

August 20, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

**Question:** Who will connect the dots with regards to the enumerated allegations in the attached *White Paper*, which have been perpetrated by employees working at the Bureau of Land Management Office of Law Enforcement and Security (BLM OLES) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement (FWS OLE)?

**Question:** Why does Senator Mike Lees<sup>1</sup> (R-Utah) want Congress to rein in the law enforcement authority of BLM OLES and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), by crafting legislation he says will either restrict or abolish their authority?

**Question:** Why does Senator Lee want Congress to effectively support the end of protection to both the Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monuments?

**Question:** Why does Senator Lee want Congress to protect the states from the *presidential abuses* of the Antiquities Act of 1906?

**Question:** Why is Senator Lee and other government officials tolerating nepotism and other quid pro quo schemes that are being perpetrated by BLM OLES and FWS OLE law enforcement officers?

**Question:** Why did President Trump pardon Oregon cattle ranchers Dwight L. Hammond (age 76) and his son, Steven D. Hammond (age 49)?

**Question:** What caused the Department of Interior Office of Inspector General (DOI OIG) to conduct a search of a safe located in the headquarters of the BLM OLES, which contained property receipts which indicated more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in unaccounted gift cards had been given to BLM OLES law enforcement officers<sup>2</sup>.

**Question:** What do the following **nine (9)** individuals have in common - **D'Andre Bergardt Jr.**<sup>3</sup>, Fish and FWS OLE Special Agent in Charge (SAC) **Kenneth Charles Endress**, **Robert LaVoy Finicum**<sup>4</sup> and <sup>5</sup>, **Ted Dan Gardiner**, **Kent**

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<sup>1</sup> Senator Lee sits on several committees to include the Chair, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.

<sup>2</sup> DOI OIG report number 17-0820, dated March 19, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> An unarmed Berghardt Jr. (age 20) was shot and killed by two Bureau of Land Management rangers during an encounter on State Route 159 on February 14, 2014. A Nevada Highway Patrol Trooper Lucas Schwarzrock who was also present did not fire his gun during the ordeal.

<sup>4</sup> In 1992, Latter Day Saint **Gregory T. Bretzing** graduated from Brigham Young University with an accounting degree. At the time **Bretzing's** father, **Richard Bretzing** was the FBI SAC in Los Angeles, CA. After graduation, the senior **Bretzing** was instrumental in getting his son who at the time was

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working as an accountant with Ernst and Young hired by the FBI. In January 2004, FBI Special Agent (SA) **Gregory T. Bretzing** was transferred to the Salt Lake City Field Office, where he managed the Joint Terrorism Task Force. Simultaneously, **Bretzing** was the FBI's case agent for *Operation Cerberus Action* along with BLM OLES SA **Daniel P. Love**.

As the FBI point man, **Bretzing** was responsible for paying **Ted Gardner** the informant in the investigation a salary of over \$200,000 dollars (FBI funds) and another and \$335,685 of FBI funds for Gardner to purchase artifacts.

On June 10, 2009, **Bretzing** oversaw the activities often or twelve-member high-risk warrant FBI SWAT team, who were executing the arrest and search warrants of the subjects of the *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation*.

Subsequent to the investigation, **Bretzing** was promoted to Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) where he led the office's *criminal branch*.

In August 2012, **Bretzing** was appointed as an inspector in the Inspection Division, FBI Headquarters.

On March 31, 2014, Director James B. Corney selected **Bretzing** to serve as SAC of the FBI's Portland Division.

As the Portland SAC, **Bretzing** led the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force that investigated the takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge by Bundy et al. On January 26, 2016, Finicum was shot/killed by two Oregon State Troopers who discharged a total of three rounds at Finicum. At the time **Bretzing** also supervised the FBI Hostage Rescue Team.

Investigators with the Deschutes County Sheriffs office were assigned to process the scene of Finicum's shooting and they determined that FBI SA **W. Joseph Astarita**, a member of the FBI Hostage Rescue Team had fired twice at Finicum, missing and injuring a second militant in the process. **Astarita** was under investigation, along with four other FBI agents who were suspected of attempting to conceal evidence of the gunshots. The agents reportedly told investigators that none of them fired a shot during the incident.

At the conclusion of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge takeover, **Bretzing** resigned in order to become the Director of Global Security and Special Projects for the Greenbrier Companies, 1 Centerpointe Dr #200, Lake Oswego, OR 97035; (503) 684-7000.

On July 24, 2014, **Bretzing** was the first witness to testify in the **Astarita** trial. During his testimony, multiple points were revealed that were never disclosed to the defendants in the two prior *Malheur Protest* trials, of which the **Astarita** trial centers around. This information is considered exculpatory *Brady Material*, and which would have been required to be turned over to the defense. Similarly, what *Brady Material* did Woody's SAs withhold from the defense, in the aforementioned investigations?

<sup>5</sup> In 2011 KSL-TV Utah conducted a yearlong investigation of the FBI Field Office in Salt Lake City regarding security violations. The alleged violations had been first reported by a SA in Phoenix and alleged a leak of classified information that could threaten national security. **Bretzing**, then out of the FBI's Portland, OR and current SAC of the *Malheur Occupation* and the Finicum shooting was an ASAC at the time of the Salt Lake City security investigation. The report prompted the Salt Lake City field office to begin re-evaluating its security procedures, according to sources inside the FBI. Security clearance procedures were reassessed to ensure each individual had the appropriate credentials and access.

The story detailed allegations of multiple violations of internal FBI policies, including lax oversight of classified documents stored inside the FBI's Salt Lake City field office; violations of policies that govern the issuance and use of FBI credentials; the failure to enforce rules that restrict access to areas where classified documents are kept; and concerns that high-level FBI officials may have covered up a formal complaint of security violations. The FBI declined to officially comment on any of the allegations.

Nearly a dozen self-described whistleblowers - including those with strong ties to the FBI's Salt Lake field office - came forward to expose potentially serious security breaches, including the removal of classified documents from the office contrary to strict FBI protocol. The whistleblowers were interviewed as part of the yearlong investigation that was able to corroborate much of what each source reported by conducting individual interviews without the knowledge of other sources.

**Jorgensen, James DeMar Redd, M.D., Steven L. Shrader, Kathryn Michelle Steinle and Robert Wayne Weaver?**

**Question:** What do the following **nine (9)** investigations have in common - *Christopher Kortlander dba the Custer Battlefield Museum Investigation, the Cerberus Action Investigation*<sup>6</sup>, *the Gibson Guitar Corporation Investigation, the Upper Peninsula North Fish Company (UPNFC) Undercover Investigation, the Blanding Canyon Ride Investigation, the Burning Man Events, the Trespass of Cattle at Gold Butte/Mormon Mesa/Bunkerville Flats Investigation* and the *Occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge Investigation?*

And the saga continues! On June 10, 2018, nurse Denise Mejia suffered a gunshot wound to the back of her head and her hand after being confronted by a BLM OLES officer who opened fire at her without warning. Mejia was accompanied by her husband when the couple were operating their ATV Four Wheelers near Joshua Tree National Park.

**Answer to the aforementioned questions:** The common thread with the aforementioned individuals and investigations is **William C. Woody**<sup>7</sup> and **Jeanne Marie Van Lancker**<sup>8</sup>. Arguably, **Woody** and **Van Lancker** transformed the BLM OLES into the least competent law enforcement agency in the country, turning peccadilloes into a national crisis. On June 16, 2017, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke announced he was reassigning **Woody** back to the BLM OLES.

During their tenure **Woody** and **Van Lancker** hired, trained and supervised all of the BLM OLES SAs and Park Rangers (SA) mentioned herein and who were either indirectly or directly responsible in the aforementioned investigations and

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The sources provided details of multiple violations of internal FBI policies, including lax oversight of highly classified documents stored inside the Salt Lake City office's Secret Compartmented Information Facility; the failure to enforce rules that restrict access to areas where classified documents are kept; violations of policies that govern the issuance of FBI credentials; and concerns that high-level FBI officials may have covered up a formal complaint of security violations.

*"The actions that Salt Lake City is taking definitely could jeopardize national security," one FBI source said. "That's a big problem. That's a huge problem with catastrophic consequences." "[that] turned that place upside down," an FBI source said "It [was] pandemonium." "It's a huge deal," another FBI source said. "We're talking about the pinnacle of law enforcement and they've got corruption inside their own office." Special Agent in Charge James McTighe and the two assistant special agents in charge, Ken Porter and **Bretzing**, were said to be visibly concerned. Dan Ward, the special agent in charge of security, was reportedly just as worried".*

<sup>6</sup> On June 10, 2009, when the search warrant was being executed at the Redd's residence, Woody and then-Interior Secretary, Ken Salazar were in Salt Lake City, Utah to announce the unsealing of twenty-four indictments relating to the subjects of *the Cerberus Action Investigation*.

<sup>7</sup> **Woody** served as the Law Enforcement Director of the BLM OLES from August 5, 2003 until March 7, 2011, when he was appointed as the Chief of the FWS OLE. During **Woody's** tenure with the BLM OLES **Van Lancker** was the Deputy Director of Operations of the BLM OLES, the second ranking law enforcement officer after **Woody**. Subsequent to becoming the Chief of the FWS OLE, **Woody** brought over to his new agency, **Van Lancker, Senior Special Agent (SSA) Noel Devon Wagner** and **Executive Assistant Joan M. Mundt**.

<sup>8</sup> With Woody's departure, **Van Lancker** is jockeying to become the next FWS OLE Chief.

the deaths of the aforementioned named individuals. Moreover, **Woody** and **Van Lancker** instituted national BLM OLES policies, which enabled their law enforcement officers to create an atmosphere for both an abuse of power and incompetence.

Have you ever watched the prophetic clip from the movie *The Enforcer*, wherein Clint Eastwood is interviewing Officer Moore (Tyne Daly) for a promotion from a personnel/records beat cop to an *Investigator* with the San Francisco Police Department? **Eastwood:** *Well Miss Moore, maybe you'll tell us about your most important felony arrest?* **Moore:** *I've never made a felony arrest.* **Eastwood:** *Well maybe then you'll tell us about your best misdemeanor arrest!* **Moore:** *I've never made a misdemeanor arrest either.* **Eastwood:** *Then what the hell gives you the right to become an Inspector, when there's been men out there on the street for ten or fifteen years? ... What do you think this is some encounter group...I want to know what officer Moore is going to do when someone points a gun at her and tells her to hit the deck you son of a bitch. Well if she fails out there, she gets her ass blown off ...* **Moore:** *It's my ass and my hard luck!* **Eastwood:** *Except out there you're going to have a partner, if you get blown away, he gets blown away with you, and that's a hell of a price to pay for being stylish!*

Well then, **Woody** and **Van Lancker** have hired and promoted a lot of stylish individuals to become BLM OLES and FWS OLES *Investigators*, who either lacked the interpersonal skills or who were *beat cops* who merely wrote tickets in the capacity of state/federal conservation officers/inspectors. Then there are the Secret Service SAs, U.S. Air Marshalls or U.S. Border Patrol Officers, who might be proficient at conducting *security details*, but are never the less inept as a *BLM OLES/FWS OLE investigator*, when it comes to problem solving, decision making, negotiation skills or listening skills. Moreover, coming from this police background, rather than a resource management background, these individuals can't determine the provenance an antiquity, let alone the difference between a bison and a musk ox, a wolf and coyote, or a turkey vulture and a golden eagle.

Under **Woody's** and **Van Lancker's** regime rather than promoting public outreach programs in order to garner the public's compliance, the managers employed shock and awe tactic, as was the case in *the Custer Battlefield Museum Investigation*, *the Cerberus Action Investigation*, *the Gibson Guitar Corporation Investigation* or *the Trespass of Cattle at Gold Butte/Mormon Mesa/Bunkerville Flats Investigation*.

SAs have a lot in common with U.S. Congressmen and U.S. Senators whose federal careers are ephemeral, so they must constantly self promote themselves in preparation for a second career<sup>9</sup>. Whereas politicians are subject to the whims of the voters and measured by the laws they pass, SAs are fighting *father time* as

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<sup>9</sup> Unlike former CIA Director John Brennan, all of the SA listed herein, to include those who either resigned or who were terminated, have retained their security clearances in order to pursue a subsequent career in retirement as a federal government contractor.

they're required to retire upon reaching fifty-seven. In pursuing these second careers, **Woody, Van Lancker** and their subordinates' government careers are measured by the likes of high profile arrests and the execution of controversial search warrants, not by *public outward reach programs*.

For example, the 2012 failed FWS OLE *Upper Peninsula North Fish Company (UPNFC) Undercover Investigation* is not unlike the failed *Custer Battlefield Museum Investigation*. In a 2015 press release, SAC **Gregory M. Jackson** bragged the UPNFC investigation was the largest undercover probe in the Michigan Upper Peninsula history - but so far as of this date, the investigation has resulted in only four *class A misdemeanor charges* against one of the subjects of the investigation. Similarly as was the case of **Love**, the narcissistic case agent FWS OLE **Christopher Jon Aldrich**, received a promotion, to the position of the Resident Agent in Charge (RAC)<sup>10</sup>.

Prior to June of 2017, the date when Zinke reinstated **Woody** as the Law Enforcement Director for the BLM OLES, **Woody** made sure to place several of his former cronies from the BLM OLES into management positions within FWS OLE, which is all to the obvious future detriment of the FWS OLE. These individuals include, SA **Steven Robert Stoinski**, Division Chief (DC) **Van Lancker** and Senior Special Agent (SSA) **Noel Devon Wagner**<sup>11</sup>.

**Woody** and **Van Lancker** also supervised one of the good *old BLM OLES boys* SA **Brian Richards**, who was employed by the BLM OLES during the period October 2001 to August 2008. During his tenure with the BLM OLES **Richards** participated in both *the Custer Battlefield Museum Investigation* and the *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation*. The FWS OLE hired **Richards** in August 2008<sup>12</sup>.

Subsequent to **Richards** departure from the BLM OLES, several of his former colleagues also left the BLM OLES to work for either the FWS OLE, the National Park Service (NPS) or the U.S. Forest Service (USFF); all due to the fallout over *the Custer Battlefield Museum Investigation, the Cerberus Action Investigation and the Trespass of Cattle at Gold Butte/Mormon Mesa/Bunkerville Flats Investigations*. Unlike **Richards**, these colleagues conceal that they've previously worked for the BLM OLES, out of fear they'd be tracked down like a *war criminals*. Now they're ticking time bombs working at new agencies, metastasizing and programmed with the faulty ethics, morals and values which

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<sup>10</sup> RAC **Aldrich** was promoted by **Jackson** and **Woody**. **Aldrich** is stationed at 317 Mety Drive, Suite 1, Ann Arbor, MI 48103; 734.995.0439.

<sup>11</sup> **Wagner** retired in June 2018. **Wagner's** brother is **Lanny Wagner** (366679 Road, PS, Mancos, CO 81328), was **Woody's** former Chief BLM OLE Ranger for the state of Colorado.

<sup>12</sup> **Richards** is currently stationed at 2155 West Forest Street, Brigham City, Utah 84302 <Office: 435.734.6446; Cell: 801.391.5227> [brian\\_richards@fws.gov](mailto:brian_richards@fws.gov). **Richards** resides at 5337 South 4300<sup>th</sup> West, Hooper, UT 84315; 412.227.0998.

they garnered from the likes of **Woody, Van Lanker, Love** and retired BLM OLES Chief **Salvatore (Sal) R. Lauro**.<sup>13</sup>

**Lauro** was the subject of a 2015 DOI OIG investigation<sup>14</sup> wherein he admitted to DOI OIG investigators he took no action when he saw **Love** use BLM ATVs and BLM OLES personnel to transport **Love's** family during the *Burning Man Festival*. Moreover, **Lauro** knew **Love** allowed his girlfriend to share his BLM OLES overnight lodging accommodations throughout the event.

**Lauro** was also the subject of a 2017 DOI OIG investigation<sup>15</sup> wherein he admitted to DOI OIG investigators he had received three (3) *moqui marbles* from **Love**. The three (3) *moqui marbles* were part of thousands of *moqui marbles*,<sup>16</sup> which had been illegally taken from a national park in 2012. In part the DOI OIG investigation also disclosed that **Love** had distributed the *moqui marbles* to a BLM OLES contractor and several other unnamed BLM OLES law enforcement officers, during the period after they were seized in 2012 until 2016.

**Woody** views himself as a *bon vivant* living a refined lifestyle, traveling the world on the public dole in first class accommodations, be it in an aircraft traveling at 40,000 feet above the ground or at a five star resort. **Woody** has great latitude in deciding when and where he travels to. For example, he can tour the FWS OLE National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository in Denver with U.S. Congressman Jason Chaffetz<sup>17</sup>; he can travel to Albuquerque to visit his father **Jack B. Woody**; fly to Alaska to see his sister **Carol Ann Woody**; or make connections with Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in pursuing a post retirement career, by glad-handing with the rich and famous at the September 27, 2017 *Jackson Hole Wildlife Film Festival*.

Or **Woody** can travel to Kenya<sup>18</sup>, Sudan<sup>19</sup> or Utah to visit his friends as when he fabricated an excuse to give a speech at the University of Utah on October 7, 2015. **Woody's** favorite trips are those he takes to Hawaii or San Diego to get away from Washington's frigid winter temperatures; or the international trips he makes to visit his attaché's in Botswana, China, Gabon, Peru, Tanzania, or Thailand. Best of all he can use the frequent flyer mileage and hotel points he accumulates to bankroll his personal trips for himself, his second wife and their five children.

