

NEW-HARMONY, (IND.) November 2023**JACK VICERS ARRESTED
ONCE MORE - AGAIN!**

By: Dan Barton
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Once again - New Harmony Resident Jack Vickers has been arrested by New Harmony Marshal Chad Foreman. The arrest came about at Vickers residence at 1111 Lynwood Avenue, on September 27, 2023. Vickers was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon.

Vickers had been arrested previously on September 5, 2023 on a variety of felony charges.

Vickers had made bail on September 26, 2023 on the above felony charges. His bail was \$5,000 and was paid, according to the Posey County Clerk, by a New Harmony Resident named Lynndon Guard.

Previously, in 2022 Vickers had been arrested on Stalking charges but was let go on a plea deal when those charges were reduced to Criminal Trespass and he was released on June 6, 2023

While out on the September 26, 2023 bail, Vickers allegedly broke the provisions of his bail and that caused his most recent rearrest on September 27, 2023. He was incarcerated once again at the Posey County Jail. His current bail has been set at \$250,000 surety/ \$25,000 cash, by Judge Craig Goedde, at the urging of Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers.

**METH CRISES RISING IN POSEY
COUNTY!**

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Every so often The New Harmony Gazette does a round-up of the individuals who are caught and arrested in the Meth crises in Posey County. It's sad that people are not getting the message - Meth not only kills, it ruins lives before it kills! The police can do only so much to stem the crises, so too, the

courts. In the end its going to be up to the citizens who are involved in its use to break the chain. So, once again, here are the arrest numbers and names of those taken to jail. This time for the period January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

There were a total of 634 criminal arrests in the county that went to Posey County Circuit Court from January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. Of those total Criminal Arrests (82) Eighty-Two of them were for either Dealing in Meth or for Possession of Meth. That's about 13% of all "Individual Criminal Arrests" made in Posey County for that period. These figures are for individual arrests, not a compilation of all of the charges on each person arrested. It's also just for Meth alone, it is not for all of the other drug arrests or crimes related to Meth that were made for the same period, which together would show a much higher drug arrest rate.

Here is a breakdown of those individuals who were arrested and where they came from:

Individuals Arrested for Dealing Meth:
Joshua Walden - Mt. Vernon;
Joshua Moore - Mt. Vernon; Birchie Stillwagoner - Mt. Vernon;
Gilbert Eaton - Evansville; Erica Higgins - Wadesville; Brandt White - Patoka; Christina Alumbaugh - Vincennes; Cody Smith - Elberfeld; Jeffrey Melton - Hanesville, Ky;
Individuals Arrested for Dealing Meth. (9)

Individuals Arrested for Possession of Meth: Brian Beswick - Mt. Vernon; Elizabeth Weightman - Mt. Vernon; Winnette Limuel - Mt. Vernon; George Bollinger - Mt. Vernon; Ellen Anthony - Mt. Vernon; Tony Reich - Mt. Vernon;
Galen Brooks - Mt. Vernon; Lacle Mosley X 2 - Mt. Vernon; Kenneth Ashby - Mt. Vernon;
William Hill Jr. - Mt. Vernon; Anna Russell X 2 - Mt. Vernon; Vicky Martin - Mt. Vernon;

Joshua Bollinger - Mt. Vernon; John Griest - Mt. Vernon; James Stillwagoner - Mt. Vernon;
Julie Robb - Mt. Vernon; Nicholas Forsee - Mt. Vernon; David McIntire - Mt. Vernon; John Stallings - Mt. Vernon; Mechille Boren - Mt. Vernon; Kathleen Bollinger - Mt. Vernon;
Andrew Williams - Mt. Vernon; Robert Conrad - Mt. Vernon; Tara Hancock - Mt. Vernon;
Kyle Thomason - Mt. Vernon; Daryl Morman Jr. - Mt. Vernon; Julie Ricketts - Mt. Vernon
Joseph Davis - Mt. Vernon; Clifton Redman - Mt. Vernon; Crystal Givens - Mt. Vernon;
Ryan Hanebutt - Mt. Vernon; John Murphy - Mt. Vernon; Cristal Cardwell - Mt. Vernon;
Gilbert Eaton - Mt. Vernon; Helen Key - Mt. Vernon; Monica Goldsberry - Mt. Vernon;
Tre Kirk - Mt. Vernon; Robert Blankenship - Mt. Vernon; Kordell Stewart - Mt. Vernon; (41)

