all suspects of their Miranda rights and often failed to activate their patrol cars' dashboard cameras and microphones during traffic stops. The Feds now require dashboard recording of New Jersey State Police as a means of self-monitoring, a required condition of the lifting of the consent decree. \*\*\*

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prosecutions, simply because that is what we primarily work on and innocent defendants are the ones who seek us out. Most sex-offenders would not want to speak with us once they have read about our work and tenacity...

**A GENERAL OUTLINE – THE CONSPIRACY BEHIND FALSE SEX-ABUSE CASES**

There are many dangerous, demented sexual-predators among us; however, there are way too many innocent people who have had their lives ruined by dangerous, false accusers and incompetent members of our justice system. I am referring to ignorant, biased and abusive Department of Human Services (DHS) personnel (often referred to as "Children's Services," etc.), detectives who receive an accusation and build a false case based on lies, without conducting a thorough and competent investigation and prosecutors who place their blinders on when they see clear and convincing evidence that a charged person might actually be innocent. I will also include many defense attorneys who take huge retainers from their clients, and then do little to nothing to defend them.

These conscienceless people realize most of a defendant's credible evidence will not be admissible in court, due to unconstitutional and evil rules that have been created to strip defendants (especially in sex-abuse cases) financially, while enriching the attorneys and "justice system" that often prey on the innocent. In fairness, there are attorneys and even some in the justice system who complete their job ethically, but they are few and far between - I highly commend these individuals.

**DISSECTING AN ACTUAL FALSE SEX ABUSE CASE**

In order to start a false sex-abuse case and ultimately place an innocent person in prison and on a sex-offenders list for life you need an accusation. In this case the accusations are many. As the accuser in this case goes deeper and deeper into her world of a lie g e d bipolarism/mental illness, the accusations become more and more insane, and they rapidly escalate - I will list few of them below. I am going to withhold the false-accusers name in this case for the time-being, but that will change if the lies, absurd accusations, and false charges continue.

The following case facts are absolute and the alarming truth is that a completely innocent and decent family has already been literally torn apart and all but ruined financially because of a 16 year-old girl's false and ludicrous allegations. There has been no trial, there is no physical evidence and there is no witness who possesses credible evidence against Michael Young - however there is a mountain of evidence or "markers" as I call them to show any prudent person that Young is absolutely innocent - Michael Young and his family are the true victims in this case.

On March 21, 2012, 43-year-old Michael Young was called into an interview with Detective Diane Sandler with the Medford Police Department (MPD). Michael's step-daughter had accused him of both physically and sexually abusing her over a 7-8-month period of time. Young was subsequently charged with multiple false felony charges. Our investigation shows that Michael Young served honorably in the United States Army for 7 years and that he has no criminal history whatsoever.

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making between \$9,500 and \$37,000 a year, then go up from there for households with greater incomes.

Imagine fining someone for something they are physically unable to do. And therein lies the most egregious injustice of Obamacare.

For those who don't want Obamacare or any other health insurance, one can hardly blame them.

Back in 2000, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* reported that doctors are the third leading cause of death in the U.S. The study upon which the article was based found that many deaths in hospitals for patients under doctor "care" were a result of unnecessary surgeries, infections, medication and other medical errors, and "non-error, negative effects of drugs".

As of 2011, the statistic hasn't changed much with nearly 784,000 deaths in that year attributed to doctor screw-ups or 24.5 times more than all gun-related deaths combined. It's a small wonder why some people choose

The girl started making her wild-accusations to Rebecca Knowlton of Medford, Oregon while spending the night with Knowlton's daughter and Knowlton immediately contacted the MPD. According to witnesses, Rebecca Knowlton is a foster mother for DHS, who has dealt with numerous children claiming to have been sexually abused. One witness stated, "I'm sure that Knowlton prompted and cultivated Michael's stepdaughter's false and vindictive claims." In this writer's professional opinion, Knowlton is a very dangerous person to the innocent.

Next, you need a detective and a DHS "trained professional" to build the false prosecution. In this case Detective Diane Sandler with MPD and Angie Albiar with DHS overlooked lie after lie coming from Michael's stepdaughter, as they coached her, groomed her, and then tailored her castle of lies. Sandler and Albiar, and others to be named at a later date, have shown not only their potential danger to all innocent citizens by manufacturing this case, they have shown

2010, and on January 27, 2011, he committed suicide. One witness states that he was devastated when his daughter accused him and he just couldn't cope with it.

