

“IF WE CANNOT RECONCILE ALL OPINIONS, LET US ENDEAVOR TO UNITE ALL HEARTS.”

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JEFFREY BATES
- ESCAPEE -
ARRESTED IN MAY WITH
16 OTHERS IN DRUG SWEEP!
By: Dan Barton

Jeffrey Bates has had 23 Criminal Arrests in his 23 years as a career criminal. The most recent in May 2021 was for Dealing Meth when he escaped custody. He is still at large.

Just prior to that arrest, in March, 2021, Bates was arrested for visiting a Common Nuisance - a Drug House - and for Possession of a Controlled Substance.

He appeared before Judge Goedde in March and was assigned a \$250 Bond, which he posted, after spending four days in the Posey County Jail, and then was on his way. The Prosecutor in March, and now in the May arrest, was Thomas Clowers.

Bates has been arrested in the past for Possession of Meth., Domestic Battery, Criminal Trespass, Theft, Resisting Law Enforcement, Dealing Meth., Unlawful Sale of a Precursor, Conspiracy to sell Meth., Receiving Stolen Property, Habitual Offender, Obtaining a Controlled Substance, Purchasing Ephedrine, Criminal Mischief and Visiting a Common Nuisance.

His current case is pending in Judge Goedde's Circuit Court. Bail has been set at \$25,000 cash and he has not posted.

CRT PUSHBACK IS TAKING ITS TOLL ON LEFTISTS!

*By: Judy Whitten, Secretary,
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American students from grade school through college aren't learning how to

read, write, or solve equations these days. Then again, when would they have time to learn the three Rs when they haven't even come to terms with their white supremacy or learned about their country's racist past. And let's remember: In the vast majority of situations, people advocating CRT in schools are not merely undertaking an open-minded, academic examination of a theory. Their goal is to indoctrinate and shame anyone who opposes them. They're organized, they have a plan, and they're in this for the long run. Fortunately, after more than a century of Marxism in our schools, the Left isn't getting an easy pass.

Paul Mirengoff at Power Line writes about Rydell Harrison, a Connecticut school superintendent, who resigned after facing pressure for his off-the-wall, politicized comments about the January 6 Capitol riot. Additionally, Harrison "also introduced a diversity, equity and inclusion survey for students, parents and staff. Among other things, the survey asked students as young as 11 years old about their gender identification and sexual orientation." Good riddance, Rydell!!

There are two important issues at work: one is teachers displaying Black Lives Matter flags in their classrooms, giving out blatantly anti-Trump or anti-conservative assignments, condemning the founding fathers, forcing white students to participate in white guilt sessions, or peddling Critical Race Theory. The other is that alternative viewpoints are rarely, if ever, presented.

And we know this is part of the plan. After all, the man behind modern CRT makes it clear this is a one-sided agenda. Ibram X. Kendi, proponent of the "anti-racism" movement, states directly that "there is no debate over critical race theory." The National Education Association agrees, pledging to fight back against those opposing CRT.

Speaking out against Critical Race Theory is a good start, but it's not enough. And that's why some parents are running for positions on school boards. The battle to save our country from extreme ideologies has just begun. For too long the radical Left

has taken advantage of our complacency and our trust in those who educate our children. It's going to take time, maybe generations, to undo the damage.

Thankfully, it looks like more and more Americans have finally had enough.

MCKINNEY CONTINUANCE! - REVISED - *By: Dan Barton* **August 2021**

“But man, proud man, dress'd in a little brief authority, most ignorant of what he's most assur'd, his glassy essence, like an angry ape, plays such fantastic tricks before high heaven as makes the angels weep.”
— William Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)

It was the afternoon of July 4th when I sat down in front of my computer terminal in the 505 Building and brought up the MYCASE file on Delbert McKinney, a man arrested on charges of Child Molestation in our town of New Harmony; the second time in as many years. The first thing I noticed was that Prosecutor Thomas Clowers had moved for a Continuance (a postponement) of McKinney's expected July 2021 trial.

For the benefit of history, dear reader, McKinney's first arrest for Child Molestation, an eight year old girl, occurred in August 2016 and languished through Judge Jim Redwine's Circuit Court for two and a half years, while McKinney was out in the community on \$10,000 cash bail, (previously set at \$50,000 by Judge Brent Almon and later reduced by Redwine).

