

## **List of Cases connecting the Hells Angels to Criminal Activity**

### **Introduction**

This submission is a list of some of the many cases connecting the Hells Angels to criminal activity in support of the Crown's application to seize their clubhouses in British Columbia under criminal organization legislation.

I am a big supporter of civil liberty. I completely support the Canadian Charter of Rights and do not take lightly the idea of the government seizing property from anyone. However, I am also very concerned about the drug related violence the Hells Angels are directly involved with in Canada.

One of the inherent rights of a democratic society that is protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights is the freedom of association. People have the right to join any group of like minded individuals they chose. The freedom of religion falls under this category.

People have the right to be Catholic or Protestant, Jewish or Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh or Hindu. They have a right to join any religious group they chose as long as they uphold the other natural laws in society. Under this clause people have the right to be Atheist or Agnostic as well. They have the right to be Gay, Straight or Bisexual and are free to join any group of like minded individuals.

The freedom of association includes political association. People have the right to join any political organization of their choice, any trade union, or any group of like minded individuals. If people want to join a group of model plain or train enthusiasts they are free to do so. If a group of hikers, snowshoers, kayakers or vespa riders want to join a group and associate one with another they are free to do so.

People are even free to join a group of motorcycle enthusiasts and ride together without being harassed by the police or having their property seized by the government. What people are not free to do under this clause is join a criminal organization. People are not free to commit crime without facing a legal consequence for their criminal activity.

I submit that time and experience has made it very clear that the Hells Angels are not just a group of like minded motorcycle enthusiasts. I submit that they are a criminal organization whose primary business is drug dealing and various other related crimes.

For this reason I make this submission in support of the Crown's case to seize their clubhouses in British Columbia under the criminal organization legislation to promote law and order and to protect the public interest.

## List of specific Cases

Recognizing that the Hells Angels are not just a provincial organization but a federal and an international one, let's begin with Quebec where the Hells Angels drug related violence in Canada all began and took root.

In Quebec, the biker war had absolutely nothing to do with riding motorcycles. It was a war over drug turf. Julie Couillard's ex husband was Stephen Sirois. He sold drugs for the Hells Angels in Montreal through the Rockers, not to be confused with the Rock Machine. In Quebec, the court heard that the Hells Angels contributed a percentage of their drug profits [to a fund to murder rival drug dealers](#). That is all well documented now.

August 2012 [Thirteen members of the Hells Angels](#) pleaded guilty to charges of murder and conspiracy to commit murder at the Gouin courthouse in Montreal. Ten were full-patch members of the Hells Angels' chapter in Sherbrooke, two others are associate members of the Montreal chapter and one is from the South chapter.

This is the central point. In Quebec, the Hells Angels were not just involved in the drug trade as an organization, they used a percentage of their drug profits to murder rival drug dealer to obtain a monopoly of the drug trade. That is what the biker war in Quebec was all about. That is also what we are seeing now in British Columbia.

This has also become clear in Winnipeg. The Zig Zag crew was a puppet club of the Hells Angels that sold drugs for them just like the Rockers did in Montreal. Harold Amos was caught on video cutting crack cocaine for the Hells Angels by a police agent. He was convicted of drug trafficking along with Sean Wofle and Dale Donavah, who was the president of the Hells Angels, as well as several other members and associates.

It was established in court that [the Zig Zag crew paid the Hells Angels](#) for protection from rival drug dealers. This picture which I shall refer to as exhibit AK1 was a picture posted on Facebook showing the Hells Angels support and endorsement of the Zig Zag Crew who were convicted of selling drugs for the Hells Angels. When they post these pictures it is a warning to rival drug dealers they are protected by the Hells Angels.



Al Lebras, a member of the Zig Zag crew was given a [15 year sentence](#) stemming from the Project Drill investigation. He was caught [selling a kilogram of cocaine to a member of the Zig Zag crew](#). Below is exhibit AK2.



This picture was taken in Stony Mountain prison after they were all convicted of drug trafficking. Sean Wolfe and Dale Donovan also known as Deli are posing with Al Lebras and Harold Amos. It shows the Hells Angels continued support of the Zig Zag Crew's drug trafficking despite their convictions.