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<sup>13</sup> On December 24, 2008, **Salvatore (Sal) R. Lauro** was selected as Chief for the United States Park Police (USPP). He is a native of Brooklyn, New York and a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, graduating in 1974 with a B.S. in Aero space Engineering. **Lauro** was the BLM OLES Chief during the period 2011 until June 27, 2018.

<sup>14</sup> DOI OIG posted to the web January 30, 2017.

<sup>15</sup> DOI OIG posted to the web August 24, 2017.

<sup>16</sup> A Utah professor who examined the *moqui marbles* estimated the total wholesale value of the seized marbles at between \$80,000 and \$260,000 or a total retail value of \$160,000 to \$520,000.

<sup>17</sup> June 29, 2016.

<sup>18</sup> 2016 trip.

<sup>19</sup> January 2017 trip.

Subsequent to Zinke reassigning **Woody** back to the BLM OLES **Woody's** international excursions have ended and his domestic forays are confined to the west where the BLM's public lands are located. But don't shed any crocodile tears for **Woody** because he holds the *trump card*, which is the all expensed move from his residence<sup>20</sup> to a *retirement home* in the west where he is from, to the venue where Zinke ultimately decides to move the new BLM OLES headquarters, be it Colorado or Utah.

Since returning as the Law Enforcement Director for the BLM OLES, **Woody** has personally selected the following individuals to become the SACs for the BLM OLES five (5) law enforcement regions: Region One SAC **Kynan Barrios**<sup>21</sup>, Region Two SAC **Jeffrey Duhrsen**<sup>22</sup>, Region Three SAC **Rand Stover**<sup>23</sup>, Region Four SAC **Gary Mannino**<sup>24</sup> and Region Five SAC **Warren Templeton**<sup>25</sup>. What roles did these SACs and the other law enforcement officers who continue to work for the BLM OLES and the FWS OLE play in the deaths of the aforementioned individuals or failed investigations?

**Question:** Why is Senator Lee and other government officials punishing the public, rather than investigating the BLM OLES and FWS OLE law enforcement officers enumerated herein?

**Question:** Who will investigate **Woody, Van Lancker**<sup>26</sup> and **Lauro** and the other BLM OLES and FWS OLE law enforcement officers who have failed to turn over *Giglio and Brady* evidence to U.S. Attorneys?

If you are truly interested in connecting the dots you should initiate a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request<sup>27</sup> and review the social media profiles (Facebook, Indeed and LinkedIn) of the below named individuals, to include those enumerated in the *White Paper*, in order to ascertain how these bad actors continue to monetize their security clearances<sup>28</sup>. Many of these individuals

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<sup>21</sup> **Barrios** is the SAC of Region One (California: Phone: 916.978-4457) .

<sup>22</sup> **Duhrsen** is the SAC of Region Two (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington: 907.271.3404).

<sup>23</sup> **Stover** is the SAC of Region Three (Utah and Nevada: 435.673.2184).

<sup>24</sup> **Mannino** is the SAC of Region Four (Colorado, Eastern States, Montana, the Dakotas and Wyoming: 303.239.3853).

<sup>25</sup> **Templeton** is the SAC of Region Five (Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas: 602-417-9318).

<sup>26</sup> **Woody** served as the Law Enforcement Director of the BLM from August 5, 2003 until March 7, 2011, when he was appointed as the Chief of the FWS OLE. In June of 2017, Zinke appointed **Woody** as the Law Enforcement Director of the BLM OLES.

<sup>27</sup> The information requested should include employee disciplinary actions, employee evaluations, employee travel vouchers, BLM OLES/ FWS OLE investigative reports and BLM OLES/FWS OLE law enforcement policies.

<sup>28</sup> Among people who have been involved with national security clearances, *the whole-person concept* has become widely known and often misunderstood. Applicants for security clearance are evaluated on potentially disqualifying and mitigating conditions listed in the *Adjudicative Guidelines* for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Information. The adjudicative process is a n examination of a sufficient period of a person's life to make an affirmative determination that the

continue to work for NGOs, the BLM OLES or the FWS OLE as investigators or trainers - former FWS SAC **Salvatore M. Amato**<sup>29</sup>; retired BLM SAC **Chris Bron**<sup>30</sup>, retired FWS SAC **Jill Janet Birchell, Esq. aka Jill Janet Schweiger, Esq.**<sup>31</sup>, **Paul Richard Chang**<sup>32</sup>, SAC **Nicholas E. Chavez**<sup>33</sup>, retired BLM SAC **Bart A. Fitzgerald**<sup>34</sup>, retired FWS SSA **Mary French**<sup>35</sup>, retired FWS SA **Robert Doug Goessman**<sup>36</sup>, former FWS SSA **Rick D. Giovengo, PhD**<sup>37</sup>, retired FWS DRAC **Samuel F. Jojola**<sup>38</sup>, RAC **Thomas John Karabanoff**<sup>39</sup>, retired FWS SAC

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person is an acceptable security risk...The adjudication process is the careful weighing of a number of variables known as the *whole-person concept*. Available, reliable information about the person, past and present, favorable and unfavorable, should be considered in reaching a determination. In evaluating the relevance of an individual's conduct, the adjudicator should consider the following factors:

1. The nature, extent, and seriousness of the conduct;
2. the circumstances surrounding the conduct, to include knowledgeable participation;
3. the frequency and recency of the conduct;
4. the individual's age and maturity at the time of the conduct;
5. the extent to which participation is voluntary;
6. the presence or absence of rehabilitation and other permanent behavioral changes; the motivation for the conduct;
7. the potential for pressure, coercion, exploitation, or duress; and
8. the likelihood of continuation or recurrence.

<sup>29</sup> **Amato** is employed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Wildlife Asia as a Law Enforcement Specialist ([salvatore.amato@usaidwildlifeasia.org](mailto:salvatore.amato@usaidwildlifeasia.org)). **Amato** also operates the sole proprietorship **SMA Consulting**, 210 Jensen Street, Belchertown, MA 01007; 413.835.1182; [smato@smaprofconsulting.com](mailto:smato@smaprofconsulting.com)

<sup>30</sup> **Brong** is a Skamania County Washington commissioner who receives a \$57,300 annual salary.

<sup>31</sup> **Birchell** was the subject of a 2013/2015 DOI OIG investigation.

<sup>32</sup> **Chang** is the face of the FWS OLE Harvey Weinstein/ #MeeToo Movement.

<sup>33</sup> 447 FW 2 is the policy section *regulating undercover operations* undertaken by the FWS OLE. The policy dictates that *undercover operations* can only be undertaken as a last resort after all overt investigative techniques have been exhausted, which was not the case of *Operation AI Zuni*. Rather, an inquiry will disclose the investigation was conducted as vehicle to make **Chavez** a Clark R. Bavin law enforcement award recipient. If such was the goal than the award should've been awarded to FWS OLE SA **Russell Stanford**.

<sup>34</sup> **Fitzgerald** was the BLM OLE case agent during the execution of the search warrant at the Custer Battlefield Museum. **Fitzgerald** is employed as a Senior Investigator with Freeport-McMoRan, 333 North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004; 602.366.8100.

<sup>35</sup> **French** retired in January 2017.

<sup>36</sup> **Goessman** was the FWS OLE case agent during the execution of the search warrant at the Custer Battlefield Museum. **Goessman** is currently stationed in Bangkok, Thailand, where he's employed by the U.S. Department of State, International Law Enforcement Academies (ILEA), as a Wildlife Law Enforcement and Investigations Consultant and Instructor.

<sup>37</sup> **Giovengo** operates the sole proprietorship **Human Performance Consulting**, 100 Southwood Cove, Brunswick, GA 31525; 843.566.3380; [thegioengos@aol.com](mailto:thegioengos@aol.com).

<sup>38</sup> **Jojola** ([samueljojola@gmail.com](mailto:samueljojola@gmail.com)) purports to be a SAG actor who provides technical undercover law enforcement guidance to the *film industry*, the *PPJ Gazette Internet blog*, the *World Animal News blog*, and a generalist Internet blogger.

<sup>39</sup> Despite having a drinking problem and his prior conviction, in 2015 **Karabanoff** received a monetary award.



**Richard McDonald**<sup>40</sup>, retired RAC **Douglas Robert McKenna**<sup>41</sup>, retired FWS Deputy Chief **Gary Glen Mowad**<sup>42</sup>, retired FWS Chief **Benito Arturo Perez**<sup>43</sup>, FWS RAC **James Dean Stinebaugh**<sup>44</sup>, FWS SA **Stoinski**<sup>45</sup>, and retired FWS **SAC Mark Webb**<sup>46</sup>.

In closing **Woody** has been employed by the Department of Interior (DOI) since August 5, 2003, and it's a miracle that under his leadership the DOI has narrowly avoided the calamity which the Bureau of Alcohol and Firearms (ATF) succumbed to during the *Ruby Ridge Siege* and the *Waco Siege*.

**Question:** Who will shine the light, which is the disinfectant for the allegations, listed herein? Clearly it's Zinke, BLM Director **Brian Steed**, BLM Acting Deputy **Director Margaret Schneider**<sup>47</sup>, or BLM Chief Ranger **Stephanie Clark**<sup>48</sup>, all who are aware of the allegations enumerated in the attached *White Paper*. **As Americans you have a right to know!**

BLM OLES Special Agents  
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<sup>40</sup> **McDonald** was formerly employed as a detective with the Marion County Sheriffs Office, Cold Case Homicide Squad.

<sup>41</sup> **McKenna** operates the sole proprietorship ENVIN, LLC, ([www.envinllc.com](http://www.envinllc.com)) out of his residence at 32 Heights Court, Sandia Park, NM 87047 and P.O. Box 761, Sandia Park, NM 87047; 505.553.3834; [dmckenna427@gmail.com](mailto:dmckenna427@gmail.com)

<sup>42</sup> **Mowad** is employed as an environmental consultant by the Burnside Environmental Group, P.O. Box 1052, Clarksville, AR 72830-1052. **Mowad** also operates a sole proprietorship *Environmental Consulting*, 10622 East Troon Drive, Scottsdale, AZ, 85262; 512.626.7158; [GMECConsulting@aol.com](mailto:GMECConsulting@aol.com).

<sup>43</sup> **Perez** works as a consultant for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC). He resides at 1507 Valencia Ave., Pharr, TX 78577-7076; 361.664.8886.

<sup>44</sup> **Stinebaugh** became the Houston RAC in July 2018.

<sup>45</sup> In 2000, FWS OLE Managers failed to due their due diligence in hiring **Stoinski's** friend **Richard Reed**, a Utah State Park Ranger. In 1997, **Stoinski** was aware but had concealed that **Reed** had illegally killed a deer and an antelope on Antelope Island State Park. Only after **Reed** was hired by the FWS OLE in 2000, did **Stoinski** earn brownie points by making their former boss **Woody** aware of **Reed's** transgressions. Nevertheless once **Stoinski** was employed by the FWS OLE he flaunted his position in routinely misusing government motor vehicles/aircraft, illegally hunted waterfowl, fishing without a license, while simultaneously acting as an affiant in failing to disclose his personnel files contained derogatory *Giglio* and *Brady* material that would preclude him from being an affiant for arrest/search warrants.

<sup>46</sup> **Webb** operates the sole proprietorship *Webb's Wildlife Consultants*, LLC, 3419 Sweet Meadow Court, Mead, CO 80542; 970.535.0251 and 970.373.6355.

<sup>47</sup> **Schneider** took the place of **Michael D. (Mike) Nedd** who was **Lauro's** immediate supervisor.

<sup>48</sup> Although **Steinle** was killed with a handgun belonging to **Woychowski**, on December 9, 2015, **Clark** in promoted **Woychowski** to the position of the supervisory Staff Law Enforcement Ranger for the El Centro California Field Office. **Clark** wrote, **John** is an accomplished Field Training Instructor and provides tremendous guidance to his trainees, El Centro Rangers, and peers throughout the nation; experience greatly needed as El Centro prepares the next generation of rangers.

# Secretary Zinke Names Mike Nedd as New Acting-Director of BLM

3/16/2017



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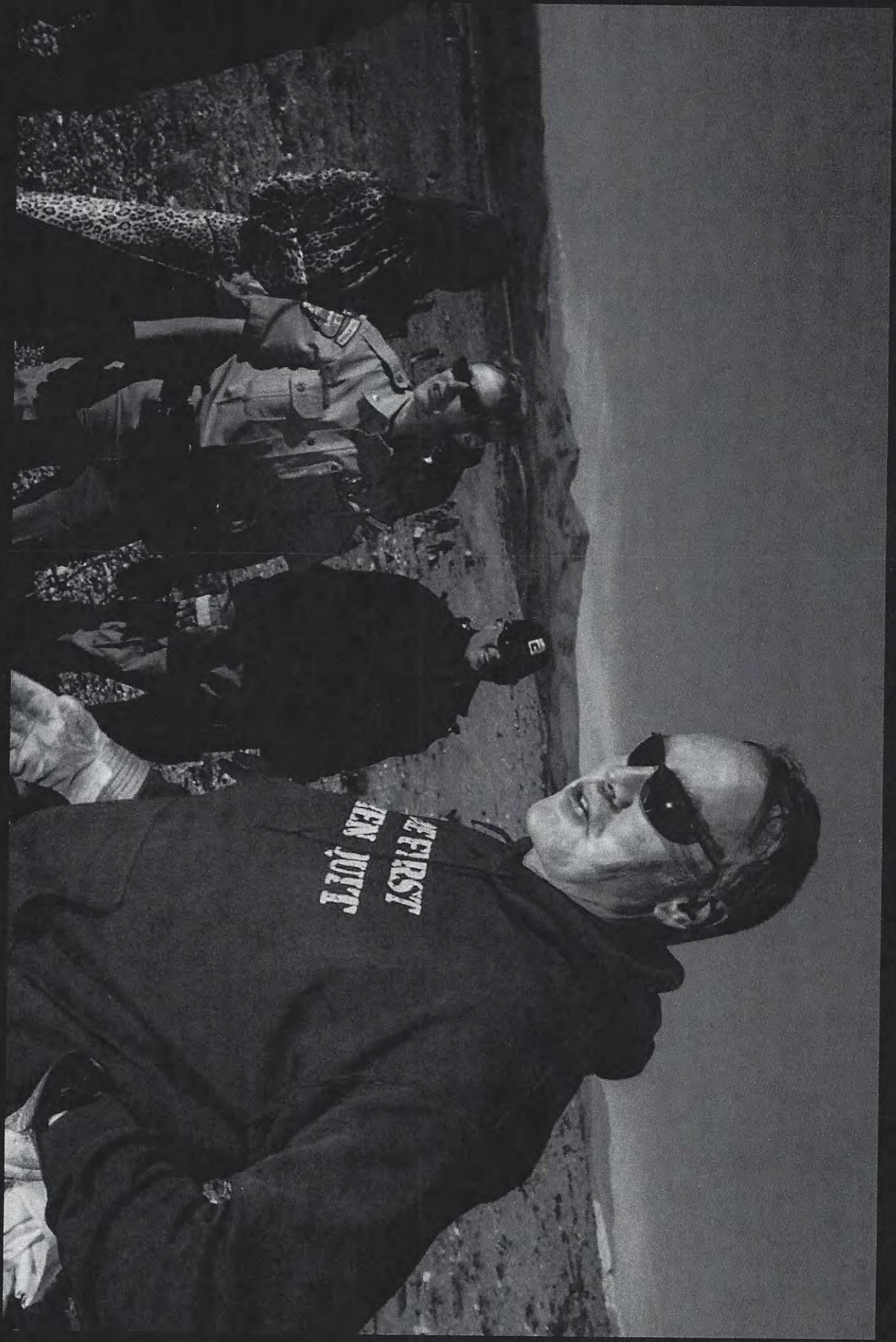
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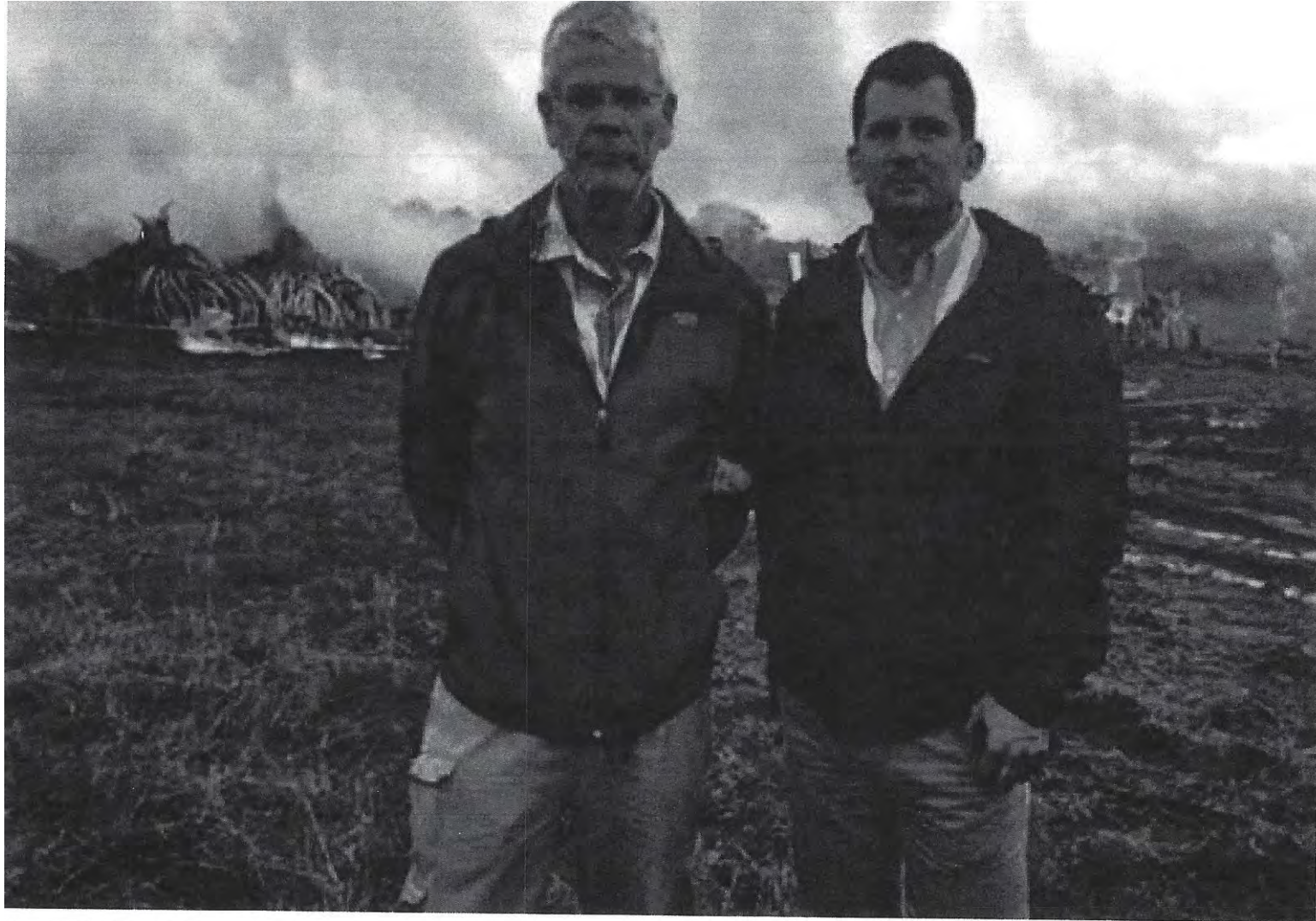
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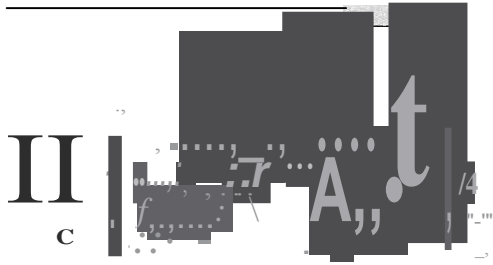
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1 *OLE Chief Woody and David Hubbard, SAC of the International Operations Unit, attended an elephant ivory and rhino horn burning in Kenya. Photo: DOI*



