

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

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TOPSY TURVY CIRCUIT COURT!

By: Dan Barton
April 1, 2023

The following letter was sent to Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers by The New Harmony Gazette regarding an arrest of a local man, in January 2023, on two counts of Meth Possession.

In the end, after five months of dawdling and nine meetings between Judge Craig Goedde, Prosecutor Thomas Clowers and Publicly Paid Defense Attorney Josh Orem, one of the two major Meth charges was dropped in a plea agreement between Clowers, Orem and Judge Goedde. The defendant, Matthew Brown, was sentenced to what amounted to a serious traffic violation. Police Officers must be asking themselves why they risk their lives everyday to do their job, when the court goes soft on the criminal they've arrested, over and over again.

We talk about and read about what is going on in the rest of America concerning the lax and lenient criminal court systems, but now it's time we looked closer to home. The Posey County Circuit Court looks at Meth Possession like a minor offense, when actually it fuels the whole illegal drug industry in our country, and in Mexico, where there is now a major drug war going on just across our border; fully automatic weapons, and all! Soft judges and soft prosecutors are not what we need here.

As most of you know, or may perhaps remember, even if vaguely, there was a very serious

double murder that took place in November 2021 in Mt. Vernon. Elizabeth and John Hall were strangely murdered in the middle of the night for no apparent reason. What is common among the individuals who have been either arrested or mentioned as suspects in this murder is that they all have the common thread of Meth in their history.

Only two days after Elizabeth complained to the Mt. Vernon Common Council about the rise in crime in Mt. Vernon, she and her husband were slain with, what sources say was, a shotgun, in the middle of the night. Only about 1% of house break-ins and burglaries are committed by criminals armed with a shotgun. Shotguns are commonly used south of the border for drug gang hits. Is there more to this double murder than the Prosecutor is willing to admit?

As Publisher of The New Harmony Gazette, I have given Prosecutor Thomas Clowers, Sheriff Tom Latham, and Indiana State Police Detective Kuykendall the opportunity to respond more fully to what happened that dreadful night in November 2021. I have asked both Kuykendall and Thomas Clowers if a shotgun was indeed the weapon used in these killings and neither of them would answer that key question. I have asked Sheriff Tom Latham for a copy of an arrest report concerning the arrest of a New Harmony resident in December, in whose home a shotgun was retrieved by police that allegedly has a connection with another man now under arrest for Meth charges, who Indiana State Police have indicated is a person of

interest in the double murder. No information confirming my question has been received from any of the our law enforcement agencies by the Gazette, or is probably forthcoming. Was it indeed a shotgun Prosecutor Clowers?

The Case that follows is just one example of how our court is operating with regard to the possession of the dangerous and deadly drug, Meth! Look for yourselves.

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To: Thomas Clowers, Prosecutor,
Circuit Court, Posey County,
Indiana

From: Dan Barton, Publisher, The
New Harmony Gazette

Re: Matthew Brown, Cause
#65C01-2210-F5-000568

Dear Prosecutor Clowers:

As publisher of The New Harmony Gazette, I have been reviewing the above case regarding Matthew Brown for possible publishing. Brown was initially arrested, according to records, on October 22, 2022 for 1) Possession of Methamphetamine of less than 5 grams of methamphetamine. 2) Possession of Methamphetamine - basic offense for any amount below 5 grams. 3) Driving While Suspended: Knowing Violation and Prior Conviction w/in 10 years. and 4) Possession of Paraphernalia.

Bond was set at \$50,000/\$5,000,

a considerably serious amount. After his initial October 22nd arrest, he was released by Judge Craig Goedde over objections from you, the State. Once he was released on December 5, 2022, he was again arrested on February 13, 2023, on an outstanding warrant issued by the court on February 9, 2023.

After, I followed all of the ins and outs of this case through the Circuit Court, it appears, to the best of my knowledge, that the Brown case had a minimum of at least nine conferences or hearings over a five month period.

The Posey County court system is no doubt topsy turvy, as it is throughout our country, but that's a story for another Gazette edition, what I'm wondering at present is about the accuracy of the calculation of Brown's time at sentencing for my present research.

According to the Sentencing Order of March 22, 2023, Brown was sentenced to 192 Days in IDOC (Indiana Department of Corrections*) for Count 2 - Possession of Methamphetamine - the basic offense for any amount below 5 grams, commencing on 3/22/23.

He was sentenced to 192 days of incarceration at the Posey County Jail for Driving While Suspended, and fined One Dollar (\$1).

Finally, he was sentenced to 60 days in the Posey County Jail for Possession of Paraphernalia.

These sentences are to run concurrent with each other. Meaning, Brown will only serve a maximum of 192 days for all three crimes. Correct?

Here's the interesting part; Brown, is to receive 98 days of credit for time previously served prior to sentencing and another credit of

98 days for days earned prior to sentencing, for a grand credit total of 196 days. In effect you owe Brown four days. Correct?