Under Project Flatline Dale Sweeney, a subsequent president of the Winnipeg Hells Angels, was [given an 11 year sentence for cocaine trafficking](#). He was arrested along with 10 other associates including his brother Rod Sweeney.

Dale Sweeney admitted in court that he ran the sophisticated drug dealing operation, which saw between one and two kilograms of cocaine being sold every month on Winnipeg streets between May 2011 and February 2012.

Sweeney was buying the cocaine from suppliers in British Columbia and then handing it off to the Redlined Support Crew, the puppet gang of the Hells Angels, who turned the cocaine into crack cocaine and sold it in smaller amounts through street dealers.

The Redline Support Crew was the next puppet club that sold drugs for the Hells Angels in Winnipeg after the Zig Zag Crew was convicted. Once again as soon as one Hells Angel drug trafficking ring is caught another one rises up to take it's place.

As in Quebec, the Hells Angels were directly responsible for a drug war in Winnipeg. A Hells Angels associate from Ontario named [Sean Heickert shot one of their own guys](#) from another one of their puppet clubs called LHS - Loyalty Honour Silence. Sean's brother was James Heickert, a full-patch member of the Oshawa Hells Angels. Who of course had their clubhouse seized and sold under criminal organization legislation due to the numerous drug trafficking cases they were involved with in Ontario.

Bekim Zeneli was the leader of LHS who were working for the Hells Angels. The local Hells Angels let them kill Zeneli so the Ontario Hells Angels could take over the Thompson drug trade. Many of the local associates were outraged at this betrayal and joined the rival Rock Machine which triggered another gang war in Winnipeg. Again this war had nothing to do with riding motorcycles. It was a war over drug turf.

There have also been many drug convictions and murders tied to the Hells Angels in Halifax. In fact one of the Halifax Hells Angels came to BC and joined the East Vancouver chapter then helped start the Kelowna chapter. David Giles is currently awaiting trial for another drug trafficking charge. This time he hasn't even made bail.

In 2001, [US authorities stopped the Western Wind](#) off the coast of Washington and seized 2 ½ tons of cocaine bound for Victoria and the BC Hells Angels. Shockingly that bust failed because of a high ranking RCMP officer named Richard Barszczewski. Although there were no convictions in that case, the cocaine was seized and the Hells Angels were implicated. That was the prime example of a large scale operation.

The Hells Angels in British Columbia have been involved in the drug trade since they came here. On Sept. 24, 1995, police stopped a van travelling east on Highway 1 near Abbotsford and seized 135 kg of unprocessed, high-grade cocaine. On Sept. 26, 1995, a police search of a home on East 5th Avenue resulted in the seizure of 170 kg of high-grade cocaine. Roberto Salvatore Ciancio and Aviv Ciulla were charged with unlawfully conspiring to traffic in cocaine and possession for the purpose of trafficking. The men's finger prints were found on the drugs. That trial resulted in a hung jury.

After that bust, a hit was placed on the police informant Eugene Uyeyama and his wife Michele right before Christmas 1995. Robert (Bobby) Moyes plead guilty to the murder of the police informant and his wife as well as five murders in Abbotsford at that time for a drug debt. Robert Moyes claimed the person who hired him was Roberto Salvatore Ciancio, He got in the house to kill the Uyeyamas by claiming he had Christmas gifts from the "boys" which is a common acronym for the Hells Angels.

In 2003 Tony Terezakis was charged with running a high level crack cocaine and heroin operation in the DTES for the Hells Angels out of the American Hotel. Salvatore Ciancio and Aviv Ciulla were two of Tony's co accused. This arrest shows that Salvatore Ciancio was therefore connected to the Hells Angels.

The case of Hells Angels associate Tony Terezakis is pretty much the missing link establishing the Hells Angels use of violence to collect drug debts in the drug trade they control. Tony was not just convicted of drug trafficking for the Hells Angels out of the American Hotel in East Vancouver. He videotaped himself beating the life out of crack addicts who owed him money. He would say, where's my money? laugh, spit on them, shout praise the lord and then beat them senseless. His ex wife found the videos and turned them over to the police.