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## **Law Enforcement Chief speaks at the 2015 Society for Wildlife Forensic Science Conference**

**July 20, 2015**

The world's foremost wildlife forensic scientists met in Missoula, Montana at the The 2015 Society for Wildlife Forensic Science Conference. Photo caption: Chief Woody with Service Forensic Scientists. Photo credit: USFWS

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## **Congressman Jason Chaffetz toured the National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository**

**August 8, 2016**

Jason Chaffetz, Chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee and Representative of Utah's 3rd Congressional District toured the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Eagle and Wildlife Property Repository on July 29, 2016. OLE Chief William Woody and Coleen Schaefer, Supervisory Wildlife Repository Specialist, led the tour for the Chairman, who was joined by his wife and Committee Staff Director. Photo caption: Chief Woody and Congressman Chaffetz. Credit: USFWS

President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW,  
Washington DC 20500

August 4, 2017

Re: Whistleblower Allegations Regarding The Bureau of Land Management  
Office of Law Enforcement (BLM OLE) & The U.S Fish & Wildlife Service, Office  
of Law Enforcement (FWS OLE)

Dear President Trump,

Thank for donating your first salary check to the National Park Service (NPS). However, we respectfully request you consider the allegations listed herein, prior making a similar donation to either the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS).

During the course of your presidential campaign you promised to *Drain The Swamp in Washington, D.C.* Unfortunately, your appointment of **Ryan Zinke** as the fifty-second Secretary of the Department of Interior (DOI) is further contaminating the swamp which is the Office of Law Enforcement programs of both the BLM OLE and the FWS OLE.

Many individuals listed herein are seeking employment opportunities under **Secretary Zinke** with the FWS OLE, in either filing Senior Executive Service (SES) vacancies, temporary post retirement employment vacancies as international trainers or as consultants. Many of these individuals herein have *Giglio/Henthorn*<sup>1</sup> issues in their background (*Brady material*). Many of the individuals listed herein are byproducts of nepotism, who are jockeying for position in seeking employment opportunities within the FWS OLE, for the next generation of friends and family.

The FWS OLE has been subject to a number of agency and employee investigations into allegations of misconduct, which were conducted by the United States Department of Interior, Office of Inspector General (DOI OIG), to

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<sup>1</sup> Brady material is any information the government, or those acting on behalf of the government, has that may be beneficial to the defense. This includes information that may weaken the government's case or undermine the testimony or credibility of the witness. *Giglio v. United States* (1972) is an extension of *Brady* to include material that would impeach the character of a government witness. Impeachment material can include honesty, integrity, impartiality, and the credibility of an expert witness. *United States v. Henthorn* (1991) is an extension of *Giglio* to include requests for personnel records of a government witness. These records may contain exculpatory information about the witness.



include an *Assessment Report* dated February 13, 2007<sup>2</sup>. These investigations address a number of issues to include a historical lack of leadership oversight by the FWS OLE Chief, his Special Agents in Charge (SAC), and disciplinary action and property accountability/misuse by individual Special Agents (SAs).

Similarly, BLM OLE employees have the same *Giglio/Henthorn issues* as the FWS OLE. The matter is also being exacerbated due to the influx of BLM OLE SAs who are transferring to the FWS OLE.

As recent as January 30, 2017, the DOI OIG posted on their website the results of their investigation of BLM OLE SAC **Daniel Patrick Love**<sup>3 4</sup>, wherein the DOI OIG determined **Love** had improperly used his official position in regards to the 2015 *Burning Man Festival* in Blackrock, NV:

- When interviewed the DOI OIG established **Love** had displayed a *Jack of candor* and he also had attempted to influence several SLM employee's testimony, prior to the individuals being interviewed, and subsequently to the interviews when **Love** attempted to learn of the details of the interview. Moreover, these employees feared that **Love** would retaliate against them because of the information they had provided they to the DOI OIG.
- More specifically, two SLM employees said they were coached by **Love** prior to their interviews and that the response / *don't recall* was a valid answer, when responding to DOI OIG questions. Subsequent to the interview **Love** asked, *So do I still have a job or did you get me fired?*
- **Love** blamed a third BLM employee for filing the complaint and he threatened to ruin her career if she did anything. **Love** later told her, *If you're not on my ship, you're going to sink ... So I suggest you get on my ship.*
- The DOI OIG further determined **Love** had violated Federal ethics rules when he used his contacts and influence with *Burning Man Festival* officials to obtain tickets and special passes for his family.
- **Love** had directed five (5) on-duty BLM law enforcement employees to drive, escort and provide security for his girlfriend and family members throughout the event, in SLM-procured vehicles.
- **Love's** family also received overnight lodging in SLM-leased facilities and unauthorized access to the BLM's *Incident Command Post*.
- The DOI OIG further substantiated that **BLM Director Salvatore Lauro** was present when the aforementioned transgressions took place, yet **Lauro** failed to reprimand **Love**. Rather in May 2016, **Lauro** created and promoted **Love** to a new position as the BLM OLE SAC of *Security and Intelligence*<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.doioig.gov/>

<sup>3</sup> **Love** currently resides at 314 West 700<sup>th</sup> North, Apartment #5, Salt Lake City, UT; 801.419.0488 and/or 953 Diestel Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84105; 801.593.5355.

<sup>4</sup>[https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/EthicalViolationsAndMisconductByBLMOfficials\\_Public.pdf](https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/EthicalViolationsAndMisconductByBLMOfficials_Public.pdf)Eulsa Treat

<sup>5</sup> Las Vegas Review-Journal article published by **Henry Brean** on May 25, 2016.

- The DOI OIG also confirmed that in 2015 **Love** had improperly intervened in the BLM SA hiring process that facilitated the hiring of his friend instead of other qualified applicants.

**U.S. Congressman Jason Chaffetz** (R-UT), who had an advanced copy of the aforementioned DOI OIG report and in response to it, introduced H.R. 622, titled *Local Enforcement for Local (Federal) Lands Act*. This bill declares that by September 30, 2017, both the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the United States Forest Service (USFS) Law Enforcement Investigations Unit will cease using federal employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands. Also by such date, the DOI shall terminate the BLM OLE and cease using BLM OLE employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands.

Regrettably, **Zinke** was unable to connect the dots in determining the root causes of the DOI OIG investigation of **Love** and **Chaffetz'** response in drafting H.R. 622. The genesis lies in **William Charles Woody**<sup>6 7</sup>, Chief, FWS OLE and **Salvatore Lauro**<sup>8</sup>, **BLM Director, Office of Law Enforcement and Security**.

As the Chief for the BLM OLE Law **Woody**<sup>9</sup> handpicked and promoted a cadre of loyal, inexperienced law enforcement officers, who had unethical and dishonest impulses, to include promoting them to supervisory positions as Resident Agents in Charge (RAC), Assistant Special Agent in Charge (ASAC) and SAC. Moreover, many of these law enforcement officers to include **Love**, lacked land management experience<sup>10</sup> and **Woody's** preference for hiring these flawed individuals has reawakened what was once a dormant *Sagebrush Rebellion*, and galvanized entities like **Bundy et al.**, or federal/state legislatures to weaken and halt what they perceive is the federal governments overreach and control of millions of acres of public land.

Since, being appointed as the Chief of the FWS OLE on March 7, egregious 2011, **Woody** has carried over the aggressive management practices he employed at the BLM OLE to the FWS OLE. Moreover, **Woody** has selected a number of loyal individuals from both BLM and from within the ranks of his *Utah Mafia*<sup>11</sup> and hired/promoted them within the FWS OLE.

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<sup>6</sup> **Woody** served as the Law Enforcement Director of the BLM from August 5, 2003 until March 7, 2011, when he was appointed as the Chief of the FWS Office of Law Enforcement (FWS OLE).

<sup>7</sup> **Woody** resides at 1351 Matthew Drive, Huntington, MD 20639; 202.208.3809.

<sup>8</sup> **Lauro** became the BLM OLE Chief in 2009, after working his entire career for the United States Park Police. He was initially hired as police officer in 1978, rising to the Chief on December 24, 2008.

<sup>9</sup> Since becoming the FWS OLE Chief, **Woody** is bringing over his ill-adapted cadre of BLM cronies who are carrying over their bad culture to the FWS OLE.

<sup>10</sup> Many of these individuals also lack people skills having worked as jailers, Border Patrol Officers or police officers. They aren't stewards of the public's land and resources, they are merely employees doing a perfunctory job. Their only redeeming quality is complete loyalty to **Woody**.

<sup>11</sup> The *Utah Mafia* are composed of individuals who worked with **Woody** at Utah Department of Natural Resources (UDNR), as former UDNR officers and who are currently employed as SAs with the FWS OLE, to include SA **Curtis Graves**, SA **Steven Stoinski**, SA **Craig Tabor** and SAC **Gary Young**.

As was the case of the recent United Airlines debacle, the institutionalized unethical culture of the FWS OLE isn't an anomaly, but an organization that is steeped in malfeasances, and a breeding ground for it. After all **Woody's** bigoted predecessors<sup>12</sup> radicalized **SA Kelvin E. Smith**<sup>13 14 15 16</sup> who on September 18, 1998, pleaded guilty to felony indictments [18 U.S.C.1001 and 18 U.S.C. 2232 (a)] for his role in providing paramilitary training to the Islamic political extremists, who were convicted of detonating a truck bomb in the basement of the New York World Trade Building on February 26, 1993.

The DOI OIG was created as an outgrowth of the aforementioned events. But the malfeasance continues - because of the reticence of either the FWS OLE to report the delinquency within its ranks or the failure of FWS OLE managers to discipline those individuals whose dereliction was sustained in the course of official DOI OIG investigations. More specifically, upon being appointed, **Secretary Zinke** should have terminated **Woody** and **Lauro**<sup>17</sup> both, whom are members of the SES. Rather, on June 16<sup>th</sup> **Secretary Zinke** announced he was essentially allowing both men to switch positions.

A second campaign promise you made as a presidential candidate was to amend the United States' illegal immigration policy to prevent the senseless killings of innocent Americans like **Kathryn Steinle**, who was killed on July 1, 2015, by an illegal immigrant named **Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez**, when he fired a stolen BLM .40 caliber handgun in San Francisco, CA.

One of the most pressing problems facing your fifty-second Secretary of the DOI is how he will address the 3%ers, the self-described patriot movements that pledges resistance against the United States government, and the perceived overreach of the DOI. One of the factions promoting the *Sagebrush Rebellion* is the **Bundy Family**, whose patriarch is **Cliven D. Bundy**, to include his sons **Ammon Bundy** and **Ryan Bundy**.

The federal government owns roughly 640 million acres, with just two bureaus managing half of these assets; principally the BLM administers 248 million acres

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<sup>12</sup> **Smith's** supervisors included **SAC Jerome S. Smith** who resides at 5900 Raleigh Drive, Tyler TX 75703; 903.534.5849 and **ASAC Robert W. Slattery** who resides at 1031 Fine Glen Drive, Sevierville, TN 37862; 865.774.9791.

<sup>13</sup> <https://www.scribd.com/document/107126899/Former-Agent-Kelvin-Smith-Pleads-Guilty>

<sup>14</sup> September 16, 2002 article published in the ESPN magazine by **Luke Cyphers**, about **Smith** that was titled *The Good Son*.

[http://www.espn.com/college-football/story/\\_/page/Mag15thegoodson/georgia-tailback-musa-smith-father-admits-terrorist-connection-espn-magazine-archives](http://www.espn.com/college-football/story/_/page/Mag15thegoodson/georgia-tailback-musa-smith-father-admits-terrorist-connection-espn-magazine-archives)

<sup>15</sup> [http://www.pennlive.com/news/2015/12/isis\\_arrest\\_was\\_not\\_midstates.html](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2015/12/isis_arrest_was_not_midstates.html)

<sup>16</sup> **Kelvin E. Smith's** son **Musa M. Smith** resides at 236 Anniversary Lane, Acworth, GA 30102; 443.501.3268. In court documents **Kelvin E. Smith** goes by the name **Abdul Muhaimin. Kelvin E. Smith** resides at 1710 Cold Storage Road, New Bloomfield, PA 170 68; 717.582.0306.

<sup>17</sup> **Lauro** became the chief BLM OLE in 2009, after working his entire career for the United States Park Police. He was initially hired as police officer in 1978, rising to the Chief on December 24, 2008.

of public land and the FWS manages the 150 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System. SAs and Park Rangers (PR) from these agencies conduct criminal and administrative investigations for individuals or businesses that conduct illegal activity on public lands.

The public demands to know why the **Bundy et al.** were acquitted on October 27, 2016, in the United States District Court for the District of Oregon, of federal conspiracy and weapons charges stemming from the January 2, 2016, seizure of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)<sup>18</sup>. Although **Zinke's** predecessor **Secretary Sally Jewell**<sup>19</sup> expressed dismay over the jury's decision to acquit **Bundy et al.**, she failed to address the root cause of the takeover.

Unfortunately, this activism is being directed against an innocent and uninformed staff of uniformed employees<sup>20</sup> working for the BLM, the USFS, the FWS and the NPS, who are by and large ignorant of the existence of this four-decade long *Sagebrush Rebellion*. Who will inform and protect these innocent and dedicated employees from copycat followers? Who will investigate these allegations, which are unbecoming of BLM and FWS SAs in violation of the DOI Law Enforcement Code of Conduct<sup>21</sup>?

To reiterate, **Jewell** and **Zinke** have been unable to connect the dots in determining that **Woody's** and **Lauro's** ignorant and aggressive management practices and the contentious law enforcement officers they have hired, has provoked what was once a dormant *Sagebrush Rebellion*. Since 2003, under **Woody's** and **Lauro's** leadership the *Sagebrush Rebellion* has metastasized into a *Sovereign Citizen Movement* which is supported by a rural *Sagebrush Sheriffs Movement* (aka *Constitutional Peace Officers*) and both groups are now joining the war against the federal land management agencies. In fact the occupiers of the Malheur NWR were emboldened by the amateurish actions of **Woody's** and **Lauro's** BLM SAs, who attempted to seize without success cattle which belonged to **Cliven D. Bundy**, and which he was illegally grazing on BLM property<sup>22</sup>.

**Zinke** wants to be memorialized as the 21st century version of **President Theodore Roosevelt**. However if he doesn't immediately right the BLM OLE and the FWS OLE, he'll be remembered as the reincarnation of **Secretary of Interior Albert Bacon Fall**, who became the first Cabinet member to go to prison for his involvement in the *Teapot Dome Scandal*, which was regarded as the greatest

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<sup>18</sup> The illegal occupation ended forty days later on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>19</sup> **Jewell's** October 28, 2016 press release.

<sup>20</sup> These employees are both armed law enforcement SAs, PRs unarmed biologists, unarmed fire fighters, unarmed maintenance workers and unarmed naturalists.

<sup>21</sup> Department of Interior Department Manual 446 OM 26.

<sup>22</sup> The 2014 **Bundy et al.** standoff was an armed confrontation between supporters of cattle rancher **Cliven D. Bundy** and BLM law enforcement following a twenty year legal dispute in which the BLM had obtained court orders directing **Bundy** to pay over one million dollars in withheld grazing fees for **Bundy's** use of federally owned land in Bunkerville, NV.

and the most sensational scandal in the history of American politics, prior to the *Watergate Scandal*.