April Bishop - Evansville; Stephanie Richardt - Evansville; Dakohta Clark - Evansville; Donald Clayton - Evansville; Roger Barnett - Evansville; Brian Weightman - Evansville;
Christopher Yates - Evansville; James Morre - Evansville; Randall Tungate - Evansville;
Noel King - Evansville; Alex Kempf - Evansville; Micki Mayo - Evansville;
Thomas Stolz - Evansville; Roger Greathouse (14)

Anthony Wells - New Harmony; Chiffone Puckett - New Harmony; (2)

Nikie Turner - Cynthiana; Ashley Kinman - Cynthiana (2)

Brian Gardner - Wadesville; Ryan Collins - Franklin, In.; Andrew Scott - Griffin, In.; Alyssa Bechtel - Odon, In.; (4)

James Scott - Flora, Ill.; Robert Reece - Marion, Ill.; Angela Darnell - Carmi, Ill.;

Braddon Turrentine - Norris City, Ill.;
Justine Drone - Eldorado, Ill.;
Tamara Briddick - Eldorado, Ill.; Skyler
Abbott - Harrisburg, Ill.; (7)

Brent Rodgers - Lansing, Mich.; David
Myers - Morris, OK.;
Donte Winstead - Owensboro, Ky.; (3)

Recently, Mt. Vernon Police Chief Andrew Rush was reported to have addressed the Mt. Vernon Common Council with regard to the soaring drug charge arrests. Although, Chief Rush may have been using a different set of criteria than what I have used at The New Harmony Gazette (He was using accumulated charges instead of individual arrests and a two week period instead of nine months and only in Mt. Vernon instead of all Posey County) Rush still came up with the same conclusion - Meth is a pervasive and rising problem and creates spinoff crimes in its wake.

Chief Rush also remarked that "Officers are trying their best!" The Gazette has not been following arrests in the Mt. Vernon Police Department, but has been calculating arrests in all of Posey County and the numbers would bear out that remark by Rush - Officers in all Posey County Law Enforcement Offices have been doing there best. Their arrest rates have increased dramatically.

For instance, "an average" over the prior Five (5) years, 2018 through 2022, shows that the calculation was 640 total arrests per year, that's about 53 arrests per month on average.

So far, in 2023 - as you just read - In Nine (9) months local Law Enforcement Officers have made 634 total arrests, that's about 70 arrests per month, a really substantial increase. The numbers speak for themselves.

The Posey County Circuit Court has fully adjudicated Twenty-Four (24) of the Eighty-Two (82) Meth Related Arrests in 2023, as of September 30, 2023. There still remained Fifty-Eight (58) Meth Related Arrests of 2023, or 71%, that the Court has in Pending Status as of September 30th.

Of the 82 Meth Arrests, Forty-Seven (47) of the arrestees are still incarcerated in either the Posey County Jail or Indiana

Department of Corrections. While, Thirty-Five (35) defendants have been released either on bail or for time served or have jumped bail and have not yet been rearrested; around 43% of Meth arrestees have been released by the court back onto the streets.

All persons herein named arrested are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty in a court of law!

Mt. Vernon Police Chief Andrew Rush was asked, in the most recent Mt. Vernon Common Council meeting, the question; "Are the majority of cases just folks passing through?" The Chief said he will get back to the Council on that matter by the end of the year.- but in terms of The New Harmony Gazette, our numbers for the County are clear - the largest number of arrests for Meth, Forty-Four (44) were from and in Mt. Vernon itself, while Thirty-Eight (38) were from outside of Mt. Vernon.