Judge Redwine attempted to allow the child victim to testify in deposition in front of the defendant, McKinney, in person, in the same room, separated by only a ten foot long table. Redwine's decision was reversed by the Indiana Appellate Court when Prosecutor Travis Clowers appealed Redwine's order.

The Indiana Appellate Court decided on August 9, 2017 that Judge Redwine's "denial" of Prosecutor Travis Clowers' motion to "exclude" Defendant Mckinney's

presence during the victim's deposition was an abuse of the trial court's (Redwine's) discretion. (Jones v. State, Ind. 1983) (Bowen v. State, Ind. 1975)

The Court of Appeals also decided that the trial court (Redwine) abused its discretion in denying the County Prosecutor's (Travis Clowers) request for the victim to testify via closed circuit television. (Brady, 575 N.E.2d at 989)

Upon the Appellate Court's reversal, the child was then allowed to give testimony via video. The initial decision by Redwine, followed by Clowers' subsequent appeal to a higher court, led to months of delay in finalizing this case in Posey County Circuit Court. A necessary, but time consuming evil placed on the shoulders of Prosecutor Travis Clowers.

McKinney's first 2016 Child Molestation arrest finally culminated in 2018 with Redwine awarding the Defendant McKinney, with a two year sentence, based on a plea agreement that dismissed three of the four felony charges; McKinney served one year, was released, and arrested again a few months later for the same alleged offense, Child Molestation, on another young female victim.

This second, most recent, arrest took place in August 2020, and is still languishing in the Circuit Court of Redwine's replacement, Judge Craig Goedde.

A trial by a jury of McKinney's peers was set for July 14 - July 16, 2021, back in March; this is the second time the court has set a date. Now, here we are in August 2021. I fully expected either the publicly paid Defense Attorney, Bill Gooden, or the Prosecutor, Thomas Clowers to concoct a reason for a postponement again. I wasn't disappointed. Prosecutor Clowers made the motion for a Continuance due to, "Court Calendar Congestion." A postponement, this time, that could possibly lead to a dismissal of McKinney's case or a reduction of the charge against the defendant, (a plea agreement as in 2018) and a lesser penalty, if he pleads guilty.

On the other hand, if McKinney is found guilty under Indiana's Habitual Enhancement Law, his sentence might be increased. This could be the direction that Prosecutor Clowers is headed with his motion for a continuance.

As I said in my own analysis of why I thought the Posey County Circuit is so backlogged, in the July New Harmony Gazette, it may be because the court

is jammed up with pending recidivist criminal cases and can't move effectively, for the public good. Now we see a perfect example of those delays in the McKinney cases.

In McKinney's 2016 to 2018 case, there were five unsuccessful attempts at a jury trial, due primarily to the "child testimony issue" highlighted above. The Prosecutor then, Travis Clowers, Thomas' brother, couldn't pull off a jury trial either. Suffering long delays caused when publicly paid Defense Attorney William Gooden objected to his client not being in the room with the child victim when she testified, and Judge Jim Redwine agreeing with the Defense motion demanding that the child victim be present in person to testify in the deposition, with the alleged child molester present. As I said before, that was resolved in the Appellate Court when Redwine's decision was overturned. Finally, McKinney was sentenced to two years, but paroled from prison, and back on the street in a year.

I fully expected this move for a Continuance in the Circuit Court, but was saddened that Prosecutor Thomas Clowers waited until the eve of the celebration of our most coveted national event, July 4th, was underway to present his request to Judge Goedde for the postponement.

This Continuance is not the first delay for a jury trial in this case, Judge Craig Goedde delayed a jury trial in March to determine, even though the Indiana Court of Appeals had just decided the issue in 2018, whether or not this child could testify without the defendant present. What part of the higher court's decision did Judge Goedde not understand, that took him three months, March to June, to grant the victim's deposition without the defendant present in person?

The Sixth and Seventh Amendments of our U.S. Constitution "guarantee" that someone who is arrested on a felony charge gets a quick public jury trial by his peers. There was never any desire by those who authored our Constitution's language, for lawyers and judges to sidestep and bastardize their meanings with continued procedural delays. These Amendments were written to stand guard between us and becoming a police state; not to be taken so lightly!