In late June 2017, former FWS OLE **Deputy Chief (DC) Gary Glen Mowad** traveled to Washington D.C. to meet with **Zinke**, for the purpose of securing a SES appointment. **Mowad** is just as nefarious as **Woody** and his dirty fingerprints can still be found at the FWS OLE.

**At least eight individuals have been killed, died or have committed suicide since Woody began working for the DOI<sup>23</sup>.** Who is **William Charles Woody** and how many more people will die on his watch? How many more federally managed properties will be seized, because **Woody** and **Lauro** hired and promoted incompetent and aggressive law enforcement officers? How many local sheriff departments will stop working with the BLM, because **Woody** and **Lauro** hired unprofessional law enforcement officers who have initiated investigations (overt/covert), which places them in the limelight?

On December 31, 2016, **Robert Wayne Weaver<sup>24 25</sup>** became the eighth casualty from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. **Weaver** committed suicide after six to eight SAs from the BLM OLE and USFS executed a search warrant at his trailer home in Cody, WY, on November 29, 2016<sup>26</sup>. The SAs were aware **Weaver** had moved to Cody about a decade ago and that he was receiving permanent disability payments from the Social Security Administration (SSA) due to a Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which he was suffering from, after his wife's death from cancer. SA(s) from the SSA Inspector General Office were also present.

Over the years **Weaver** became known as **Bob the Geologist**. Several individuals were jealous of **Weaver's** uncanny ability to find fossils and it was this jealousy that led them to make false reports about his activities to the BLM OLE and the USFS. On one occasion the USFS discovered a cave that had been potholed by someone, and an individual who didn't like **Weaver** blamed **Weaver**. After investigating the incident the USFS concluded the allegations against **Weaver** were false, but despite his innocence the USFS and the BLM OLE began to harass **Weaver** anytime they caught wind of prohibited activities. Yet the more they hounded **Weaver**, the more the agencies were unable to take action because they lacked proof<sup>27</sup>.

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<sup>23</sup>SAC Kenneth Endress, LaVoy Finicum, Ted Gardiner, Kent Jorgensen, Doctor James D. Redd, Steven L. Shrader, Kathryn Steinle and Robert Wayne Weaver.

<sup>24</sup>**Weaver** resided at 132 Yellowstone Ave., Apartment #7, Cody, WY 82414.

<sup>25</sup>January 23, 2017 article published in the Petroglyph.

<sup>26</sup>FWS OLE SA **Steve Stoinski** may have been present too.

• Unlike BLM OLE SA **Rudy Mauldin's** earlier undercover ARPA investigation of **Earl K. Shumway**, wherein **Mauldin** actually caught **Shumway** in the act of illegally collecting archeological artifacts on federal managed lands, the investigation of **Weaver** mirrored the failed *Cerberus Action Investigation* and the *Custer Battlefield Museum Investigation*.

Although **Weaver** wasn't arrested he was intensely interrogated by BLM OLE SA **Michael Ramirez**<sup>28</sup> and other SAs<sup>29</sup> on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Although **Weaver** told **Ramirez** he was suffering from PTSD, **Ramirez** intensified his harassing questions and wouldn't allow **Weaver** to leave. Simultaneously, the SA from the SSA threatened **Weaver** with the possibility of losing his disability payments.

After eight hours of intense interrogation the SAs left, but not without seizing the majority of **Weaver's** fossils, rocks and other items without regard to what was legally obtained. The following morning **Ramirez** interviewed **Weaver** yet a second time over breakfast at a McDonalds restaurant. Afterwards, **Weaver** called his therapist who placed him in the hospital under a suicide watch.

**Woody** has lived at the intersection of power and politics, trading his political influence to enrich his personal finances and for personal travel overseas, or to visit friends and family wherever they reside (Alaska, New Mexico and Utah) or on vacation to venues that have extremely low strategic priorities to the FWS OLE. **Woody** is an irascible, irrepressible and plain old nasty media seeking diva that promotes nepotism, hires non-professional high school graduates as SAs and whose inner circle is comprised of *Giglio-Impaired*SAs. His imagination is married to real power with the aim of becoming the fifty-third Secretary of Interior, even though he has created a toxic and an unethical culture upon his arrival at the DOI.

### **William Charles Woody Was The Chief Of The BLM OLE From August 8, 2003 To March 8 2011.**

**Woody** is the son of **Jack B. Woody** the former Regional Chief of Endangered Species & National Sea Turtle Coordinator, while **William Charles Woody** is a by-product of nepotism, as the senior **Woody** paved the way for his son to gain employment with the DOI. **William Charles Woody** on the other hand was on a rather unspectacular law enforcement career path as a Utah sheriff's deputy, a patrolman with the Phoenix Police Department and a patrolman with the Utah Highway Patrol. Nevertheless, the UDNR hired **Woody** as a conservation officer because of his father's professional connections.

While employed at the UDNR, **Woody** was having a highly visible affair with **Kathleen Burton Clarke** the executive director of the UDNR<sup>30</sup> and a second UDNR employee eighteen years his junior, **Tracey Spor Mitchell**<sup>31</sup>, who he

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<sup>28</sup> **Ramirez** is stationed at 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59101; 406.896.5151.

<sup>29</sup> FWS OLE SA **Steve Stoinski** may have participated in the raid as well.

<sup>3</sup> FWS OLE SA **Steve Stoinski** and OLE FWSSA **Curtis Graves** worked with **Woody**, when the trio was all employed by the UDNR; as was a fourth individual, **Keith Aller** the former BLM Deputy Director of Law Enforcement.

<sup>31</sup> On October 1, 1998 **Woody** was granted a divorce in the SLC District Court from his first wife **Roberta C. Woody**. **Woody** is currently married to **Tracey M. Woody**, who as **Tracey Spor Mitchell** was divorced from **Shane Alan Mitchell** in the SLC District Court on January 13, 1998.

eventually married when she became pregnant. Although these relationships caused **Woody's** first marriage to fail, he rapidly moved up through the ranks eventually becoming the UDNR Captain.

**Woody** is an arrogant self-absorbed narcissist who will ruthlessly and mercilessly torment and intimidate suspects who are alleged to have committed crimes and in some cases they have even committed suicide. The first casualty was **Kent Jorgensen**<sup>32</sup>, who in November of 1997 shot himself to death in the garage of his Santa Clara, Utah retirement home, as a result of **Woody's** continual harassment of **Jorgensen** to testify for the UDNR.

The *Jorgensen Investigation* was a low-profile matter looking into a thousand of dollar bogus billing scheme and accusations of conflict of interest by **Jorgensen** boss **Richard Stevens** (the former director of the **UDNRs Great Basin Research Center**), to **Maple Leaf industries Inc.**<sup>33</sup> (**MLI**). At the time **Stevens** and his four brothers owned **MLI**.

**Woody's** constant badgering and intimidation of **Jorgensen** to testify against **Stevens** eventually backfired when **Jorgensen** became despondent and shot himself.

**Jorgensen's** widow was quoted as saying her husband shot himself because he was being endlessly hassled by department investigators. She also stated, *her husband sometimes transferred seed from the research station warehouse to **Maple Leaf (MLI)** when **Maple Leaf (MLI)** was short in filling a customer's order. When she asked him (**Kent Jorgensen**) about giving state seed to **Maple Leaf (MLI)**, he told her, What am I supposed to do with my boss (**Richard Stevens**) there?*

**Clarke** later became the National Director for the BLM during the period 2001 to 2006. On August 8, 2003, **Clarke** named **Woody** the Chief of the BLM OLE<sup>34</sup>. With **Clarke's** backing **Woody** became a combative authoritarian who clashed with anyone who didn't share his/hers vision.

When **Woody** became the Chief he immediately had access to the personnel files of his BLM OLE staff<sup>35</sup>, access to the investigative files of the DOI OIG<sup>36</sup> and

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<sup>32</sup> Deseret News articles published on March 19, 1998 and August 23, 1998.

<sup>33</sup> 450 South 50 East, Ephraim, UT 84627; 435.283.4400

<sup>34</sup> During **Clarke's** administration she and **Woody** were often criticized by the **Sierra Club** and other environmental groups for instituting BLM policies that ended up slaughtering wild horses.

<sup>35</sup> Managers periodically examine an employees personal files and their annual evaluations in order to determine which employees should be promoted to a higher pay level, which employees should become supervisors and which employees have deficiencies which need to be addressed and consoled.

<sup>36</sup> The DOI OIG provides mangers access to investigative reports, regarding employee misconduct/ mismanagement, and audits/ inspections conducted within the DOI. Said reports allow

access to the BLM OLE confidential informant (CI) files<sup>37</sup>. Yet **Woody** seemed to ignore these assets. Ultimately it's the Chief who has the final word as to who is hired, who is promoted, where employees are stationed, who is terminated and ultimately the tone and tenor of how the agency's law enforcement program is implemented.

Instead, **Woody** began hiring a number of inexperienced, overly aggressive, badge heavy BLM SAs to conduct both overt and covert undercover investigations, targeting individuals who were suspected to be illegally trafficking in Indian Artifacts in violation of the Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) and ranchers who were violating their grazing permits. These investigations moved forward without the proper oversight of the respective U.S. Attorney's Offices, the DOI Solicitor or with the concurrence of the various federal, state or local law enforcement agencies.

On June 24, 2004, **DOI OIG Inspector General Earl E. Devaney** prepared for the Secretary of the Interior a report titled, *Report on Evaluation of Conduct and Discipline*<sup>38</sup>, which the Secretary subsequently circulated to his DOI SES managers, to include **Woody**. **Devaney** reported his DOI OIG auditors and investigators uncovered numerous incidents in which misconduct by DOI employees was not appropriately addressed, or at all by DOI management.

Among **Devaney's** findings was that there was a clear perception by DOI employees that there was a significant amount of misconduct that was not being reported and that discipline was being administered inconsistently and unfairly throughout the DOI; irrespective of *DOI Manual Release, 370 OM 752*<sup>39</sup>; to include the *Douglas Factors*<sup>40 41</sup>. More specifically, *DOI Manual Release 370 OM 752*, also updated and revised DOI policy, procedures and the responsibility for administering employee discipline throughout the DOI.

Under *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), investigative agencies must turn over to prosecutors, as early as possible, potential impeachment evidence with respect to the agents and the CIs involved in the case. The prosecutor then exercises his or her discretion as to whether the impeachment evidence must be turned over to the defense. A *Giglio-Impaired SA* is one against whom there is potential impeachment evidence that would render the SA's testimony to be of

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DOI managers to correct earlier improprieties through counseling, thereby promoting in the future, excellence, integrity and accountability within DOI programs.

<sup>37</sup> To include a *suitability determination* to access the CI's motives in providing information or assistance; the CIs reliability and truthfulness; whether the CI has a criminal history; or whether the CI is a substance abuser or if the CI has a history of physiological disorders.

<sup>38</sup> [https://www.fws.gov/humancapital/pdf/conduct\\_and\\_discipline\\_FINAL5.pdf](https://www.fws.gov/humancapital/pdf/conduct_and_discipline_FINAL5.pdf)

<sup>39</sup> <https://training.fws.gov/courses/references/job-aids/supervisors/suprefdocs/documents/NewDOIConductChapterAndTableOfPenalties.pdf>

<sup>40</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas\\_v.\\_Veterans\\_Administration](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Douglas_v._Veterans_Administration)

<sup>41</sup> U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board - Performance Based Actions under Chapters 43 and 75 of Title 5.



marginal value in a case. This means a case which depends primarily on the testimony of a *Giglio-Impaired SA* is at risk.

As a law enforcement officer, one small misstep at work or in off-duty life could put one's entire career at risk. Law enforcement officers are held to a high standard of honesty and credibility because of the need for public trust and confidence attendant to their job responsibilities, including testifying at criminal trials.

Every BLM SA and FWS SA is required to undergo initial and periodic background investigations (by filing SF-86) in order to obtain a *Security Clearance*. We request that you investigate why **Woody** and **Lauro** continue to employ and promote *Giglio-Impaired SAs* who have been engaged in the following derogatory activities, as follows:

- **Alcohol Consumption:** Alcohol related incidents at or away from work, to include habitual or binge consumption, DWI convictions or drinking on the job.
- **Financial Considerations:** Failure or inability to live within one's means, pay taxes, indebtedness and gambling.
- **Failure To Provide Truthful and Candid Answers During the Security Clearance Process:** To include associations with convicted felons/persons involved in criminal activity, deliberate omission, concealment, falsification, lack of candor, untrustworthiness, evidence of significant misuse of government time, resources or equipment.
- **Improper Personal Conduct**
- **Sexual Misconduct:** To include extramarital affairs, voyeurism, exhibitionism and involvement with prostitution.

**Woody's** lack of investigative acumen began to show when he initiated two BLM OLE botched undercover *ARPA* investigations without any special knowledge of the *ARPA*. The *Christopher Kortlander dba the Custer Battlefield Museum* investigation and *Operation Cerberus Action*. **Woody** wanted to send a message, the decades of impunity were over. Rather, these investigations backfired because **Woody** failed to comprehend the consequences of the mistrust he had fostered, when he continued to hire and promote *Giglio-Impaired SAs* instead of terminating them.

The backlash was deafening and **Bundy et al.** were emboldened when they retaliated against federal land management policies, first at Bunkerville, NV (Spring 2014), on a second occasion when they organized an illegal ATV trail ride protesting the BLM OLE closure of Recapture Canyon in San Juan County Utah (May 10, 2014) and finally when **Bundy et al.** organized the takeover of the Malheur NWR in January 2016.

**SLM OLE Incident #1: Investigation Of Christopher Kortlander dba The Custer Battlefield Museum (Garryowen, MT)**<sup>42</sup>.

In 2000, **Woody** hired **SA Brian Keith Cornell**<sup>43</sup> and stationed him at the BLM OLE offices in Billings, MT.

In 2003, despite not having any criminal investigative experience, let alone an understanding of the esoteric nuances of the **ARPA**, the **Migratory Bird Treaty Act** (MBTA), nor an expertise in managing CIs **Woody** made **Cornell** the case agent in the investigation involving **Kortlander** who was alleged to be illegally trafficking in Indian artifacts.

When the investigation was initiated **Woody** learned the following from BLM SAs<sup>44</sup>:

- In 1996 **Kortlander** was dating **Cathy Lingard**, the ex-wife of BLM OLE **SA Lee 8. Lingard**<sup>45</sup>.
- The DOI OIG had investigated **SA Lingard** for using his government assigned vehicle on government time to illegally conduct surveillances of his ex-wife and **Kortlander**.
- **SA Lingard** also used BLM OLE funds to employ **Jason Dean Pitsch**<sup>46</sup> as a paid *Giglio-Impaired* CI to investigate **Kortlander**.
- In 1998, **Pitsch**<sup>47</sup> was snared in a nationwide FBI pornography sting wherein he was convicted and sentenced to serve three (3) years in federal prison.

In 2005, **Cornell** obtained a search warrant after a prolonged five-year plus undercover investigation, involving multiple undercover buys wherein **Cornell** alleged **Kortlander** was fraudulently dealings in Indian artifacts, eagle feathers and other questionable historical items, all in violation of the *ARPA* and the *MBTA*. Although **Kortlander** posed no physical threat, **Woody** authorized twenty-four armed federal agents (with semi-automatic weapons) to execute the search warrants at both **Kortlander's** residence and his business<sup>48</sup>. Although numerous items were seized, no arrests were ever made.

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<sup>42</sup> **Kotlander vs. Cornell**, 816 F.Supp. 2d 982 (D. Mont. 2011) and <http://www.forfeiturereform.com/2012/02/01/kortlanders-stand/>

<sup>43</sup> **Cornell** resides at 316 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Billings MT 59101; 406.254.2912.

<sup>44</sup> **BLM SA Rudy Mauldin** (ret.) and **BLM SAC Bart Fitzgerald** (ret.) who is currently employed by Freeport- McMoRan, 333 North Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004; 602.366.8100.

<sup>45</sup> **Lee B. Lingard** resides at 1333 South Northern Lights Blvd., Coeur D'Alene, ID 83814 (P.O. Box 2946, Haden, ID 83835).

<sup>46</sup> **Pitsch's** family owns land at the Battle of Little Bighorn site.

<sup>47</sup> See also May 9, 2012 conviction, wherein **Pitsch** was sentenced in the U.S. District Court Billings Montana to serve 120 months in prison in connection to a October 2010 FBI child pornography investigation (<https://archives.fbi.gov/archives/saltlakecity/press-releases/2012/jason-dean-pitsch-sentenced-in-u.s.-district-court>).

<sup>48</sup> Similarly in the *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation*, **Woody** authorized his SAs to use excessive force in allowing dozens of armed SAs (with semi-automatic weapons) to execute a search warrant at the **Reed's** residence.

In August 2008, **Woody** rewarded **Cornell's** bad behavior by promoting him to become the BLM OLE SAC for Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

**Cornell** also employed the services of a second CI, **James Lyman Brubaker Sr.**<sup>49</sup> a Montana appraiser as a second *Giglio-Impaired* paid CI to investigate **Kortlander**.

On December 12, 2007<sup>50</sup>, **Great Falls Montana Detective Bruce McDermott** executed a search warrant to search **Brubaker's** residence in Great Falls, Montana, wherein **McDermott** discovered roughly one thousand books from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries that had been taken from at least one hundred universities and local libraries across the country. **McDermott** also seized some twenty thousand individual pages of maps and other documents, each apparently ripped from books.