In the summer of 2011, the mother fell in love with Michael Young, they were married and they decided to move to Medford, Oregon from Klamath Falls in August of 2012. Michael's parents needed his care due to their medical conditions and the family decided they would secure a home where Michael and his wife could live with the parents and take care of their demanding medical needs.

As soon as they arrived in Medford, Michael's step-daughter started causing problems and displaying all the symptoms of mental illness according to a witness. Michael and his wife quickly got the step-daughter into counseling and tried desperately to help her. The entire family was very watchful and cautious with the step-daughter because of her mental problems and Michael was especially careful due to her past allegations of sex-abuse against her father.

It didn't take long for this step-daughter to start making horrendous and unbelievable accusations against her new step-father. While reading just a few of the accusations below, realize that the family lives in a one-level, extremely small and confined home in Medford. The allegations against Michael Young all took place in an area approximately 700 square feet in size. From August of 2012, until March 2012, Michael, his wife and both parents lived in the home with the step-daughter. According to each of these people Michael was never once alone with the step-daughter.

I have placed pictures of the bedroom and the living room of the home in this article, showing the living room where the parents spend a majority of their time is in almost a direct line with the bedroom where the step-daughter alleges Michael committed all of the abuse - While taking the pictures I stepped-off 36 feet from inside the 12 x 18 tiny bedroom to the couch and chair in the living room where Michael's parents sit during the day and evening.

It is also important to note that Michael and his wife were taking college courses on caregiving and they were together each day studying.

**FALSE ALLEGATIONS CREATED IN A VERY TROUBLED MIND**

The step-daughter claimed, "Her mother and stepfather are using meth, cocaine and prescription drugs." Our in-depth investigation shows they have never used or sold any illegal drugs. She stated she took money from a table in the home because she didn't want her parents to buy drugs with it. She stated that Michael has committed just



**Michael Young and family**

about every sex-act imaginable with her. She stated that Michael strangled her and that he strangled her 6 year-old cousin. The police went to the cousin's school and questioned him and he stated he had never been strangled and there were no problems in the home.

The step-daughter accused her older sister and her husband of drug abuse. She accused the family of constant fighting in the small home and she made at least another 50 allegations against Michael and others, some of which we will get into at a later date if necessary. Again, all of these allegations supposedly took place in a 700 square foot area with four adults (3 of which are devout Mormons) over a period of seven months and with an additional adult and 1 other child for one of those months concerned with in the indictment. And get this, we have uncovered absolute proof that this step-daughter is now claiming that Detective Sandler and DHS's Angie Albiar have lied about her saying certain things about her family - she has stated that she never told them some of the severe accusations that they have in their official reports!

MPD Detective Diane Sandler and DHS "Specialist" Angie Albiar should be completely ashamed of themselves, yet they can't have any shame if they were able to manufacture such lunacy and get a Jackson County Deputy District Attorney to buy their hoax.

I'll assume for the time being that Jackson County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Terry J. Smith-Norton hasn't had a chance to take a close look at this case due to her heavy caseload. I would ask the elected Jackson County District Attorney, who I believe is ethical, to look into this factually false prosecution and put an end to it. On a more positive note Michael Young's family has been able to hire renowned sex-abuse Attorney Rich Cohen from Clackamas, Oregon to represent him.

Once this severe abuse is stopped someone needs to get this severely ill step-daughter some truly professional help... Short of this, my readership can look forward to a much deeper exposé in our next edition. Further, even though I haven't named the step-daughter and her mother in this article, I'm sure some will recognize who I'm writing about and I would ask that they contact me if they have any information at 541-474-7885. Rebecca Knowlton's husband, Douglass Knowlton, of Medford is one such person.

We are informed the Knowlton's are currently separated.

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**From the couch in the picture above to the bedroom in the picture below is approximately 36 feet, and in a near straight shot.**



themselves to be quite the "Drama Queens."