The Mount Vernon Police Chief stated that so far his officers have arrested 178 individuals in total, on 410 charges, this year. He stated that of the 410 charges, 176 of the charges were drug related arrests. He didn't specify just for Meth, so he's obviously including all drug related arrests. He said that drug related arrests in Mt, Vernon reflected an increase of 167% over the same period in 2022.

ROBERT J. KESTER GETS SERIOUS PRISON TIME!

By: Dan Barton

On the afternoon of Wednesday, September 27, 2023, Robert Jacob Kester, age 40, appeared in the Posey County Circuit Court where he was sentenced by Judge Craig Goedde to 30 years in prison after pleading guilty; admitting to, Dealing in Methamphetamine, a Level 2 Felony.

As part of his guilty plea, Kester admitted to possessing more than 90 grams of methamphetamine in Posey County on June 1, 2023. Kester further admitted to intending to deliver the meth to another person.

Posey County Sheriff's Deputy Aaron Straub initiated a traffic stop of a vehicle driven by Kester just after midnight on June 1, 2023. Deputy Straub explained in his

Probable Cause Affidavit that he observed Kester drive left of center as well as fail to signal prior to turning. During the course of the investigation, Kester advised law enforcement the he was currently on federal probation.

Kester consented to a search of his vehicle, which resulted in officers locating more than 90 grams of meth.

At sentencing, the court heard evidence that Kester has two (2) prior convictions for dealing in meth. Based on his current charges, Kester faced a range of 10 to 30 years at sentencing.

Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers praised the work of law enforcement. "This is a direct result of the proactive investigation conducted by Posey County Sheriff's Office Deputy Aaron Straub and Mt. Vernon Police Department Officer Brandon Woodley. Thanks to their diligence, a traffic stop resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of drugs and a repeat drug dealer removed from our community for a substantial amount of time."

Kester will serve his sentence in the Indiana Department of Corrections.

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While the widely circulated article above says that Robert Kester was sentenced to 30 years, that's not the full story. Public Court Records indicate a more detailed explanation of the deal made for Robert Kester. The public should be made aware of this deal between Posey County Prosecutor Thomas Clowers, Circuit Court Judge Craig Goedde and defendant Robert Kester, through Kester's Publicly Paid Defense Attorney Jake Warrum.

What public records reveal is the following; Robert Kester was initially sentenced to thirty (30) years of incarceration in the Indiana Department Of Correction by Judge Craig Goedde.

But, the Defendant is ordered to execute twenty (20) years in the Indiana Department of Correction, followed by five (5) years in the Posey County Community Corrections Program and five (5) years

suspended to Probation on the following terms and conditions:

The Defendant is to receive one hundred eighteen days (118) credit for time previously served prior to sentencing and forty (40) days of earned (good) time credit prior to sentencing, for a total of one hundred fifty-eight (158) days earned credit prior to sentencing (June 1, 2023 - September 6, 2023)

Also, the Defendant is ordered to pay a (\$1.00) One dollar fine.

On the State's Motion (Prosecutor Thomas Clowers), pursuant to the Sentencing Recommendation, the following Counts were all Dismissed: Count 2 - Possession of Meth, a Level 3 Felony, Count 3 - Possession of a Narcotic Drug, a Level 5 Felony, Count 4 - Maintaining Common Nuisance (Drug House), a Level 6 Felony, Count 5 - Unlawful Possession of a Syringe, Count 6 - Possession of a Controlled Substance, a Level 6 Felony, County 7 - Possession of Marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and Count 8 - Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor.

According to public records, Robert Kester has been arrested at least ten (10) times going back as far as 2003 for Meth Related and other Drug related charges.

SAVAGES, CIVILIZATION, ISRAEL AND THE WEST

By: *Richard Moss, M.D.*



How many Gazas have we imported into our own country because of misguided policies? How many Jihadis have we allowed into our nation and on our college campuses? How many 9/11s await us, how many slaughters of the innocent will we have to mourn, here, and the West in general, before we awaken to the self-inflicted wounds we have committed?