In my opinion, let the People decide innocence or guilt, quickly. Not a three man panel. We fought that war over 240 years ago when we rejected England's

Admiralty Courts, and opted for our own twelve person jury system to determine innocence or guilt. Now here we are returning to those dark days of "no citizen" juries.

The system that worked looks to be definitely broken, and it is people like Clowers and Goedde playing along with this present system, who should be credited with the responsibility, along with their attorney colleagues, of its eventual demise.

If we follow our nation's founding principals we can then quickly lay the decision of a defendant's final determination in the lap of the Judge, where it belongs! Let the People's Jury bear witness in the Court to our County Judge's actions! Guilty or Innocent, and a fair and just decision by the Judge regarding punishment.

The Posey County Three Man Panel came up with a plea bargain in 2018 and a two year sentence for Child Molestation! The citizens need to be more involved.

As a follow-up, on July 8th, 2021, the Jury Trial scheduled for July 14 through July 16th was officially cancelled by Circuit Court Judge Craig Goedde, per the request by Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers.

Instead of a trial, Judge Goedde has now called for a "Status Conference" scheduled for August 4, 2021 to advise on "Repeat Sexual Offender Information."

I hope you enjoyed your July the 4th!

JURY TRIAL CONVICTS LIFETIME EVANSVILLE FELON IN JUST 7 HOURS!

By: Dan Barton

As "supportive evidence" of what my previous column, regarding the need for more citizen Jury trials just argued, a Posey County Jury has convicted Quinton Lee Jennings on ten (10) separate felony counts in seven (7) hours of deliberation. Jennings has had forty-eight (48) felony arrests in his life of violent crime. Mostly, beating women into a state of permanent disfigurement or abusing children. In this case he used a crow bar to seriously injure and disfigure his victim.

Apparently, these are not considered serious crimes by Judges in Vanderburgh County, as they have kept releasing him over the past fifteen (15) years for similar offenses. The police in Evansville have, however, done their job of making the many arrests of this criminal, just to have

the Judges release him back onto the street. This is one of his very few arrests outside of Evansville and his first time having to face a Posey County jury.

Juries are made up of people who often find themselves on the receiving end of the violence dished out by criminals like Jennings. These jurors know the true costs of the judicial neglect that so often turns these felons lose, and are overrunning our society today.

Jury trials, for years in Posey County, have been as scarce as hens teeth, more of these trials and convictions of guilty criminals are needed to swing the pendulum in favor of protecting the citizens and victims from these heinous crimes.

The crimes that Jennings was convicted of on July 21st in Posey County were committed and initiated in Evansville, Indiana, and continued over several counties. The case was tried by Warrick County Prosecutor, Jennifer Greer, here in Posey County.

Now we wait for Judge Craig Goedde's sentencing decision.

Jennings' Publicly Paid Defense Attorney April Edwards attempted to have all of Jennings' prior crimes kept secret from the Citizen Jury, but Prosecutors objected and Judge Craig Goedde denied the Defense' request. The jury was allowed to see the true picture of this man.

What follows is the Press Release from the Office of the Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers:

**POSEY COUNTY JURY FINDS
EVANSVILLE MAN GUILTY
OF KIDNAPPING, CRIMINAL
CONFINEMENT, BATTERY !**

July 21, 2021

After deliberating more than seven (7) hours, a Posey County jury returned a verdict of guilty in the case against Quinton Lee Jennings of Evansville.

Just after midnight on July 21st, following a six-day jury trial in Posey County Circuit Court, Jennings was found guilty of ten (10) separate counts, including kidnapping, criminal confinement, aggravated battery, domestic battery, battery by means of a deadly weapon, battery resulting in serious bodily injury as well as the habitual offender enhancement.

Court records show that the case against Jennings, age 32, stems from a multi-agency investigation related to the kidnapping, criminal confinement and battery of a

Newburgh woman in June of 2019.