On March 27, 2008, federal agents arrested **Brubaker** and charged him with transporting stolen property across state lines. **McDermott's** investigation further disclosed that in 2007 alone, **Brubaker's** illegal enterprise grossed almost \$500,000.

In September 2008, **Cornell** executed a second search warrant at the **Custer Battlefield Museum**. In this second investigation (arising out of the September 2008 search warrant) **Cornell** used BLM OLE funds to employ **Brubaker** to investigate **Kortlander**.

Despite all the time and money **Woody** had invested in **Kortlander**, in August 2009 the Assistant U.S. Attorney wrote that the federal government would not be seeking prosecution in this matter.

Yet the dispute between **Kortlander** and the government raged on when **Kortlander** filed a *Bivens civil lawsuit*.<sup>51</sup> against BLM OLE and FWS OLE **SA Robert Doug Goessman** who executed the search warrant<sup>52</sup>. Sealed court filings obtained by *The Associated Press* show the government seized

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<sup>49</sup> **Brubaker** (age 83) formerly resides at 337 Moccas in Trail, Billings, MT 59105.

<sup>50</sup> See Smithsonian magazine article written by **Steve Toomey** (April 2008) titled *Pay Dirt in Montana*.

<sup>51</sup> The Supreme Court created a private damages action against federal officials for constitutional torts (civil rights violations), which are not covered by the FTCA. In *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Fed. Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), the Court held that the Fourth Amendment gives rise to a right of action against federal law enforcement officials for damages from an unlawful search and seizure. Since a *Bivens* action is brought against a federal official in the official's personal capacity, it is not considered to be an action against the United States and therefore is not barred by sovereign immunity. *Bivens* is not a general tort law. The plaintiff seeking a damages remedy under *Bivens* must first demonstrate that constitutional rights have been violated. [*Davis v. Passman*, 442 U.S. 228 (1979)]

<sup>52</sup> Missoulian A.P. article written by **Matt he w Brown** on June 29, 2012; and <https://casetext.com/case/kortlander-v-cornell>

twenty-two (22) items (bonnets, medicine bags and other items), partly on the word of **Brubaker** who claimed **Kortlander** acquired them illegally. Some of the items contained eagle feathers, migratory bird feathers, a war bonnet, medicine bag headdress and a shield) which government attorneys said in court documents renders the items contraband under the MBTA.

A short time later on June 16, 2009, **Cornell** resigned from the BLM and took a demotion to begin working on as a SA for the Bureau of Reclamation in the Great Plains Region.

**U.S. District Judge F. Richard Cebull**, who oversaw the Bivens civil lawsuit also cast doubt on the credibility of **Brubaker**, as **Brubaker** was serving a federal prison sentence for possession and interstate transportation of stolen property<sup>53</sup>. **Cebull** further ruled that the DOI OIG had, previously reprimanded **Cornell** on May 26, 2005. The DOI OIG reported **Cornell** had previously been the affiant in a 2003 search warrant of **BLM Air Tanker Base Manager Dan Boechler**. Regarding the 2003 affidavit the DOI OIG investigator wrote, *It's my belief that Agent Cornell's testimony was material false.*

To conclude:

- Neither **Woody** or the SAs he assigned to the investigation were familiar with the *ARPA* or the *MBTA*.
- Neither **Woody** or the SAs he assigned to the investigation properly vetted the BLM OLE's CIs;
- **Woody** had assigned **Cornell and Lingard, Giglio-Impaired SAs to investigate Kortlander.**

### **BLM OLE Incident #1: Operation Cerberus Action (Blanding, UT).**

In 2005, **Woody** who had personally hired **SA Daniel P. Love**<sup>54</sup>, appointed him as the case agent for an investigation known as *Operation Cerberus Action*<sup>55</sup>. **Woody** personally supervised the undercover investigation<sup>56</sup> from headquarters in Washington D.C., even though **SAC Larry D. Shackelford**<sup>57</sup> was the BLM OLE SAC for the State of Utah. Moreover, **Woody** wanted to put his historical stamp on the BLM OLE and outdo **Mauldin's** earlier undercover *ARPA* investigation wherein **Mauldin** actually caught and prosecuted pothunters in the act of illegally collecting archeological artifacts on federal managed lands in Utah.

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<sup>53</sup> April 2008 Smithsonian Magazine article written by **Steve Toomey**.

<sup>54</sup> **Love** had no prior law enforcement experience when **Woody** hired him when he was working as a Utah Insurance adjustor.

<sup>55</sup> *A Sting In The Desert, September 21, 2014*, by Los Angeles Times reporter **Joe Monzingo**. *Cerberus Action* is so named after the three-headed dog in Greek mythology that guarded the gates to the underworld. In part **Monzingo's** story was based on the review of audio/ video recordings to include the testimony of seven (7) former and current federal officials who requested anonymity.

<sup>56</sup> The three-year undercover investigation took place from 2006 and 2008.

<sup>57</sup> **Shackelford** resides at 1777 Kiera Court, Unit #15, Salt Lake City, UT 84124.

**Love** and his CI **Ted Gardiner** targeted **Dr. James Redd** a Blanding Utah physician, who worked round the clock hours at his family practice and assisted by his wife **Jeannie Reed**. In reality **Redd's** wife **Jeannie**, was the collector in the house and **Dr. Redd** had very little time or interest in collecting Indian artifacts, but he enjoyed accompanying his wife and daughter as they hunted for artifacts.

**Love** and **Gardner** were supposed to expose a lucrative trade in stolen antiquities, rather they reenergized the *Sagebrush Rebellion*. **Woody** cajoled the FBI into joining the investigation and they put up more than \$300,000 in buy money. In **Love**, **Woody** had an aggressive SA and **Love** felt a greater need and pressure for securing convictions.

By contrast and instead of setting up a system of inexpensive trail cameras to catch artifact thieves as they occurred and nip it in the bud, **Love** went on a multi-million dollar mission at taxpayer expense that dragged on for years, paying the low-life unemployed alcoholic snitch **Gardiner** \$7,500 a month to solicit stolen artifacts and entrap people. Moreover, the *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation* merely involved braggadocio and hyperbole by the targets of the investigation and the illegal sale of Indian artifacts whose archeological provenance could not be established.

On June 2009, **Woody** was present in Salt Lake City, Utah when **Secretary of Interior Kenneth Lee Salazar** and other prominent law enforcement officials announced the indictments of **Reed et al.**<sup>58</sup> **Woody** who had briefed these officials prior to the announcement failed to disclose the existence of exculpatory evidence he was party to and which was further favorable to the defendants:

- **Shackelford** was having an affair with **Gardiner's** girlfriend.
- **Woody** and **Love** vetted **Gardiner** with the understanding he had a history of mental issues, substance abuse problems<sup>59</sup> and emotional issues arising from a recent divorce and a newly failed relationship with his former girlfriend, the woman **Shackelford** was dating.
- **Gardiner** had a criminal record.
- **Love** and **Gardiner** tried to induce several individuals, like **Brad Sather** (Austin, Texas) and **Vern Crites** (Durango, Colorado) to go digging and to loot artifacts from federally protected lands<sup>60</sup>, but they all declined.

Ultimately, the costly five-year investigation netted very little because **Gardiner**, was unable to testify because he committed suicide on March 2, 2010. Not only

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<sup>58</sup> <http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=677110S>

<sup>59</sup> **Woody** and **Love** were aware that in 1996 that **Gardiner** suffered from severe and reoccurring panic attacks and that a doctor prescribed the anti-anxiety drug Xanax. Not long after, *the aliens took over Gardiner* and he also drank heavily, took pills and told his therapist he had been molested by a school janitor when he was fifteen.

<sup>60</sup> Inquiries should be made with the Director of the National Park Service to determine if the Director gave permission to **Love** and **Gardiner** to illegally dig up human remains in the Hovenweep National Monument.

was **Gardiner** adversely affected by the aforementioned maladies, he couldn't deal with the guilt he caused **Dr. Redd's** family, when **Dr. Redd** committed suicide on June 11, 2009. Then within a week of **Dr. Redd's** death, co-defendant **Steven L. Shrader** committed suicide.

In 2009, **Woody** ever the showman and entertainer rewarded **Love's** bad behavior by naming him BLM OLE SA of year, before even one individual was convicted, and then **Woody** immediately promoted **Love** to become the SAC for Utah and Nevada. Said action emboldened **Love** to aggressively undertake the seizure of **Cliven D. Bundy's** cattle in Bunkerville, NV, with a lack of coordination with state and local law enforcement agencies in the state of Nevada.

### **BLM OLE Incident #3: In 2008 Woody Selects FWS OLE SA Steven Robert Stoinski<sup>61</sup> As The BLM SAC For The Montana State Office.**

In 1995, **SA Bart Fitzgerald<sup>62</sup>** and **SA Rudy Gene Mauldin<sup>63</sup>** successfully prosecuted the BLMs first *ARPA* investigation involving **Earl K. Shumway<sup>64 65</sup>**, who was perhaps the most notorious archeological thief in American history. **Shumway** was sentenced to sixty (60) months in prison and the investigators would eventually become the subject matter experts for future BLM OLE *ARPA* investigations.

**Fitzgerald** was the SAC for the Montana State Office when **Woody** made **Love** the case agent for the undercover *ARPA* investigation known as *Operation Cerberus Action*. **Fitzgerald** was a vocal opponent of the investigation, because unlike the **Shumway** investigation **Love** wasn't proving the subjects of the investigation were illegally taking Indian artifacts. Rather, **Love** was conducting an investigation that relied merely on innuendo.

**Woody** eventually took umbrage with **Fitzgerald's** outspokenness and reassigned him in 2008 to Phoenix, AZ where he conducted internal affairs investigations.

**Woody's** hiring practices follows the axiom, *To the Victor Goes The Spoils*. **Woody** exploits circumvents the *Federal Merit Promotion* System to fill vacancies with his friends at the expense more highly qualified individuals, to include veterans, as follows:

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<sup>61</sup> **Stoinski** resides at 8 Timberland Trail, Lander , WY 82520; 920.826.4785.

<sup>62</sup> **Fitzgerald** resides at 2143 East Winged Foot Drive, Chandler, AZ 85249; 480.634.8077.

<sup>63</sup> **Mauldin** resides at 582 East 900<sup>th</sup> South, Stockton, UT 84071; 435.882.4478.

<sup>64</sup> November 2, 1995 New York Times article written by **Timothy Egan** titled *In the Indian Southwest, Heritage Takes A Hit*.

<sup>65</sup> **Jim Fisher True Crime Blog** dated March 27, 2016 article titled **Earl K. Shumway: The John Dillinger of Archaeological Looting** <http://jimfishertruecrime.blogspot.com/2013/12/earl-k-shumway-john-dillinger-of.html>

- Before a merit promotion opportunity is announced, **Woody** identifies a friend within the BLM OLE<sup>66</sup> or the FWS OLE that he intends to hire/promote.
- For **Woody**, more important than merit are factors such as loyalty, and ones connections to other important people in the government, or someone who will take him on a hunting trip.
- **Woody** and the preselected party communicate by phone and email to discuss the exact venue (down to the city/town where the individual wants to live/work). They also discuss when the preselected individual is available to move<sup>67</sup>.
- In other instances that will be discussed later, **Woody** provides his allies with training or assistance that will enhance their knowledge and skills, while denying his foes the same.
- By identifying the venue and the availability of his preselected applicant, **Woody** then creates a vacancy announcement to exclude other more qualified individuals, when these other applicants were unable to relocate to a specific geographic locality.
- In yet another example, in venues where **Woody** wants to promote a loyal follower who is already stationed at the duty station, **Woody** will exclude a more qualified candidate by writing a vacancy announcement for his buddy who already resides within the local commuting area, and which further doesn't provide for relocation allowances<sup>68</sup>.

Like **Woody**, **Steven R. Stoinski** was employed as a Conservation Law Enforcement Officer<sup>69</sup> and Legislative Coordinator by the UDWR, where the men became inseparable lifelong friends and who would routinely go hunting together on their free time. As close personal friends, after **Stoinski** became a SA with the FWS OLE he told **Woody** he had been a subject of two administrative investigations wherein DOI OIG investigators sustained negative credibility determinations against him.

The first administrative investigation of **Stoinski** took place in the Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6), when **Stoinski** took his wife **Linda Stoinski** on a two week long unauthorized personal vacation where he subsequently crashed/totaled his government assigned law enforcement vehicle into another vehicle. Despite the lengthy and expensive tort which was filed by the aggrieved

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<sup>66</sup> When **Woody** transferred from the BLM to the FWS OLE he created FWS OLE positions for BLM employees **SSA Jeanne Van Lanker**, **Executive Assistant Joan M. Mundt** and **SA Noel Wagner**.

<sup>67</sup> Once again in 2016, **Woody** accorded **Stoinski**, preferential treatment a second time by transferring **Stoinski** without completion to his retirement home in Lander WY.

<sup>68</sup> During **Woody's** tenure as the BLM OLE Chief, he promoted **Noel Wagner** to the position of the BLM SAC in Albuquerque, NM. **Wagner** who virtually spent virtual entire BLM career in Albuquerque, NM told his colleagues he intended to retire there. When BLM managers started the process to transfer **Wagner** to Boise, ID, **Woody** interceded and in 2012, **Woody** created an entirely new GS-13 position for **Noel** to occupy at the FWS OLE office in Albuquerque, NM.

<sup>69</sup> **Stoinski** was employed by the UDNR and stationed in Salt Lake City, UT from approximately 1990 to 1997.

party, **Stoinski's** supervisors in Denver where successfully in pawning **Stoinski** to a witting **SAC Stanley F. Pruszenski** in the Alaska Region (Region 7).

Despite **Stoinski** being a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, **Woody** was sympathetic to **Stoinski's** plight as a pariah in the FWS OLE. **Woody** abused his position as the Chief BLM OLE when he promoted **Stoinski** to become the GS-13 BLM OLE SAC for the State of Montana, by illegally creating an interagency vacancy announcement for **Stoinski's eyes only!**

However, **Stoinski** would eventually go back to his former position as a GS-12 SA with the FWS OLE when he was unable to sell his residence in Abrams, WI<sup>70</sup>, due to the of the financial crisis of 2007-2009.

**Stoinski** despite being a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, **Woody** continues to be sympathetic to his friend's plight. Since becoming the Chief of the FWS OLE, **Woody** has also afforded **Stoinski** preferential treatment in allowing him to be the *Affiant* for several high profile investigations/search warrants<sup>71</sup> throughout the United States as well as participating in several overseas training assignments, to include Botswana and the Philippines<sup>72 73</sup>.

#### **BLM OLE Incident #4: March 2014 - Cliven D. Bundy Standoff at Bunkerville, NV**<sup>74</sup>.

In 1998, **Bundy** was enjoined in the United States District Court for the District of Nevada from grazing his cattle on an area of land called the *Bunkerville Allotment*.

In 1993, **Bundy** declined to renew his permit to graze cattle on BLM administered lands near Bunkerville, NV, in protest to changes to his grazing rules. According to the SLM, **Bundy** continued to graze his cattle on public lands without a permit.

In July 2013, a BLM complaint was supplemented when **U.S. District Court Judge Lloyd D. George** ordered that **Bundy** refrain from trespassing on federally administered land in the Gold Butte area of Clark County<sup>75</sup>.

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<sup>70</sup> **Stoinski** previously resided at 5967 Forest Lake Lane, Abrams, WI 54101.

<sup>71</sup> To include the August 2012 *Upper Peninsula North Fish Company* Search Warrants.

<sup>72</sup> **Woody** handpicked **Stoinski** to participate in at least two international training assignments, in Africa and the Philippines (2016), at the expense of more conscientious SAs. Said preferential treatment is creating moral issues within the FWS OLE.

<sup>73</sup> Why would **Woody** who is aware that **Stoinski** is a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, whose reputation and work history contains impeachment evidence allow **Stoinski** testimony to jeopardizing the outcome of any criminal investigation he is associated with.

<sup>74</sup> **Kotlander v. Cornell**, 816 F. Supp. 2d 982 (D. Mont. 2011) and <http://www.forfeiturereform.com/2012/02/01/kortlanders-stand/>



A subsequent DOI investigation disclosed that case agent **Love** made tactical errors leading up to the 2014 Bunkerville, NV standoff, as follows:

- On March 27, 2014, **Love** caused 145,604 acres of federal land in Clark County to be temporarily closed for the capture, impoundment, and removal of **Bundy's** trespass cattle.
- On April 5, 2014, **Love**, BLM horse wranglers and other BLM OLE SAs and PRs began a roundup of some 400 head of cattle and they were placed in temporary corrals located in the low-lying Toquop Wash, and subsequently protected by **Love** and some fifty (50) BLM OLE SAs and PRs.
- On April 12, 2014, a group of protesters to include **Ammon Bundy, Cliven D. Bundy, Ryan Bundy** and some two hundred (200) armed militia members, advanced on **Love** and his colleagues, and it was only then did **Love** find his colleagues in a life-threatening situation as the militia exploited their errors.
- Some of the gunman took tactically superior sniper positions on high ground behind concrete barriers, with their assault rifles aimed directly at the BLM OLE personnel below.
- Fortunately **Sheriff Doug Gillespie** negotiated with **Cliven D. Bundy** to release the cattle and de-escalate the situation.

Several retired BLM officials to include **SA Steve Martin, PR Ed Patrovsky** and former **BLM Director Bob Abbey**<sup>76</sup> were extremely critical of the direction **Woody** took the BLM law enforcement program. The officials said without significant backup support from local, state and other federal law enforcement agencies the BLM OLE can't possibly handle volatile conflicts like the one at occurred at Bunkerville, or the Malheur NWR.