One should resist the temptation of separating Hamas from the Palestinian people. There is broad popular support for Hamas in Gaza; they were elected overwhelmingly in the one election held. Palestinians embrace acts of terror by

Hamas and other Muslim terrorist groups. They celebrate them. If Hamas had the wherewithal to do to all of Israel what they did in the southern part recently, there would be ecstatic merry-making for months.

The Palestinian terrorists chose the timing of their massacre of the Jews strategically. It was the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Yom Kippur War in 1973. It was also a Jewish holiday that comes at the end of Sukkoth known as Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah, a celebration of the renewal of the Torah reading cycle. They knew the Israelis would be resting or in prayer, cell phones off and unprepared for an attack. And so, they celebrated by slaughtering some 1,400 innocent Jews, men, women, children and babies.

There is a sociopathology amongst Palestinians, particularly those living in Gaza, but elsewhere as well. Embracing victimhood, they are also ready to strike out with extreme violence, as the world has seen. They are among the most subsidized people in the world, pampered and indulged by the "international community," receiving billions of dollars in aid every year, a form of protection money. They are also the darlings of the media, NGOs, aid organizations, the EU and the UN. With all this attention and coddling for so unworthy a cause and people, their violent tendencies well known, and especially with so many other conflicted and undeserved areas of the world, is there any wonder they act as they do? They are the terrorist equivalent of spoiled children and know the world will support them, regardless of how heinous their actions.

Israel left Gaza in 2005, thus ending the "occupation". In 2006, Palestinians voted Hamas in over the Palestinian Authority. In June of 2007, Hamas launched a brutal takeover of Gaza and massacred their Muslim compatriots in the Palestinian Authority by hurling them off roofs, shooting them in the head in front of loved ones, or dragging them through the streets chained to cars. They are a recognized terrorist organization that calls openly for the destruction of the state of Israel and do not recognize Israel's right to exist. An offshoot of the Muslim Brotherhood, they seek not just the death of Israel but all of Christendom and the West and to create a global caliphate.

But Hamas is merely a reflection of its people. It is not, as it is often portrayed, of poor Palestinians dominated by the kleptocrat terrorists that form Hamas. Not at all. The people are Hamas. They embrace and support Hamas.

Gaza and the Palestinians should be a wild success story. They receive tremendous amounts of aid, are beloved by the West and the liberal establishment, and doted on by the media and the UN. They enjoy a favorable climate, pitched on the Mediterranean Sea as they are, with gorgeous beaches and neighbors to a highly intelligent, dynamic people that can readily employ them. They themselves are known to be an industrious, innovative people. So, why do they not flourish? Because like Hamas, the Palestinians are obsessed with death and killing, and not building a lawful, thriving, civil society. Combine that with equal measures of self-pity and hatred, and you wind up not with Miami on the Mediterranean, but Mogadishu.

It is also odd, that Israel is portrayed in the media as a villainous oppressor over the pathetic, helpless, long-suffering, poor Palestinians. One would think that the Jewish people have some claim to victimhood, not that they want or need it. But isn't it the case that the Jews are the most victimized people on earth and through history? And not the poor Palestinians? For the last 2,000 years, since the calamitous Roman war of annihilation against the Jews and the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, Jews have largely been a stateless, ghettoized people subject to the will and whim of the surrounding Christian or Muslim majority. They have endured expulsions, pogroms, massacres, ghettos, second class status, and a minor item known as the Holocaust. But just the raw numbers alone should suggest the absurdity of the fantasy of Jewish oppressors. There are a half a billion Arabs and nearly 2 billion Muslims. And 16 million Jews. There are 22 Arab nations and some 50 Muslim nations. And one Jewish state, barely a pinprick on the world map. How could a single tiny Jewish nation, Israel, scarcely the size of the state of New Jersey, a mere six miles wide at its waist, in a sea of Arab and Muslim nations, dominate the Middle East - or come to abuse the Palestinians? Well, it doesn't. But the world is obsessed with Israel, its every miscue and misstep, its very existence, the leftist media having long

ago abandoned the one nation and people most in need of some commiseration. Indeed, Israel is the David against the Arab-Muslim Goliath and the Palestinians are the political football used to attack it.