Is Brown currently incarcerated or has he been released back into the community in Posey County?

Sincerely,

Dan Barton, Publisher
The New Harmony Gazette.

*Publishers note

Prosecutor Thomas Clowers' answer to my email questions regarding the Brown case is as follows:

Good Morning, Mr. Barton:

You are correct that Mr. Brown was sentenced to an aggregate term of one hundred ninety-two (192) days executed in the Indiana Department of Correction. Regarding the court's credit time calculation, Mr. Brown would receive credit for any time incarcerated for these charges prior to sentencing in addition to Class A "good time credit" as required by I.C. 35-50-6-3.1.

Mr. Brown is no longer incarcerated in the Posey County Jail in this case, as he completed the required executed sentence and has been released.

Thanks, Thomas Clowers,
Prosecuting Attorney, Posey
County Prosecutor's Office

Matthew Brown, according to my calculations, has been arrested or cited at least 19 times for various traffic offenses such as speeding, driving without a license and having no insurance. None of this was taken into consideration by the court during the five months of hearings or at sentencing.

Matthew Brown has been turned over to a NOW Officer, an ACCESS

Program and the Posey County Probation Department. So far, it would appear, to no avail!

The Elizabeth and John Hall murder case is still pending after almost a year and a half. Though, it appears, that more than one person is suspect to have played a role in these murders, and only one person, so far, has been arrested on a murder charge.

Last month I noted in The New Harmony Gazette that there were approximately 700 criminal cases processed through the Posey County Circuit Court per year. Less than one-half of one percent of these cases went before a jury of their peers, as is a framed Right in our nation's Constitution.

It seems to me that the lawyers, who are officers of the court in Posey County, have figured out a way to side step and circumvent this Right to a jury. Back in the 1960's, I have read, the trial cases were somewhere over 20%, now down to about .045%, less than one half of one percent.

Have the lawyers and criminals benefited more than the citizens under this "extra-constitutional" arrangement? Only six citizens, according Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers, have had the right to a jury trial in two years, that's in about 1400 cases. In the very few cases that come to trial, and when the defendant is found guilty, a much larger sentence is usually handed down. That's how you send a message, not by making arrests once a year in a much published drug sweep, and releasing or dismissing half of the drug cases that come before Judge Goedde.

Over the past two years, Judge Goedde still has 10 out of the 30 arrests in pending status, many sitting in the Posey County Jail. One third of all the Drug Sweep Cases over two years have not

been fully adjudicated in Goedde's Circuit Court. What gives here?

**OBAMA, TRAYVON, AND
"RACE" IN AMERICA**
By: Richard Moss, MD
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The rhetoric and uproar over the beating death of Trye Nichols by five black police officers in Memphis, Tennessee, demonstrates how badly the "conversation" over race has deteriorated. One would think that a crime involving blacks killing another black would lack a racial angle to exploit. Alas, in today's race-obsessed universe that is never the case. Unable to help themselves, our nation's top racials, beginning with President Joe Biden, weighed in on the controversy hurling the standard epithets of "systemic racism" and "white supremacy." The media, and others, were happy to join in.

With the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954 ending "separate but equal," the Civil Rights legislation of the sixties, Affirmative Action, and "Great Society," with its trillions of dollars of wealth transfers to blacks, one might have considered that nearly sixty years later the nation would mend and race relations improve.

Indeed, the emergence of Barack Obama and his ascension to the Presidency in 2008 suggested that that moment had arrived. The event should have been an inflection point in America's racial history. Many thought it was. How else to explain a white majority nation electing a black President, other than that America had turned the corner? Alas, Obama was not one to placate the nation. Rather than use the opportunity of his rise to the White House as the crowning achievement of a long treacherous journey to racial reconciliation, he chose instead to agitate and polarize the nation

further. His presidency should have represented the fulfillment of the great dream of Lincoln, King, and of our Declaration of Independence, but became instead the basis of an ever-widening racial gap that may never be bridged.

Of his many racial stunts, perhaps the worst moment occurred during the Trayvon Martin affair. After the shooting death of the young black, Obama famously stated that "If I had a son, he'd look like Trayvon." The statement was provocative. Rather than pacify the nation he inflamed it. He seemed to dismiss his white mother and the white grandparents who raised him. He, thus, injected his own biases into the controversy. As in so many other instances, rather than seek a peaceful resolution, he roiled the nation further.

The Trayvon Martin episode (like so many others) had, indeed, unleashed the furies, emanating from the dark underside of racial politics and grievance in America; and it was not a pretty sight. It revolved around a simple narrative that had become the essence of a vast and elaborate racial industry that had grown and metastasized through the decades.

The narrative was as plain as it was destructive: it was that America was racist to the core, institutionally and categorically, and no matter what progress the nation made, no matter that blacks occupied the highest echelons of American wealth, power, and influence in the country, even the Presidency, the Attorney General's office, the halls of Congress, governors' mansions, city halls, in the media, the Academy, Hollywood, the music and entertainment world, sports, business, fashion, medicine, and law.