Ronald Lising was a full-patch member of the East End chapter of the Hells Angels. In 2001, Lising and Pires' brother, Chico, were convicted of trafficking drugs through No. 5 Orange strip club and the Marble Arch Hotel. Each was sentenced to four and half years in jail. In 2001, John Punko, another full-patch member of the East End chapter of the Hells Angels was convicted of threatening the Crown counsel who was prosecuting Lising and Chico Pires on their drug trafficking charges.

John Punko wasn't the only one convicted of drug trafficking. [In E Pandora](#) it was John Punko, Randy Potts, Jean Violette, Jonathan Bryce Jr and seven others including Jason Brown who was later fond with Red Scorpion gear after the Hells Angels took over that puppet club. Michael Plante testified that long time Surrey crystal meth cook Kerry Ryan Renaud was working for John Punko and the Hells Angels. [Ryan was also convicted with them in E Pandora](#).

In Prince George the Hells Angels set up a puppet club called the Renegades. Project Essen led to 10 major arrests in January 2005, including Cedric Smith and Vancouver club president Norman Krogstad who plead guilty and were sentenced to four years in prison after being caught trafficking nine kilos of cocaine to a police agent from the Renegades. The Crew was a puppet club that sold drugs for the Renegades and the Hells Angels. They sold crack and cut off fingers for drug debts.

At the trial of contract killer Mickie (Phil) Smith the court was told [one of his murders was done for the East Vancouver chapter of the Hells Angels](#). Smith killed Paul Percy Soluk at a crack house in Surrey and said a man he called Yurik helped him chop up and dispose of the body. Smith said "Yurik's not an Angel but he works with the Angels. I know he's done a lot of hits." Paul Soluk was killed in 1999.

May 1990 John Ramon (Ray) Ginnetti, a local stockbroker and known associate of the Hells Angels was murdered in his own home. Cuban national Jose Raul Perez-Valdez admitted he committed the contract killing. Reiner told the court Perez-Valdez was hired for \$30,000 to kill Ginnetti by Roger Daggitt who once described in court as a top enforcer for the Hells Angels.

[Jeffrey Albert Lynds](#) confessed to [murdering Randy Mersereau](#) in Halifax for the Hells Angels. When the Hells Angels as an organization hires and pays for a murder, then the

entire organization need to be charged with murder. That defines them as a criminal organization as well as their numerous drug trafficking convictions.

The Whiteboy posse sell drugs for the Edmonton Hells Angels. They have had numerous drug trafficking and murder convictions. Kyle Halbauer from the Whiteboy Posse has plead guilty to [cocaine trafficking](#) and the [first-degree murder of Lorry Santos](#). They have even been charged with decapitating Bob Roth for a drug debt. The Whiteboy posse was found in possession of Hells Angels support gear.

This picture, exhibit AK3 is of Travis A Wilson from the Dirty Few, yet another Hells Angels puppet club wearing a Hells Angel support shirt showing their support for a member of the Whiteboy posse.



In Kelowna, two full patch Hells Angels were convicted of the senseless murder of Dain Philips. David Giles was arrested for another cocaine trafficking ring after his associate David Revell was convicted of cocaine trafficking. Johnny Newcome was convicted of changing the vehicle identification numbers on stolen cars, boats and motorcycles for the Kelowna Hells Angels. Cars that were reported stolen by the Kelowna Hells Angels president that ended up in possession of the Calgary Hells Angels.

The Calgary Hells angels and their associate Zenon Stepkowski were affiliated with the Vernon Greeks. Zenon [owned a warehouse the Vernon Greeks used](#) and they were found in possession of Calgary Hells Angels support gear. No drug dealers are allowed to display Hells Angels support gear without permission.

The Vernon Greeks were also involved with Whiterock Hells Angel Michael Robatzek and his cousin Douglas Brownel. Brownel was convicted of two counts of manslaughter while another person was [murdered in a home Michael Robatzek owned](#).

In 2003, the same year Tony Terezakis was charged and later convicted of running a high level crack cocaine and heroin operation in the DTES for the Hells Angels out of the American Hotel, Project Halo broke up yet another Hells Angels drug trafficking ring involving multi-kilograms of cocaine between Vancouver Island and Ontario.