Jennings was found guilty of kidnapping and confining the victim against her will over the course of three (3) days in an incident that spanned across multiple counties, including Warrick, Vanderburgh, Posey and Franklin County, Illinois. Jennings was also convicted of inflicting serious injuries to the victim during the course of the kidnapping and confinement. Evidence was presented at trial that Jennings used a crowbar to beat and stab the victim multiple times. The victim suffered facial fractures, a broken arm, as well as lacerations that caused extreme blood loss. Evidence was also presented that the victim's three (3) year old daughter was present when the crimes occurred.

After the verdict was read in open court, Jennings threatened the court and jury with violence. As a result of his outburst, Jennings was found in contempt of court and ordered to serve additional time in jail.

Warrick County's Chief Deputy Prosecutor Jennifer Greer and Deputy Prosecutor Samantha Hurst presented the State's case at trial.

Jennings will be sentenced by Posey Circuit Court Judge Craig Goedde. The sentencing hearing has not been scheduled.

**BOOK REPORT - KILLERS OF THE
FLOWER MOON - DAVID GRANN**

By: Dan Barton

What are "you" reading? I have once more (a third time) read *Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann, a riveting and powerful account of the attempted extermination of the Osage Indian nation, living peacefully in and around the town of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, in Osage County, slain by citizens of that town and county in the 1920's, all in the name of greed and avarice.

David Grann tells this story of the mass serial killings, usually done one by one, and the subsequent investigation by the newly formed FBI, with exciting realism. If you thought the attempt to wipe out all of the Indian Nations in America ended at the closing of the 19th century, think again.

In the 1920s the Osage Nation in Oklahoma, with just 2,229 tribal souls on the Osage roles, were thought to be one of the richest in the world. Oil was discovered on their land in the early part of the 20th century. The land was thought to be worthless by the federal government, but by

some stroke of divine intervention or luck, the black gold soon made the Osage People multi-millionaires and targets for murder. It brought on the biased interposition of the U.S. Government, and the white citizens of Pawhuska and Osage County, who wanted a share of the wealth and more, all of it, if possible.

At the bottom of this murderous pogrom was money, oil money, and race hatred. The United States had forcibly moved the Osage Indians several times as white settlers streamed across the land from east to west. "In the 1870s the Osage had been driven from their lands in Kansas onto a rocky, presumably worthless reservation in northeastern Oklahoma, only to discover decades later, that this land was sitting above some of the largest oil deposits in the United States," says author David Grann.

Greed, combined with what seemed to be a natural hatred by many Oklahoma citizens for the Native Americans, fueled the fury of killing and theft that went on for some two decades. John Ramsey, one of the triggermen in the Osage killings told the FBI, that in 1924, "...white people in Oklahoma thought no more of killing an Indian than they did in 1724."

As Grann explains, "To obtain that oil, prospectors had to pay the Osage for leases and royalties." Grann goes into detail about how this "Oil Head Rights" lease money was broken up and shared among the Osage. Eventually growing to, "... millions and millions of dollars, collectively! In 1923 alone, the tribe took in more than \$30 million, the equivalent today of more than \$400 million." Each of the Osage got an equivalent fair share of this money, making them fantastically wealthy.

Pawhuska was the most heavily populated town, 5,000 people, and the capital, in Osage County. Grann explains that, "The streets clamored with cowboys, fortune seekers, bootleggers, soothsayers, medicine men, outlaws, U.S. marshals, New York financiers, and oil magnates."

The Osage had staffs of servants - the "Indians' Pot-Lickers," - as many white citizens called them. "In the early 1920's," David Grann says, "a visitor expressed contempt at the sight of 'even whites' performing 'all the menial tasks about the house to which no Osage will stoop.'"

Some of the many characters in this "Real Life Novel" are the Osage sisters, Mollie, Rita, Anna and Minnie, along with their mother, Lizzie. There are also many local citizens who were directly involved

in the unbelievable crimes described by Grann. People like Earnest Burkhart, Bryan Burkhart and William Hale, people without a conscience. There's even famous lawmen like J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, very new at the time, involved in cracking the identity and guilt of this gang of murderers.

There were former Texas Ranger agents, converted to G-Men, like Tom White, who worked oftentimes undercover and were able to solve a few of the murderous crimes against the Osage. Unfortunately, there were so many killings and so many citizens involved, many of them the most respected people in Pawhuska and Osage County, that even the G-men were only able to scratch the surface, and got very few significant arrests, and hard won prosecutions. It's said that most of the killers got away with mass murder and countless killings during the years of slaughter and terror.