The officials explained, that under **Woody's** regime he began hiring PRs who thought of themselves as *police officers*. The shift on the ground reflected changes implement by **Woody** in the wake of 9/11, wherein **Woody** peeled the BLM OLE away from civilian field managers and put the BLM OLE directly under him despite never having worked for the BLM.

**Martin** stated, *We brought in people who told their buddies in Border Patrol or wherever else. Hey, come to the BLM, there's a lot of kick-ass stuff going on here. Abbey* opined the restructuring created, *A faction within the agency. I think, in many respects, they have become a separate organization.*

The former officials further explained how **Woody** reorganized the BLM OLE program thereby giving him more autonomy to him and to his SACs who oversee the various Regions. **Martin** was hesitant to name names, but like others critical of the direction that BLM OLE had taken, **Martin** clearly meant **Love**, the SAC for

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<sup>75</sup> United States District Court, District of Nevada, Case No. 2:12-cv-0804-LDG-GWF and [https:// www.ralstonreports.com/ sites/ default/ files/ legalmemo.pdf](https://www.ralstonreports.com/sites/default/files/legalmemo.pdf)

<sup>76</sup> High County News , *The BLM's Arms Race On The Range*, February 2, 2016.

Utah and Nevada. More particularly, **Love** presided over the unexplained cancellation of the BLM cooperative agreements with several county sheriff departments in the State of Utah, which left SLM OLE PRs without backup.

#### **BLM OLE Incident #5: Blanding Canyon Ride (Blanding, UT).**

On May 10, 2014<sup>77</sup>, more than two hundred people including armed militia gathered in Centennial Park in Blanding to protest the BLM OLEs restriction against off-highway motor vehicle use on trails throughout nearby *Recapture Canyon*, Dr. **James Redd's** son **Jay Redd**, **Ryan Bundy** and **San Juan County Commissioner Phil Lyman**, all who organized the protest.

The BLM closed the canyon to off-highway motor vehicle (OHV) use in 2007 with the stated purpose of protecting ancient cultural sites and artifacts. After the rally a group of about fifty riders drove their motor vehicles through Recapture Canyon, where *Ancestral Puebloan archaeological sites* were damaged by the protesters.

On December 18, 2015, **U.S. District Court Judge David Nuffer** sentenced **Lyman** and co-conspirator **Mote Wells** to serve ten days in jail, three years of supervised probation and to share in paying \$96,000 to repair damage caused by the OHV in Recapture Canyon.

In sentencing the men **Nuffer** stated, *It will make people on both sides of the issue angry. Nuffer* reasoned, *that a long sentence would inflame people who want to change federal land use policy, while no jail time would do the same for those who favor land protection.*

#### **BLM OLE Incident #6: The Counties And The State Of Utah Believe Love Cancelled \$244,000 Worth Of BLM Contracts With Multiple Rural Counties Out Of Retaliation**<sup>78,79</sup> :

The aftermath of embattled Nevada rancher **Cliven D. Bundy's** showdown with the BLM OLE in Bunkerville, NV on April 2014, led to the devolution of county law enforcement contracts with the BLM OLE in Utah. When **Love** didn't renew the law enforcement contracts, several rural county sheriffs who relied on this funding became wary, frustrated, defiant and angry with the BLM OLE.

In June 2014, **Garfield County Utah Sheriff Danny Perkins** sat down in a conference room with **Lauro** in Washington, D.C. **Perkins** was aware **Lauro** was

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<sup>77</sup> The ride happened a month after the tense standoff in Bunkerville, NV.

<sup>78</sup> Deseret News article published on June 28, 2014, by **Amy Jol O'Donoghue**.

<sup>79</sup> *Utah to BLM: Rein In Your Cops, October 19, 2014*, by Salt Lake City Tribune reporter **Brian Maffly**.

the decision-maker who could make life somewhat easier back home in Garfield County, or keep it strained.

Six county commissioners from Iron, Beaver and Garfield counties also accompanied **Perkins** to Washington, D.C., for a series of meetings to air their complaints. Chief among their complaints was the fractured and abysmal experiences the rural Utah sheriffs were having with **Love**. Perkins related, *We have tried, they (BLM) seem to want to do their own thing. They (BLM) do not respect the authority of the sheriff at all. It is hard for them (BLM) to accept that this sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer in this county.*

**Garfield County Commissioner Leland Pollock** who was also part of the group stated, *we have many examples of the abuse ... if this guy (Love) does something that blows up; we are all going to be on the TV. It is a scary scenario, especially in rural Utah.* The "this guy" Pollock is referring to is **Love**, who commissioners accuse of spreading a culture of dismissive arrogance among his coworkers.

**Perkins** and **Pollock** pointed out, it's been impossible to have any sort of productive relationship with the BLM in Utah because of their confrontational behavior and their inability to even work with other federal agencies. **Perkins** added, *I got a really good working relationship with the U.S. Forest Service and I have always had a good relationship with the park's people (NPS). The problem is with the BLM.*

**Perkins** reiterated how he has three national PRs who were deputized in Garfield County and he has a similar arrangement with the USFS, but he wouldn't entertain having a similar arrangement with the BLM because of the conduct of the agency's officers. **Perkins** stated, *There's no way in the world I would consider deputizing the BLM officers I have in this county - none. I have had the folks in northern Utah tell me they'll never come back to my county because of how they were treated by the BLM officers at the monument.* The counties and the state of Utah believe **Love** cancelled \$244,000 worth of BLM contracts with multiple rural counties out of retaliation for them having attempted to rein in him (**Love**) in.

### **BLM OLE Incident #7: On July 1, 2015, Kathryn Steinle Was Killed In San Francisco, CA With A Handgun Stolen From A BLM OLE Ranger<sup>80</sup>.**

On June 27, 2015, BLM PR **John M. Woychowski Jr's**<sup>81</sup> personal vehicle was burglarized when he stopped in San Francisco, CA and his .40 caliber

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<sup>80</sup> **Woychowski** was hired when **Woody** was the BLM OLE Chief. Did **Woody** or **Woychowski's** immediate supervisor properly familiarize **Woychowski** with BLM firearms policy, to include securing weapons while off duty carry and in-vehicle storage while in travel status?

<sup>81</sup> **Woychowski** resides 683 Dulles Court West, Imperial, CA 92251; 860.305.3017.

government-issued Sig Sauer model P239 handgun that was left unsecured in a backpack was stolen. It's alleged that **Woychowski** was in downtown San Francisco on official government travel<sup>82</sup>. **Woychowski** is a field-training officer at the BLM OLE offices in El Centro, CA<sup>83</sup> and who was the recipient of the 2011 *BLM Ranger of the Year Award*.

On July 1, 2015, **Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez**, a 52-year-old felon, reportedly shot and killed **Steinle** with **Woychowski's** weapon as she walked along a Pier 14 with her father and a friend on July 1st.

On May 27, 2016, **Steinle's** parents filed a federal lawsuit against BLM and several other entities. The family's claim against the BLM alleges that **Woychowski** violated departmental policy by leaving his fully loaded service weapon, which was stolen from an unintended vehicle inside a backpack that was in plain sight.

The shooting triggered a national debate over immigration, after it was revealed that the **San Francisco Sheriffs Department** had released **Lopez-Sanchez** despite a federal request to detain him for possible deportation. **Lopez-Sanchez** was previously deported five (5) times to his native Mexico. **President Trump** has repeatedly mentioned **Steinle's** killing as he calls for a border wall and mass deportations to curb illegal immigration.

On January 20, 2016, **Chaffetz** announced that he planned to introduce a bill to strip the BLM OLE of its law enforcement authority<sup>84</sup>.

### **BLM OLE Incident #8: SAC Love Demands Sirloin Steak/Prim Rib Meals And 24-Hour Access To Ice Cream For Law Enforcement Personnel Throughout The September 2015 Burning Man Festival**<sup>85</sup>

**Love**, despite being responsible for the *Cerubus Action Investigation* and the *Cliven Bundy Standoff*, demanded that the *Burning Man Organization* build a separate compound, with amenities such as flushing toilets, washers, dryers, sirloin steak/prim rib dinners and 24-hour access to ice cream for his law enforcement officers who were assigned to work at the *Burning Man Festival*. Moreover, **Love** informed the event planners that he also required his own *personal bathroom trailer*.

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<sup>82</sup> Why was **Woychowski** in San Francisco, CA with his government-issued firearm when he resided some six hundred miles away in El Centro, CA?

<sup>83</sup> The El Centro Bureau of Land Management Office is located at 1661 S 4th St, El Centro, CA 92243; 760.337.4400.

<sup>84</sup> Deseret News article published by **Amy Joi O'Donoghue** on March 8, 2016.

<sup>85</sup> Reno Gazette-Journal, dated June 29, 2015 and Las Vegas Review Journal dated July 5, 2015.

Former BLM director **Abbey** who now works as a consultant for *Burning Man Festival*, called the requests bulls\*\*t. **Abbey** hinted **Love** was using his authority to approve permits and to threaten the event organizers. **Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid** (D-NV) also criticized **Love's** demands in a letter to **Jewell**, saying, *living with the elements is part of the experience*.

During the first trial for the **Bundy** co-defendants, **Toni Ziminski**, the BLM communications director for the **Bundy** cattle confiscation, admitted she shredded documents at the compound and somehow lost vital recorded records of radio transmissions, because somehow the hard drive that ran the recording device had mysteriously come unplugged. **Ziminski** was never asked if **Love** had told her to shred the vital documents, nor was she asked if **Love** had asked her to unplug the hard-drive. Both would have been fair questions had the defense known **Love** had given the order.

The United States Government has a long history of *covering up* for **Love** from 2006 to date, and that fact could not be made any clearer than by what is not being allowed to be entered as evidence, and who is not allowed to be called to the stand, in the Case of **US vs. Cliven Bundy et al.**

Former United States Secret Service (USSS) **ASAC Rand Alan Stover**<sup>86 87</sup> turned BLM SA, took the stand in early February 2017, during what the press has dubbed **The Bundy Ranch Trials** and would begin what would be a long line of BLM and FBI agents who ineffectively tried to become the voice of **Love**. Because the prosecution had hidden the facts surrounding the DOI OIG investigation and pending the Congressional inquiry, the defense was ill prepared to ask **Stover** whether or not he too had tampered with evidence.

The record further reflects **Stover** was a vital participant in the scheme to help **Love** insure the employment of a former United States Marshal and their friend, **Mark Jucha**, to the BLM OLE. **Stover** was in charge of the interview process that allowed only the top ten (10) applicants to interview for the job. **Jucha** was not initially among the top ten (10). **Love**, with help from **Stover**, expanded the rules of the hiring process to include the top thirty (30) applicants and made it possible for **Jucha** to be interviewed and hired over those who were better qualified for the job. **Stover** would later admit that he followed the order of **Love** to expand the interview process to include **Jucha** because after all, **Love** was the SAC and it was **Love's** region.

Since the **Bundy Ranch Trial** began prosecutors and **Judge Gloria Navarro** have been accused of at least five (5) incidents of prosecutorial misconduct for

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<sup>86</sup> **Stover** is assigned to the BLM State Offices at 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; 801.592.5841.

<sup>87</sup> **Stover** resides at 958 E 900th S, Saint George, UT 84790; 801.676.9698

with-holding evidence that resulted in the jury not hearing the facts surrounding the case. Two of those accusations directly involve the cover-up of the outcome of the investigation by the DOI OIG and the United States Congress's inquiry into the misconduct **Love**, to which he was found guilty.

Again, On January 30, 2017, the DOI OIG posted on their website the results of their investigation of **Love**<sup>88</sup>, wherein they determined Love had improperly used his official position in regards to overseeing the 2015 *Burning Man Festival*:

- The DOI OIG also confirmed that in 2015 **Love** had improperly intervened in the BLM SA hiring process that facilitated the hiring of his friend **Jucha**, instead of other qualified applicants.
- When interviewed the DOI OIG established **Love** had displayed a *lack of candor* and he also had attempted to influence several BLM employee's testimony, prior to the individuals being interviewed, and subsequently to learn of their interview details. Moreover, these employees feared that **Love** would retaliate because of the information they had provided.
- More specifically, two BLM employees said they were coached by **Love** prior to their interviews that the response *I don't recall* was a valid answer, when responding to DOI OIG questions. And subsequent to the interview **Love** asked, *So do I still have a job or did you get me fired?*
- **Love** blamed a third BLM employee for filing the complaint and he threatened to ruin her career if she did anything. Love later told her, *If you're not on my ship, you're going to sink...So I suggest you get on my ship.*
- The DOI OIG found that **Love** had violated Federal ethics rules when he used his contacts and influence with *Burning Man Festival* officials to obtain tickets and special passes for his family.
- **Love** had directed five (5) on-duty BLM law enforcement employees to drive, escort and provide security for his girlfriend and family members throughout the event in SLM-procured vehicles.
- **Love's** family also received overnight lodging in SLM-leased facilities and unauthorized access to the BLM's Incident Command Post.
- The DOI OIG further substantiated that **Lauro** was present when the aforementioned transgressions took place. More specifically **Lauro** observed **Love** use BLM ATVs and BLM personnel to transport his girlfriend and family members and **Lauro** was further aware that **Love** allowed his girlfriend to share his BLM overnight lodging accommodations during the event. Yet **Lauro** failed to reprimand **Love** for these transgressions.

The DOI OIG also determined the following:

- At the conclusion of *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation*, **Love** directed a BLM evidence custodian to retrieve several of the artifacts from the evidence room so he could display them on his desk. The internal

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<sup>88</sup>[https://www.doiig.gov/sites/doiig.gov/files/EthicalViolationsAndMisconductByBLMOfficials\\_Public.pdf](https://www.doiig.gov/sites/doiig.gov/files/EthicalViolationsAndMisconductByBLMOfficials_Public.pdf)  
Eulsa Treat (DOI OIG Inspector General website.)

investigation further disclosed that **Love** gave several BLM SAs, other law enforcement officers and one private contractor Indian Artifacts known as *moqui marbles* to keep as trophies which he (**Love**) and his (**Love**) close friend **FBI SAC Greg Bretzing**<sup>89 90</sup> seized during the course of the 2009 investigation.

According to **Chaffetz**, the DOI OIG investigation raised more questions than **Love** had answered. The letter reflects **Love** not only threatened people in his office while demanding they lie during the investigation, but he also had an employee shred and destroy untold amounts of evidence in the form of documents and hard-drives, containing internal emails the day before the congressional inquiry was to begin scrutinizing the office **Love** was in charge of. **BLM Director Neil Kornze** was also suspected of giving **Love** the *heads-up* before the investigation took place, prompting **Love** to destroy the most critical documents the congressional panel was looking for.

Subsequent to the investigation, **Chaffetz** introduced H.R. 622 - *Local Enforcement for Local (Federal) Lands Act*. This bill declares that, by September 30, 2017, the USDA and the USFS would have to terminate their law enforcement and investigations units and cease using federal employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands. Also by such date, the DOI would terminate the BLM OLE and cease using BLM employees to perform law enforcement functions on federal lands.

The DOI OIG also forwarded the report to **Woody** for corrective action and on August 1, 2017 a reporter asked **Woody** about it. Although **Woody** expressed concern about the DOI OIG's investigation's findings, **Woody** was less than candid about his involvement, as follows:

- **Woody** failed to tell the reporter he had previously been the Chief of the BLM OLE during the period August 8, 2003 to March 7, 2011.
- **Woody** failed to tell the reporter that **Love** was his close friend and he had previously hired and promoted **Love**, despite **Love** being a *Giglio-Impaired SA*.
- **Woody** failed to tell the reporter that the moqui marbles had previously been seized from the Reed's during the course of the *Cerberus Action Investigation*, wherein three people committed suicide.
- **Woody** failed to tell the reporter he was the official that he created the flawed system in both the collection and inventory of seized evidence.

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<sup>89</sup> **Bretzing** was the co-case agent with the FBI along with **Love** in the *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation*. **Bretzing** was also the FBI case agent for the *Malhuer NWR Takeover*. In January 2017, **Bretzing** resigned from the FBI and began working for the Greenbrier Companies, Inc., in a newly created role as the Director of Global Security and Special Projects.

<sup>90</sup> **Bretzing** resides at 5501 NW 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98685; 540.752.1916.

**William Charles Woody Was Appointed The Chief Of The FWS OLE On March 8, 2011.**

**Woody** became the Chief of the FWS OLE on March 8, 2011. FWS OLE managers are alarmed by **Woody's** management style wherein he seeks the limelight and the attention of the media. **Woody** peruses high profile international investigations that keep him in the spotlight as opposed to domestic investigations, which protect wildlife, endemic to the United States<sup>91</sup>. **Woody** is a superfluous manager who is remaking the FWS OLE into his own *Vanity Project*, rewarding employees for aggressively undertaking controversial investigations pursuing the rule of law, rather pursuing the spirit of law and earning the trust and support of the public.

**Woody** has also fomented a bitterness within the ranks of the FWS OLE by preselecting his former colleagues from the BLM OLE for management positions within the FWS OLE, over more highly qualified employees currently working for the FWS OLE.

Perhaps it was easy for **FWS Director Daniel M. Ashe** to overlook **Woody's** malapropisms and his confrontational attitude whenever his BLM OLE subordinates questioned **Woody's** management decisions. But at least **Woody** had a college degree as opposed to his predecessor **Chief Benito Arturo Perez**<sup>92</sup>, who was merely a high school graduate.