There are common terms adopted by the Left to condemn Israel and to define the Arab-Israeli conflict with such nomenclature as "colonialism," "expropriation," "apartheid" or "occupiers," as if the Jews had no claims to the Holy Land and did not have a presence there for nearly 4,000 years. This is the language used against our own nation and others such as Canada, Australia and New Zealand, but particularly America, based on their European or Western or, let us say, "white" origins. It is a farcical attempt to racialize Israel and portray it not as Jewish but white, to better align with neo-Marxist theories. It is bogus for any number of reasons wherever deployed but in particular in regards to Israel. Israelis may be white, although many Sephardim ("Spanish" or "Arab" Jews) are "swarthy," and some are actually black (the "Falasha" or Ethiopian Jews). But Israelis are first and foremost Jews and they are the indigenous people of the land.

As we observe the raucous support for Hamas occurring on our streets, college campuses and capitols, what are we to make of our own policies, in particular of our wars in the Middle East, and then immigration? How may Gazas have imported into our nation and on our college campuses? How many 9/11s await us, how many slaughters of the innocent will we have to mourn, here, and the West in general, before we awaken to the self-inflicted wounds we have committed? Will we recognize the damage done, begin deportations, end student visas from various Muslim nations,

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and reconsider our reckless immigration policies?

There is such a thing as Just War, which includes the defense of one's people, especially after repeated attacks. Few question the wisdom and morality of Dresden or Hiroshima and Nagasaki despite the enormous civilian casualties. Israel has every right to defend itself, destroy its enemies, despite significant civilian casualties. If Hamas and the world are concerned about civilian casualties, they can unconditionally surrender and leave Gaza, otherwise accept the responsibility for the death and destruction that is coming. Israel must abandon the absurd "Two-State Solution" and "peace process," and embrace instead a "One-State Solution," not to commit genocide as Israel's enemies would, but to control and administer its territories. This will include Israel proper, Gaza and the West Bank (Judea and Samaria), allowing "Palestinians" some autonomy and self-governance but under Israeli control.

Israel is the canary in the coal mine. What has happened there has and will come to us again. The West, including the U.S. and Europe, and then Israel, must awaken to the threat of Islam and take appropriate measures. Do we have the will to live? To do what is necessary to survive? Or are we too decadent and corrupt? We shall find out. Out of the ashes of Auschwitz and the Holocaust, the modern state of Israel was born. So must it and we be reborn again.

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**NEW HARMONY GAZETTE
NOVEMBER RECIPE**

By: Denise Rapp

**ASIAN CARP BURGERS
Makes 8 Burgers**

Although I have not personally made these Asian Carp Burgers, I'm going to share this recipe anyway. Dan insisted!

We didn't know a new blessing awaited us by living on the Wabash...in that we have unlimited access to Asian Carp, so this exotic recipe isn't out of reach.

Dirks Fish market in Chicago, made 840 of these Asian Carp Burgers for the 2012 Taste of Chicago and gave them all away within 2 hours!

They were a huge hit.

Asian Carp is lean low fat protein and being that it is an invasive species, we can create a solution, in our own community, by eating it.

Ingredients

2lbs Asian carp filets-ground
1/2c panko bread crumbs
2 tbs. fresh chopped garlic
2 tbs. olive oil
1 tbs. lemon zest
4 tsp. dry oregano
2 tsp. black pepper
1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
8 Toasted Brioche Rolls
Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Cajun Mayo

Directions

Grind up your filets in a food processor or meat grinder.

Add spices and mix well, then add the bread crumbs.

Form into 1/4 lb Patties.

Preheat and oil your grill.

Cook for 5 minutes on each side on a hot grill.

Grill your buns & add your garnishes

Enjoy!