Full patch Hells Angel Lea Sheppe, 53, of Nanaimo and associate Robbie Louis Lajeunesse, 43, also of Nanaimo were both charged with trafficking in a controlled substance. Michael Jeffery McImurray, 37, a Hells Angel from Keswick, Ontario and associate Nikolaos Petrantonakis, 34, of Markham, Ontario were also charged after [10 kilograms of cocaine was seized in Nanaimo](#).

With all the convictions and charges pending in Kelowna, there is no question their clubhouse should be seized in the public interest. Stolen cars, boats and motorcycles also constitutes criminal activity. A stolen car ring that large clearly is organized crime.

I submit that the Hells Angels are the ones ultimately responsible for the violence in the Vancouver Gang War. This is a picture of Larry Amero from the Whiterock Hells Angels with Randy Naicker from the Independent Soldiers referred to as exhibit AK4.



Larry Amero's association with Jonathon Bacon when they were shot in Kelowna was nothing new. Randy Naicker and James Riach were with the Bacon brothers at the Castle fun Park meeting wearing Kevlar before the Surrey Six Murder.

The Hells Angels took over the leadership of the Independent Soldiers and through the Bacon brothers took over the leadership of the Red Scorpions as well.

The number of murders attributed to the Hells Angels in Canada is overwhelming as is the drug trafficking convictions in Project Essen, E Pandora as well as the Tony Terezakis and Ryan Renaud cases. Yet there are three additional rings that show the magnitude of the Hells Angels drug trafficking network in Canada.

The first was the Rob Shannon and Jody York ring. They were convicted of transporting large amounts of BC marijuana into the United States and bringing back large amounts of cocaine into Canada from the US to be sold here as crack.

Rob Shannon and Jody York were described in US indictments as Hells Angels associated smuggling drugs for the Hells Angels. Rob Shannon and Jody York both appeared in Vancouver Hells Angels Hal Porteous's rap video.



Rob Shannon was convicted in US courts for being the ring leader of that operation. This is a picture of Hal Porteous showing his support for Rob Shannon before he was convicted just like Sean Wolfe and Dale Donovan were showing their support for the Zig Zag Crew in Winnipeg before they were convicted referred to as exhibit AK5.

The second ring involved another huge cross border marijuana cocaine ring tied to the Hells Angels where Randy Jones and his brother Trevor were implicated as well as the Surrey Strip Bar TBarz which they now call Shakerz. That bar should be seized by the courts as well. According to US indictments it was the hub of that drug ring.

This operation included offers from the BC Hells Angels to go to Washington to enforce drug debt collection. Locals in Washington State have been convicted. Trevor Jones and his brother Randy have been named but not yet extradited for that US trial.



This shows a pattern where the Hells Angels have been involved in two huge cross border drug rings. As soon as one gets busted, another continues on in it's place.

The third ring involves Larry Amero out of Montreal. After Larry Amero was shot with Jonathon Bacon in Kelowna he went to Montreal and has been charged with his involvement in a large cross border drug trafficking ring tied to the Hells Angels that supplied BC Marijuana to LA and New York and brought back large amounts of cocaine into Canada. Rabih Alkhalil is his coaccused in that case. The court heard that drug ring had the capacity to import and distribute about 75 kilograms of cocaine per week

When he was on bail for that, Larry Amero was later arrested for yet another drug ring out of Australia where 650 kg of pseudoephedrine were seized as this drug ring was suspected of importing two tons of precursor chemicals for making crystal meth for the Hells Angels. Shane Maloney is Larry Amero's coaccused in that case.

When we examine the drug convictions in BC from Project Essen and E Pandora as well as the drug trafficking convictions of Tony Terezakis and Salvatore Ciancio we clearly see a pattern develop that is proven in the three cross border rings involving Rob Shannon, Trevor Jones and Larry Amero.

The number of drug trafficking convictions in BC tied to the Hells Angels is even more than in Ontario where the courts have not had a problem enforcing the law and defining that club as a criminal organization. There is a large public concern here that the courts in BC are having a hard time enforcing the same federal laws that the courts in Ontario are able to enforce. Public trust in the BC Judicial system is flailing.

I submit that the number of cases where the Hells Angels have been involved with criminal activity is overwhelming and that the evidence clearly declares they are a criminal organization under the law and should be treated as such. Any denial of that fact at this point would be a grave public concern.

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