Nor did it matter that a vast complex of diversity programs, appointments, set asides, quotas, contracts, gerrymandered

districts, anti-discrimination laws, voting rights, and wealth transfers have been instituted on behalf of blacks, or that extensive bureaucracies and organizations have been brought into existence to protect and cater to the needs of blacks.

Nor did it matter that blacks, black achievement, and black culture were embraced, that blacks received extensive preferential treatment and subsidies, or what a substantial political/media broadside was triggered for virtually any perceived racial slight or slur or defend black sensitivities.

Nor did it matter that the United States was bar none the single greatest place in the world for a young black to live and grow.

The narrative would not go away, for Obama and the race industry would not allow it; they had too much to lose, too much lucre and power to forfeit; it existed to ensure that the race catechism was never forgotten, and brandished as a sharp sword at a moment's notice.

George Zimmerman was only the latest foil at the time (and many since). The episodes of prior racial industry clampdowns were well known. Bernie Goetz, Crown Heights, Tawana Brawley, Jena 6, Henry Louis Gates, Duke-Lacrosse, and then Zimmerman, all saw the race industry in full attack mode, unleashing the power of its divisions, the integrated machinery of media, politicians, unions, activists, hucksters, protesters, administrators, academicians, lawyers, civil rights groups, bureaucracies and organizations unwinding themselves on the national stage, targeting victims, wrecking lives, and reinforcing the crucial race narrative upon which their careers and livelihoods depended.

The guilt or innocence of the protagonists hardly mattered. No one knew if Zimmerman committed a crime. But that was immaterial. Zimmerman's offense was not legal but political.

If the man who pulled the trigger had been named Sanchez or had been a black, it would have been a non-story, having failed the race template, no different than the thousands of blacks killed every year by other blacks that go unreported.

That he was Hispanic disturbed the tidy narrative of white racism and placed dueling liberal pieties at odds; and so a new ethnicity was discovered: the white Hispanic.

But the Hispanic dimension is troubling for the race crowd. It needs to look hard into the future for the demographics are not favorable: in a word - it is George Zimmerman. Hispanic Americans, when their numbers are great enough, will discard the temporary alliance they may have with blacks and will not be patient with black demands and black victimhood. Having had nothing to do with slavery and being members of an "oppressed minority" themselves, there will be no pool of white guilt from which to extract wealth transfers or preferential treatment of any kind.

Indeed, the window for blacks

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is closing quickly and the future is grim. Instead of seeking liberty, accomplishment, and full integration into American society, they have followed the victim admonitions of the race industry, into a ghetto of cultural breakdown, unemployment, criminality, and poverty, to their own deepening detriment. They have accepted liberalism's nostrums for black dysfunction, embraced liberalism's assumptions of their inability to compete and requirement for ever expanding government largesse; they have been mined by the race industry for votes and money; furthermore, they have learned to resent bitterly their country, the "white patriarchy," and to believe that the cards were stacked against them. They have been led into a house of despair.

One would be hard pressed to devise a more disabling ideology than this.

And the man who did more to perpetuate their dysfunction and misery, and exacerbate it, while deepening the division of the nation, was none other than the one who could have actually ended it - had the first black President been a different man. Had he been a Thomas Sowell, an Allen West, or Ben Carson, or even the liberal Colin Powell, a patriot who loved his country and recognized the significance of a black man winning the American Presidency. But, no, that man was not a patriot. He was instead a community organizing, race baiting, anti-American, cult-Marxist agitator. He was Barack Hussein Obama who presided over the greatest, lost opportunity in American history.

NEW HARMONY GAZETTE
APRIL RECIPE
By: Denise Rapp

During one of my vacations, I stopped at a gas station for a stretch and a sweet treat. In the

bakery case was an assortment of muffins, all pretty standard except for this Butter Rum Muffin. "Hummm....I think I need to try that." To my surprise it was one of the best confections I've ever had. Before I even got home I was searching for a recipe so I could recreate this muffin. So I'm here to share with you this delicious treat, inspired by my travels. Enjoy!

ZButter Rum Muffins

Ingredients

12 Tbs room temp. butter
1 1/2 c sugar
1 tsp butter flavor extract
2 tsp dark rum
1 c sour cream
1/4 c whole milk
2 1/2 c flour
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
12 oz bag butterscotch chips
4 Tbs course raw sugar for topping
(Be generous w/ sugar topping, it's the best part)

Instructions

Preheat 350
Line muffin pans w/ cupcake liners
Cream butter & sugar until light & fluffy
Add eggs, rum, extract, sour cream & milk
Mix well, then add: flour, powders, salt & baking chips
Portion into baking cups, top w/ sugar & bake
Enjoy while warm
You can freeze any extras for enjoyment later.