One of the things that angers FWS OLE personnel is that **Woody** is changing the fabric and culture of the FWS OLE for the worse. **Woody** is carrying over the heavy handed tactics and the management style he was known for with the BLM OLE and bringing it to the FWS OLE, where he has created a hostile work environment and which was the gneiss for FWS Wildlife Inspectors (WIs) to become unionized - all which has reduced the FWS OLE's productivity.

**Woody** is further changing the FWS OLE culture by transferring many individuals who had previously worked for him at the BLM OLE to the FWS OLE. To include hiring **Division Chief (DC) Jeanne Marie Vanlancker**<sup>93 94</sup>, hiring **Senior Special Agent (SSA) Noel Devon Wagner**<sup>95</sup> and hiring **Joan M. Mundt**<sup>96</sup> as his Executive Assistant.

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<sup>91</sup> **Chavez** is stationed in Albuquerque, NM; 505.248.7889), **SAC Gregory Jackson** is stationed in Bloomington, MN; 612.713.5320), **RAC Scott Kabasa** is stationed in Nampa, ID; 208.442.9551, **RAC Andrew Aloise** and **SA Terry Hasting Jr.** who is stationed in Atlanta, GA ;404.763.7959 is trying to transfer to another agency due to FWS OLE mismanagement.

<sup>92</sup> **Perez** resides at 3767 County Road #440, Alice, TX 38332; 361.664.8886.

<sup>93</sup> **Vanlancker** is stationed at Headquarters (703.358.1949) where her pay grade is GS-15.

<sup>94</sup> **Vanlancker** resides at 5302 Richardson Drive, Fairfax VA 22032; 703.323.5480.

<sup>95</sup> **Wagner** is stationed in Albuquerque, NM (505.346.7828) where his pay grade as is a GS-14.

<sup>96</sup> **Mundt** was formerly **Woody's** executive assistant at the BLM OLE.



**Woody** violated FWS Policy (232 FW 2 Law Enforcement Training) by failing to have **Vanlanker, Wagner** and perhaps other BLM OLE employees which he transferred to the FWS OLE, by failing to have these employees attend eight weeks of training in the *Special Agent Basic School* (SABS) at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). When questioned, the majority of the SAs and FWS OLE managers will say they are upset at **Woody** because he is hiring/placing BLM OLE employees in FWS OLE managerial positions without absolutely any wildlife expertise. In addition he's allowing these individuals to preselect and be stationed at duty stations of their liking. In the process, **Woody** not only is fomenting bitterness within the FWS OLE itself, but he has left a personnel mess behind at the BLM OLE. But for the fact of **Love's** current predicament out west, **Woody** would've made **Love** the FWS OLE DC.

On, November 4, 2011, **Alaska Congressman Don Young** met with **Woody** to discuss his concerns with the FWS OLE practices in Alaska<sup>97</sup>. **Woody** assured the congressman he would travel to Alaska to meet with and to hear his Alaskan constituents concerns about the FWS OLE SAs who were acting in an aggressive and overzealous manner.

### **FWS OLE Incident #1: Stoinski's Second Instance Of Misconduct.**

In 2004, **Stoinski** provided the DOI OIG derogatory information about several of his law enforcement colleagues in Alaska. When **Stoinski** was hastily banished for misconduct reasons from the Mountain-Prairie Region to Alaska, **Stoinski** didn't possess a private pilots license. **Stoinski** has a likeable personality so his immediate supervisor **RAC Charles (Corky) Roberts**<sup>98</sup> made arrangements for the FWS OLE to pay for **Stoinski** to obtain a private pilots license. Unfortunately, when the FWS OLE didn't have the funds to pay for **Stoinski's** instrument rating, he became disgruntled and he contacted the DOI OIG offering to become their snitch. Most puzzling, **Stoinski** wasn't even smart enough to realize he was implicating himself and thereby creating additional credibility and dishonesty issues for himself.

**Stoinski** told the DOI OIG investigators that **ASAC James Wesley Ashburner**<sup>99</sup>, **SA Obe Burke Lowry**<sup>100</sup>, **RAC James W. Pilgrim**<sup>101</sup>, **SA David Prosser Rippeto**<sup>102</sup>, **Roberts** and **SA Pilot Michael Wade**<sup>103</sup> were all misusing

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<sup>97</sup> **Congressmen Young's** website.

<sup>98</sup> **Roberts** retired sometime around August 2015. He resides in Kennewick, WA; 509.392.2337.

<sup>99</sup> Subsequent to the investigation **Ashburner** was **promoted** as the ASAC. He is stationed at 911 NE 11th Ave., Portland, OR; 503.231.6925.

<sup>100</sup> Subsequent to the investigation **Lowry** was **promoted** as an SA with the DOI OIG. **Lowry** currently resides at 1750 Flandro Drive, Unit 2002, Pocatello, ID 83206.

<sup>101</sup> Subsequent to the investigation **Pilgram** was **promoted** as the RAC for Richmond, VA. **Pilgram** resides at 13177 Scotchtown Road, Beverdam, VA 23015; 517.528.1337.

<sup>102</sup> **Rippeto** is currently stationed in Cody, WY; 307.527.7604.

<sup>103</sup> **Wade** works in Nome, AK; 907.443.2479.

government vehicles, boats and aircraft during both working hours and on their days off to take their family members on legal/illegal hunting and fishing trips.

**Stoinski** reiterated how **Roberts** and **Wade** also used racial epithets against Native Alaskans. At the conclusion of the investigations when **Stoinski's** allegations were sustained against all of the aforementioned, he was transferred to Green Bay, WI. He became a pariah, so **Perez** and **Woody** went to great lengths to minimize **Stoinski** coming into contact with his former Alaskan colleagues at the annual FWS OLE in-service forty-hour law enforcement training sessions. On the few occasions when **Stoinski** bumps into **Wade**, **Wade** reminds **Stoinski** that he frequently pleasures himself when thinking about his wife, **Linda Stoinski**.

The poor moral and the distrust of the FWS OLE Alaska Region by the *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska* can be tracked all the way back to **RAC Mark Webb**, when he was stationed in Fairbanks, AK. **Webb** is a narrow-minded **Mark Fuhrman** like racist who persecuted the *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska*. **Webb** routinely made vitriolic and malevolent allegations against the *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska* to the media and the press, with nary a shred of testimonial or physical evidence.

Although **Regional Director David Allen** was annoyed enough to demote **Webb**, he wasn't enraged enough to terminate **Webb**. Rather, **Allen** saw to it that the FWS OLE created a new duty station in Lincoln, NE for **Webb** to be transferred to, which was conveniently located in **Webb's** home state. The message the FWS OLE received was that bigotry was acceptable and the worst possible outcome in a disciplinary proceeding was not termination, but a government expense paid move back to your home state, which is the objective of the majority of the OLE SAs anyway.

**Webb** corrupted several SAs who were stationed in Alaska at the time, including his subordinate **Roberts**, who would eventually replace **Webb** as the RAC in Fairbanks. As **Roberts'** supervisor, **Webb** demonstrated to **Roberts** and the other SAs in Alaska how it was appropriate for them to misuse government vehicles and aircraft to transport family members on recreational hunting/fishing trips throughout Alaska. **Webb** also conditioned **Roberts** into believing the *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska* were inferior and they should be humiliated and persecuted. **Webb** also taught **Roberts** and others to use racial slurs and epithets such as *Pie*, when referring to the *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska*.

Once **Webb** arrived in Nebraska, his best bud **Mowad** allowed him to keep his government pilots license even though **Webb** had crashed and wrecked three (3) planes in Alaska. Moreover, after the transfer took place **Mowad** would periodically allow **Webb** to travel back to Alaska to train other less experienced pilots stationed in Alaska to fly, to include **Roberts**, **Przenski**, **Stoinski** and **Wade**.

In interacting with the aforementioned SAs, **Webb** further hardened his co-workers against the *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska* through his intolerance and incendiary comments, which was akin to spraying gas on a fire. As discussed earlier, history repeated itself in 2003, when **Stoinski** provided derogatory information to DOI OIG that he along with **Pruszenski, Roberts, Wade** and other Alaskan SAs, were misusing government vehicles and aircraft to transport family members on recreational hunting/fishing trips throughout Alaska.

Although the later DOI OIG investigation substantiated the offending SAs used racial slurs and epithets such as *Pie*, when referring to *Indigenous Peoples of Alaska*, the disciplinary results were similar to that of **Webb**. Although **Roberts** was demoted, **Perez** and **Paul Richard Chang** made a decision to create and transfer **Roberts** at government expense to a new duty station in Richland, WA, **Robert's** home state. **Stoinski** was transferred to his home state too, which was Wisconsin and **Chang** eventually promoted **Roberts** to his former grade in Washington State in short order.

Despite having the aforementioned integrity, honesty and morality issues, **Perez** and **Woody** allowed **Ashburner, Pilgrim, Rippeto, Stoinski** and **Wade** to continue to work as *Giglio-Impaired SAs; to include affording them promotions, traveling overseas, working with foreign government officials, testifying in court, and being an affiant in arrest and search warrants.*

DOI OIG investigators also interviewed **Roberts** concerning the 2004 events, which led to him being demoted and transferred from Fairbanks, AK to Richland, WA in May of 2006<sup>104</sup>:

- **Woody's** predecessor **Perez**<sup>105</sup> and **ASAC Chang**<sup>106</sup> were personal friends of **Roberts**.
- Historically and within a radius of some 200 miles the FWS OLE has never had an employee assigned to the Richland, WA locality.
- **Roberts's** family were originally from the Richland, WA area so as a personal favor to **Roberts, Perez** and **Chang** moved him to a locality of his choosing (Richland, WA) a locality where **Roberts** wanted to retire.
- **Robert's** move cost the FWS OLE more than \$150,000.
- In furtherance of the fix being in, the DOI OIG failed to recognize that **Perez** and **Chang** in order to right **Robert's** earlier demotion, subsequently promoted **Roberts** back to his former grade.
- As was the case in 2015 when the DOI OIG confirmed **Love** had improperly intervened in the BLM SA hiring process which facilitated in the hiring of his friend instead of other qualified applicants, **Perez** and **Chang** made sure the applicant pool for **Robert's** GS-13 supervisory position in

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<sup>104</sup> **Roberts** retired sometime around August 2015. He resides in Kennewick, WA; 509.392.2337.

<sup>105</sup> **Perez** retired on January 31, 2011.

<sup>106</sup> As a personal favor **Woody** created SA/Special Advisor position for **Chang** to occupy in his hometown of Hilo, HI; 808.933.6964. **Chang** resides at 28277 Stable Camp Road, Honouliuli, HI; 808.896.3211.

Richland, WA, was only open to current eligible FWS OLE employees within the local commuting area. So of course everyone in advance was aware that **Roberts** would be the only applicant.

Former Alaska **SAC Pruszenski**<sup>107</sup>, **SAC Stephen Arthur Oberholtzer**<sup>108</sup> and former **Mowad** were so smitten by **Jill Janet Birchell's** overt sexuality they routinely promoted her over and over again, despite her character and ethical flaws. Moreover, they also allowed her to pursue a law degree at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, with FWS OLE funds and on government time.

As early as 2001, **Birchell** and **Wade** were novice agents stationed in Alaska. **Birchell** who is known to drink excessively is married to **Richard Bruce Birchell**<sup>109</sup>. The couple has always maintained an open marriage and it was common knowledge that **Wade** who was **Birchell's** drinking partner would take semi-nude compromising photographs<sup>110</sup> of **Birchell** when she was inebriated and they worked on overnight details together.

It was also common knowledge amongst the FWS OLE staff in Alaska that **Birchell's** husband **Richard Bruce Birchell** is a registered sex offender and convicted felon<sup>111</sup>.

Over time, the aforementioned FWS OLE managers chose to promote **Birchell** further up the chain of command, first as a desk agent at headquarters where she worked for **SSA Kevin Garlick**<sup>112</sup> and then as an ASAC in Albuquerque, NM under **SAC Nicholas E. Chavez**<sup>113</sup>. Even **Woody** was aware of **Birchell's** husband's conviction, yet in 2012 he promoted **Birchell** to become the SAC in Sacramento, CA (Pacific Southwest- Region 8).

Despite having the aforementioned integrity and morality issues, **Woody** also continues to allow **Birchell** to continue to work as *Giglio-Impaired* SA, to include traveling overseas, working with foreign government officials, testifying in court, and being an affiant in arrest and search warrants. There are more questions about **Birchell** than there are answers:

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<sup>107</sup> **Pruszenski** retired in August 2015. He resides at 7200 Crooked Tree Dr, Anchorage, AK 99507; 907.868.2568.

<sup>108</sup> At the time **Oberholtzer** was the ASAC of Alaska. In August 2009 he became the SAC of Region Six 134 Union Blvd., Suite 400 Lakewood, CO 80228; 303.236.7893. **Oberholtzer** resides at 5394 Dunraven Circle, Golden, CO 80403; 303.279.4370.

<sup>109</sup> **Richard Bruce Birchell** was born on December 15, 1960.

<sup>110</sup> **Wade** showed these photographs to **Stoinski** and other SAs. The photographs served two purposes, braggadocio and blackmail.

<sup>111</sup> In 2004, **Richard Bruce Birchell** was convicted in the Anchorage Alaska Superior Court of second-degree sexual abuse with a minor in violation of Statute# 3601B. The crime occurred on May 10, 2003 and he was convicted on February 12, 2004 (Docket #3AN-S03-5235). He currently resides at 7250 Chili Hill Rd, Newcastle, CA 95658.

<sup>112</sup> **Garlick** is stationed at headquarters: 703.358.2481.

<sup>113</sup> **Chavez** resides at 1604 Arbolera Loop SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124; 505.281.1131.

- Why was *Sex Offender* **Richard Bruce Birchell** allowed to attend FWS OLE functions, where on some occasions minors were present?
- Did **Birchell** or other FWS OLE SAs testify on **Richard Bruce Birchell's** behalf or use their position to mitigate her husband's sentence or the terms of his probation?
- As required by statute, has **Richard Bruce Birchell** registered as a *Sex Offender* as he moved from state to state with his wife?
- Did **Birchell** disclose this information on her periodic background investigations and if so how does she maintain a *Top Secret Clearance*? The disclosure is a veracity test, the more you can understand about ones ethics, honesty, character or lack thereof.
- Why is **Birchell** allowed to keep *Service* issued firearms in her residence where a convicted felony resides?
- It's further alleged Birchell has failed to pay *Nanny Taxes*<sup>114</sup> in relation to paying childcare services for her children while she is working.

In 2012, DOI OIG investigators interviewed **Wade**, and he admitted he had taken semi-nude photographs of **Birchell**<sup>115</sup> when she was stationed in Alaska.

The DOI OIG has made it a point to regularly speak to our SAs at the *Annual Office of Law Enforcement Annual In-Service Refresher Training Sessions*. These talks have alternated from the scared-strait program for corporate white-collar professionals, to the importance of ethics and integrity in the law enforcement culture. It does not suffice for FWS OLE managers to give proforma admonitions to their subordinates to behave honestly when their examples in themselves show a total disregard for personal integrity.

### **FWS OLE Incident #2: Gibson Guitar Corporation (GGC) Search Warrant Execution.**

**Woody** carried over his same overzealous management style from the BLM OLE to the FWS OLE. Under **Woody's** approach BLM OLE and FWS OLE SAs are required to justify their next promotion by undertaking high profile investigations like *Operation Cerberus Action Investigation*. **Woody** has energized his SAs to pursue these high profile targets with more confidence and with the expectations that SAs are expected to generate media hype that inevitably results in a failed prosecutorial outcome.

After initially working as a FWS refuge officer, **SA Ryan Michael Noel**<sup>116</sup> was hired to work for the FWS OLE in 2004 at age 32. **Noel** was originally stationed

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<sup>114</sup> When you hire someone to work in your home, the government considers you an employer. As an employer you are responsible for paying employment taxes. If you paid your **nanny** \$2,000 or more in 2016, you should withhold and pay Social Security and Medicare on all wages.

<sup>115</sup> **Birchell** is the SAC in Sacramento, CA; 916.414.6642. Her maiden name is **Jill Janet Schweiger**.

<sup>116</sup> **Noel** resides at 5014 East 98<sup>th</sup> Ave., Anchorage, AK 99507; 907.280.9845.

as a field agent in Nashville, TN. In 2009 **Noel** became the RAC in Knoxville, TN, despite never having testified before a Federal Grand Jury or having arrested anyone pursuant to a criminal investigation.

On August 24, 2011, for the second time in two years FWS OLE SAs raided the facilities of the GGC, probably the most well known guitar maker in the world<sup>117</sup>. Although the two raids were the result of different investigations, the accusations then and in the later were similar, violations of the Lacey Act 16 U.S.C. § 3371, et seq., a law requiring that all wood products and plants imported into the U.S. come from legal sources. In the later matter, FWS OLE SAs seized several pallets of wood, electronic files and guitars that were fabricated with ebony wood that originated in India.

**SA John M. Rayfield**<sup>118</sup> was the affiant in an *Application For A Search Warrant* for the GGC. As this was **Woody's** first affirmative law enforcement action as the Chief of the FWS OLE, he directed heavily armed SAs to raid the GGC. The raid strained relations between the business community and the FWS OLE, and the investigation was regarded as arrogant and intrusive.

*Winning the Battle:* On August 6, 2012 the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced it had entered into a criminal enforcement agreement with the GGC regarding allegations that the GGC had engaged in conduct that violated the Lacey Act. Fortunately, the agreement brought to a conclusion the controversial investigation and a set of legal proceedings. As part of the agreement the GGC paid a penalty of \$300,000 and also made a \$50,000 *community service payment* to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. The GGC also agreed to forfeit quantities of wood seized by the FWS OLE.