I watched a discussion on YOUTUBE with three of the descendants of the murdered Osage, Kathryn Red Corn, Margie Burkhart and Marvin Stepson, along with the book's author David Grann and Commentator Prof. Hugh Foley from Rogers State University in Oklahoma, which was even more revealing.

Kathryn Red Corn said that this story, "Killers of the Flower Moon," needed to be told and that David Grann was the one to tell it like it happened. They describe that there was corruption at all levels of the government in Oklahoma and the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs.

One of the most shocking elements of this story involved the federal government's involvement, where they assigned white Americans in Oklahoma to handle the money that the Osage were receiving from the Oil revenue. The politicians in Washington and Oklahoma thought that

the Osage were not intelligent enough to handle it themselves.

Each full blooded Osage was assigned one of these Guardian overseers. That's what they called these "good and upstanding, freeloading, thieves" of Osage County, Pawhuska Oklahoma, "Guardians". These Guardians, and there were hundreds of them, many of them lawyers, judges, doctors, law enforcement officials, politicians and business people, who were considered the top citizens in Pawhuska. The Osage were reduced to groveling to these criminals to get enough money just to pay for a tube of toothpaste or to take care of a sick or dying child. Undertakers were charging the Osage as much as \$80,000, in today's dollars, for a funeral and burial at the height of their wealth. Sometimes the Guardian would deny the Osage access to any of their money.

It reminded me very much of what the English did to the Irish in the 19th century, and would have done to us in the 18th century, if our ancestors chose to be peaceful and not fight. The Osage, like the Cherokee, chose the path of peace and paid a terrible price for it.

David Grann stated in the televised discussion, that the story of the Guardians and who these individuals were, is a story unto itself. I concur! Let's hope Mr. Grann takes on that project. As the Osage in the discussion all agreed, Grann is the person to do it. These names need to be published as much as the Nazi perpetrators of the Holocaust in WWII were outed. The blood of these victims cries out for it.

Kathryn Red Corn said that, "... it still goes on," and, "...that there are still Guardians," in Osage County. She said that, "... in the 1920s there were more than 75 lawyers in Pawhuska, in those days a town of 5,000 people." She went on to say that, "...you still see the reminders today. There's still quite a few lawyers in Pawhuska." More than 25 at last count!

Grann, said that Congressional testimony from the 1920s attests to the fact that there was an obsession with Congressional members about scapegoating the Osage for their money. He said, "Members of Congress would sit around with self-righteousness and say, 'What are we going to do with these Osage?'" Grann further noted, "It was literally a racist system, based on the quantity of a persons Osage blood. Full blooded deemed one to be incompetent,

and so a Guardian was assigned to that person." He said that, "The Guardians stole millions upon millions of dollars from these innocent Indian citizens and none of them were brought to justice."

Grann states in his book that, "the Osage death toll was in the scores, if not the hundreds."

Reading the testimony of the Osage at the end of the book, Killers of the Flower Moon, had a tremendous impact on me, and should have the same effect on anyone who reads this fine book. My book report is just an introduction to so much that is in the book that I have left out.

An exciting and engrossing book to read!

JULY RECIPE

By: *Denise Rapp*

CANDIED PECANS

The key to looking like a professional Chef is the collection of 1,000 little secrets. One of my favorite show stopping tricks, is to candy nuts. It's so easy, and it can take snacking, salads topping and jazzing up Charcuterie Boards to a whole new level. You can toss any nut into this sugary cinnamon concoction, bake it up, and start impressing people with your mad skills.

Candied Pecans

1/2 c. granulated sugar

1/2 c. brown sugar

1Tbs. cinnamon

1 tsp. salt

1 lg. egg white

1/2 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. water

4 c. Pecan halves

Preheat oven to 350

Add all ingredients into a medium mixing bowl and beat with a mixer until white and creamy (3 minutes)

Toss in you pecan halves, making sure the nuts are coated evenly

Spread thinly on a baking sheet and bake for apx 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes

Remove from oven and allow them to cool completely

Store in a cool air tight container, or freeze
Enjoy

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