You also need so-called "professionals" to interview the lying step-daughter, so they can enable the prosecutor to succeed at the future "Star-Chamber Trial", wherein the prosecution and court exclude very pertinent defense evidence based on Oregon's corrupt "Rape/Shield" laws. In addition, the "professionals" further manufacture testimony and document observations to make the step-daughter/alleged victim look credible when she has absolutely no credibility. They do this in order to assist Jackson County Assistant Prosecutor Terry J Smith-Norton with possible future attempts to extort a plea-bargain from innocent Defendant Michael Young or to help convict him should a trial take place. We have not obtained the names of counselors, psychologists, etc.; however, if this case continues we will analyze and report on their "findings."

**SHOCKING – SUICIDE**

In 2010, the step-daughter in this case accused her biological father of molesting her. She also accused him of illegal drug use and drinking. Even though her mother knew her father didn't abuse illegal drugs she half way believed her daughter about the alleged sex-abuse. The father left the home in April of

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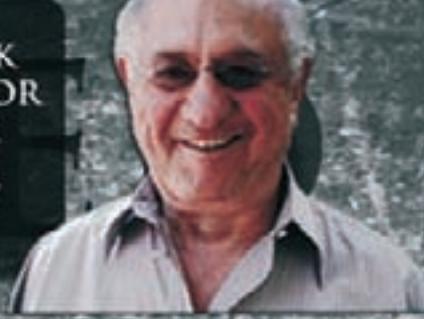


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VICTIM: FALSE CRIMINAL CHARGES

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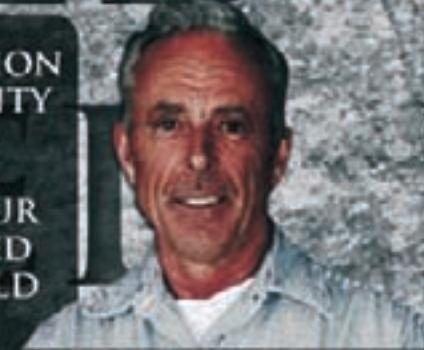


"IT'S A GOOD THING I LISTENED TO YOU, OR I WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY LIKE THE PERSON WHO DIDN'T HIRE YOU WAS."

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CHARGE: FELONY SEX ABUSE

STATUS: DISMISSED



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If you are facing false charges and a prosecution then you are aware of how the 'justice' industry (racket) in America works. You (the innocent person) have been falsely charged with a crime. Most of the time you receive a myriad of stacked charges intended for the sole purpose of extracting a "plea bargain" from you.

You then rush to an attorney, pay him a huge retainer to cover the usual \$175.00 per hour (if not higher), which he/she charges, to supposedly defend your innocence. The attorney usually files some motions, writes some worthless letters and makes many unproductive (unless they pertain to you accepting a plea bargain) phone calls until you are broke. Generally you haven't even started your trial and 99% of the time the attorney hasn't

you are flat broke and incarcerated. You find that the very person (your attorney) you frantically rushed to retain, became your worst enemy.

There is only one way to remedy a false prosecution: Investigate the accusers, the prosecutors, the detectives and then watch the judge very carefully. In other words, complete an in-depth investigation before you are prosecuted and then take the facts into the public arena.

The US~Observer newspaper will not waste your time or your money. This is not a game, it's your life and your freedom. We do not make deals. If you are innocent, then nobody has the right to steal what belongs to you, most of all, your liberty. Nobody! That includes your attorney - as well as your supposed public

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completed any investigation.

All of a sudden your attorney is telling you that you can't win your case and you should accept the benevolent plea bargain that the almighty district attorney has offered you. "Do you want to take the chance on spending 30-40 years in prison when you can plea bargain for 18 months," your attorney tells you. What happened to: "I think we can win this case, it's a good case." Remember? Isn't that pretty close to what your attorney told you as he/she was relieving you of your money?

You then accept a plea bargain and go to jail or you have a jury trial, you're found guilty (because your attorney hasn't produced enough evidence-if any and because the judge directs the jury to find you guilty) and then you go to jail. When you finally wake up you realize that on top of now being a criminal,

servants.

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The US~Observer investigates cases for news and therefore we don't print that which can't be resolved. We want to win, just as you want to prove your innocence.

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