*Losing the War.* Unfortunately **Woody's** heavy-handed manners in conducting the investigation caused a lot of backlash! On September 8, 2011, **President Obama** gave a jobs speech to a *Joint Session Of Congress*. House Republicans hosted thirteen business people to drive home the myriad of ways in which they perceived federal regulations were destroying American jobs. Perhaps the highest profile guest who was seated in **Speaker John Boehner's** box was **Henry Juskiewicz**, the chief executive of the GGC. For two weeks **Juskiewicz** was the public face of the renowned guitar brand that had become a *Tea Party* icon, and a sought-after talk radio guest, a token victim of what was cast as **President Obama's** overreaching administration.

Additionally, **Senator Rand Paul** (R-KY) introduced the *Freedom from Over Criminalization and Unjust Seizures Act of 2012* (FOCUS Act - S. 2062) on February 2, 2012. The proposed bill also removed every reference to *foreign law*

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<sup>117</sup> At the time, **Noel** supervised **SA John M. Rayfield** who was the affiant.

<sup>118</sup> **Rayfield** who is currently the RAC for **Nashville, TN**, resides at 75 Rabbit Hill Lane, College Grove, TN 37046; 615.794.7596.

within the Lacey Act and substituted the Lacey Act's criminal penalties, which **Rand** said deemed a reasonable civil penalty system. **Senator Tom Coburn** (R-OK), **Senator Jim DeMint** (R-SC), **Senator Mike Lee** (R-UT) and **Senator James Risch** (R-ID) were co-sponsors on the legislation.

In introducing the legislation, **Rand** opined that numerous amendments to the century-old Lacey Act, *including most recently in 2008 to include illegally harvested woods, have produced what today is an extremely broad and vague law that contains harsh criminal penalties.* The amendment followed in the wake of the FWS OLE raids on the GGC, carried out in November 2009 and August 2011.

**Rand** added, *The Lacey Act now serves as a high profile and frightening example of over-criminalization, victims who included **David McNab** and **Abner Schoenwetter**, who spent years in federal prison for violating invalid Honduran fishing regulations and, most recently, **Henry Juszkiwicz**, the Chairman and CEO of Gibson Guitar Corp., whose company was raided by armed federal agents this past August.*

In its present form, the FOCUS Act of 2012 would have also removed authority from the FWS OLE SAs, NOAA SAs and other law enforcement officers to carry firearms. Currently, this authority exists only in the Lacey Act. It was validated by a 1920 U.S. Supreme Court decision (*Missouri v. Holland*).

### **FWS Incident #3: The Good Old Boy Network And The Cycle Of Nepotism**<sup>119</sup>

**Woody's** sister **Carol Ann Woody**<sup>120</sup> is also a product of nepotism through her fathers' (**Jack B. Woody**) connections in securing her initial employment with the USFS and the United States Geological Survey (USGS). After attaining her PhD and working as a self-employed federal contractor/fisheries biologist, since 2016 **Woody** has been employed as a fulltime federal employee with the NPS in Alaska.

Woody's close friend **Donald J. Barry, Esq.**<sup>121</sup> the former Assistant Secretary for the FWS also engaged in nepotism. **Barry** assisted his wife **Irene Teiko Saito** negotiate from the bottom rung of the FWS hierarchy to the zenith, when in 2011 she retired as the Assistant Director for International Affairs, with a salary \$165,000.

The genesis of moral problem begins with the failure of FWS OLE managers to abide by the principals of the *Federal Merit Promotion System* and instead adopt

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<sup>119</sup> 5 U.S.C. Section 3110 - Employment of relatives.

<sup>120</sup> **Woody** resides at 6601 Chevigny Street, Anchorage, AK 99502; 907.248.4776.

<sup>121</sup> **Barry** and **Saito** reside at 1121 Quaker Hill Court, Alexandria, VA 22314; 7703.751.6010.

in these difficult economic times a employment scheme that is supported by nepotism, cronyism and being part of the *Good Old Boy Network*. As an example, **Woody** and his managers hire their relatives and their friends into entry level administrative or WI positions through the *Service's* college internship program known as the *Student Career Experience Program (SCEP)*<sup>122</sup>.

*SCEP students* are eligible for non-competitive conversion to a career or career conditional appointment within 120 days of the conferment of a college degree and satisfactory completion of *SCEP* program requirements.

As was the case of **Love, Woody** and his FWS OLE managers are gaming the system in preselecting their relatives and friends by alerting them to these vacancies in advance and by further withholding this information from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), thereby denying more highly qualified candidates, including veterans from securing entry level employment. **Woody** and these managers further rig the system by posting the announcements for limited time durations and for undesirable duty stations in urban areas like New York City, when in fact the applicant will be immediately transferred to a more desirable duty station once the applicant completes their training.

In March of 2008, **SAC Salvatore M. Amato**<sup>123</sup> used his position to secure his son **Michael S. Amato**<sup>124 125</sup> a weeklong internship at the Clark R. Bavin National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory, under the tutelage of **Forensics Laboratory Deputy Director (FLDD) Edgard Espinoza**<sup>126</sup>. **Amato** undoubtedly would have used his position to further advance his son's career with the FWS OLE, but for the fact **Amato** was forced to resign in May of 2013, for employee misconduct issues.

**Espinoza** has been the FLDD for the FWS OLE for three decades. Sometime in 2011, **Espinoza** used his position to enroll his daughter **SA Jesica Espinoza** into the *SCEP* program, where she would ultimately work for **Chang** as an

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<sup>122</sup> [www.fws.gov/pacific/aba/dcr/docs/SCEP%20Brochure%2099.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/pacific/aba/dcr/docs/SCEP%20Brochure%2099.pdf).

<sup>123</sup> After Amato resigned he established a sole proprietorship called **SMA Consulting**. **Amato** used the initials from his name SMA to formulate the company's name **SMA Consulting**. **Amato** last known address in the US was 210 Jensen Street, Belchertown, MA 01007; 413.835.1182.

<sup>124</sup> **Amato** wrote, *Michael then a junior in high school completed an informal, weeklong internship at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Forensics Laboratory in Ashland, Oregon. Michael was contemplating a career as a scientist, particularly in the field of wildlife and environmental science. He had numerous discussions with teachers and advisors regarding the different types of work being done by scientists, i.e. fieldwork, laboratory work etc. and we felt this would be an excellent opportunity to expose him to the work being done at a real laboratory by real scientists. See:*

<http://annamiticus.com/2013/10/03/ivory-destruction-beyond-burning/> An inquiry will disclose the FWS OLE paid for **SAC Amato** and his son's trip to Ashland, OR.

<sup>125</sup> **Amato** who was born on August 16, 1991, resides at 210 Jensen Street, Belchertown, MA 01007; 413.323.4748.

<sup>126</sup> Clark R. Bavin National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory, 1490 E Main St, Ashland, OR 97520; 541.482.4191. **Espinoza** resides at 1098 Pleasant Way, Ashland, OR 97520; 541.482.4191.



investigative case specialist in Portland, OR. Sometime in 2013, **Woody** hired a new class of SAs to include **Jesica Espinoza**<sup>127</sup>. The aforementioned is but one of many examples of nepotism occurring within the FWS OLE and additional examples will be discussed further in this document.

**Chang** was born and raised on the Big Island of Hawaii and he attended the private **Kamehameha Schools** that is open only to individuals of Hawaiian decent. As a student **Chang** began to envision a life of privilege and entitlement.

**Chang** has been the subject of several administrative investigations regarding the sexual harassment of FWS OLE employees<sup>128</sup> and the misuse of government funds, wherein he structured travel between his office/home in Portland, OR and the Hawaii/Pacific Commonwealth Territories, where his family and friends reside. While the SAC of Region One **Chang** had unlimited access to government funds to purchase equipment for himself, as was the case when he purchased a 35mm format camera and telephoto lens<sup>129</sup>, and which he surreptitiously converted in his move to Hilo, HI.

Instead of terminating **Chang** for the aforementioned transgressions, in 2012, **Woody** acting out of friendship created a completely new duty station for **Chang** on the Big Island in the community of Hilo, HI. In devising this new position **Woody** anointed **Chang** as a *Special Advisor* wherein he would collect a salary in excess of \$150,000 a year, until he attains his mandatory retirement age in November 2018.

#### **FWS Incident #4: Upper Peninsula North Fish Company (UPNEC) Undercover Investigation (Region 3).**

Beginning in August 2012, FWS OLE **SA Christopher Jon Aldrich**<sup>130</sup> (case agent), **SA Matthew G. Martin**<sup>131</sup> and **SA James Duane Persson**<sup>132</sup> set up an

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<sup>127</sup> 370 Amapola Ave., Suite 114, Torrance, CA 90501; 310.328.1516.

<sup>128</sup> Sometime in 2004 the married, **Chang** started having an affair with **Ali Martyn**, which eventually resulted in **Chang** hiring her as a WI in San Francisco, CA. **Martyn** had no prior wildlife experience. **Chang** would periodically from Portland, OR on government expense to rekindle the fling. In 2006, when **Martyn** became interested in dating WI Joe Ventura (Torrance, CA) and she persuaded **Chang** to move her at government expense to Southern California. According to **Rogers, Espinosa** who was enrolled in the SCEP program in 2008, was **Chang's** most recent sexual quarry. **Chang** really knows how to tap the government piggy bank. Every year **Chang** saw fit to conduct a trip within in his region as a perk for his RACs and in part because he can't afford a vacation because of his high alimony payments. In 2010 **Chang, Crum** and **Dean** and organized a confab to the beautifully appointed Portola Hotel and Spa at Monterey Bay.

<sup>129</sup> **Chang** absconded with the camera equipment in furtherance of advancing his amateur hobby.

<sup>130</sup> **Aldrich** resides at 130 Chapel Ridge Road, Marquette, MI 49855; 850.376.7819.

<sup>131</sup> **Martin** was an inexperienced SA who had very little field experience and even less understanding of undercover investigations to include entrapment. As late as October 2011 he was employed by the FWS OLE as a WI in Burlingame, CA.

<sup>132</sup> **Persson** retired in June 2014 and he currently resides in Blue Springs, MO; 816.461.5245.

undercover business known as the **Upper Peninsula North Fish Company (UPNFC)** on US Highway 41 in L'Anse, Michigan, on Chippewa Indian Reservation Land located on Keweenaw Bay <sup>133</sup> Michigan.

The investigators principally used a CI to target low-level tribal fisherman from Wisconsin and Michigan who were alleged to illegally catch fish on the Great Lakes, including tribal members from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Red Cliff Band of Chippewa Indians and the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

The **UPNC** operated both a wholesale and retail storefront where it sold fish on a retail basis to walk-in customers. **SA Jim Fuller**<sup>134</sup> was responsible for maintaining the undercover business books and keeping an inventory of what equipment/fish were bought and sold. The **UPNFC** fish processing facility was equipped with audio and video recording equipment in order to document illegal transactions occurring there.

The undercover SAs further targeted wholesale businesses which were alleged to be illegally trafficking and falsely reporting lake trout and other fish species harvested from Lake Superior, northern Lake Michigan and western Lake Huron. The targets included the **Peterson's Fish Market** in Hancock, Michigan, the **Beaver Island Fresh Fish Market** in Beaver Island, Michigan, the **John Cross Fish Market** in Charlevoix, Michigan and **Dan Schwartz dba Dan's Fish** in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin.

**Aldrich** was desperate and in a hurry to get out of the sticks of Gwinn, MI, and enjoy the big city life of Ann Arbor, MI, where he would realize a promotion as the RAC. **Aldrich** was determined to make a name for himself and garner the attention of **Woody** and his immediate supervisors. So in a rush to judgment **Aldrich** cut corners, violated FWS OLE policy and overlooked the criminal activity being perpetrated by his CI.

A time and attendance audit will disclose **Aldrich** was a Monday to Friday investigator who didn't work weekends or holidays unless he was being paid overtime compensation pay<sup>135</sup>. **Aldrich** routinely drove his government assigned undercover vehicle between the undercover business and FWS OLE offices, despite the fact he could've compromised his undercover identity and the safety of the other law enforcement officers who worked with him in an undercover capacity.

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<sup>133</sup> FWS Service Manual Chapters 447 F-1, F-2 and F-3 address the FWS OLE policies and procedures for operating undercover investigations, the selection of undercover SAs and the selection and management of CIs.

<sup>134</sup> **Fuller** worked out of the FWS OLE offices in Bay City, Michigan; 989.686.4578. For a perfunctory job well done **Woody** hired **Fuller's** wife **Becky Fuller** to be a WI in Port Huron, MI; 810.985.9160, the cities which are 114 miles distant.

<sup>135</sup> In the history of the FWS OLE, investigations were 24/7 operations where to SAs merely received compensation in the form of Law Enforcement Availability Pay. (LEAP).

During the initial operational planning phase of the **UPNFC** undercover investigation, **RAC Tom Merrell Tidwell**<sup>136</sup> presided over both the scope of the investigation and the selection of the FWS OLE personnel assigned to the investigation. However, **Tidwell's** pathetic leadership qualities vexed his staff causing **ASAC Warren Andrew Buhl**<sup>137</sup> and **SAC Gregory M. Jackson**<sup>138</sup> to find him a new home as the RAC in the Mountain-Prairie Region (Region 6).

Subsequent to **Tidwell's**<sup>139</sup> departure **Buhl**<sup>140</sup> and **Jackson** selected **SA Paul E. Beiriger**<sup>141 142</sup> to replace **Tidwell**<sup>143</sup> as the RAC. At the time of his selection, **Beiriger** was a field agent living in Columbus, IN<sup>144</sup> some fifty miles from his duty station in Indianapolis, IN. However, rather than making **Beiriger** the RAC and requiring him to move to Ann Arbor, MI, **Buhl** and **Jackson** gerrymandered the *district boundaries* to accommodate **Beiriger**, a lifelong Indiana native to have responsibly over both the states of Indiana and Michigan, from Indianapolis, Indiana. Although this was a great personal benefit to **Beiriger** the **UPNFC** investigation suffered because **Beiriger**, a tyro supervisor was physically more than six hundred miles from the rogue **Aldrich**.

As the investigation progressed both the FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs overlooked the fact that the CI and his wife had a volatile relationship and at times during the course of the investigation they were legally separated. The FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs were also seduced by the CI's claim that there was a vast illegal market for fish and deer poaching in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Moreover, the FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs were infatuated by the CI's tale that a corrupt Chippewa tribal judge was involved, even though the tribal judge had previously sentenced the CI. Also everyone was aware the CI was financially insolvent and motivated by revenge. In particular the CI was also

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<sup>136</sup> **Tidwell** was stationed in Ann Arbor, MI where he had responsibility for overseeing both overt and covert undercover investigations that were conducted in the State of Michigan. **Tidwell** is currently the RAC in Littleton Colorado, 9297 South Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, CO; 720.981.2777. **Tidwell** resides at 6205 Hoofbeat Place, Castle Rock, CO 80108; 720.839.1959.

<sup>137</sup> **Buhl** resides at 20443 Jupiter Way, Lakeville, MN 55044; 612.616.8238.

<sup>138</sup> **Jackson** resides at 21262 Inspiration Path, Lakeville, MN 55044; 952.985.0914.

<sup>139</sup> Despite **Tidwell's** lack of leadership skills in October 2015, **Woody** rewarded **Tidwell** and selected him to be a FWS OLE instructor at a Wildlife Trafficking Course in Bangkok, Thailand.

<sup>140</sup> Although **Buhl** should've collaborated with **Tidwell's** successor, **Beiriger** to safeguard that the undercover investigation was adhering to FWS OLE policy, **Buhl** was AWOL, dealing with a contentious divorce.

<sup>141</sup> For a perfunctory job done **Beiriger** was promoted as the RAC Indianapolis.

<sup>142</sup> **Beiriger** has since been promoted again, where he is currently stationed at headquarters. He currently resides at 7706 Trevino Lane, Falls Church, VA 22043; 703.698.0624.

<sup>143</sup> Of particular concern was the lack of oversight by **Tidwell**, **Beiriger**, **Buhl**, **Jackson** and **Woody** who merely sought publicity. The investigation was further compromised when inexperienced SAs who also had no prior undercover experience were assigned to the investigation.

<sup>144</sup> **Jackson** allowed his friend **Beiriger** to reside at 2240 East County Road 800 South, Columbus IN 47201.

seeking retribution against a fishmonger in the lower Great Lakes who owed him money and allegedly wanted to go on an illegal bear hunt in Michigan.

On one occasion the couple got into a physical confrontation wherein the CI's wife punched him giving him a black eye. On a second occasion the wife discharged a firearm in the direction of her husband over yet another altercation. At no time did the SAs running the undercover investigation report these incidents to prosecutors or their supervisors out of fear of having the investigation terminated.

In yet another instance, the undercover SAs became aware that the CI was in possession of several illegally taken deer mounts. The undercover SAs and their supervisors subsequently facilitated the sale of a portion of the deer mounts through the **Lolli Brothers Auction**<sup>145</sup>, while allowing the CI to keep a remaining number of additional deer mounts.

As the investigation proceeded the FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs realized they had to contend with the CI's wife's ongoing financial distress she was incurring in her fishing operation, so the FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs made allowances to furtively funnel the couple additional funds that weren't documented in the undercover business books. Moreover, the FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs also creatively decided to keep the CI and his wife in the money by allowing the undercover SAs to rent rooms in the couple's house, when instead the SAs should've been sourcing lodging on the open market<sup>146</sup>. As the investigation dragged on the CI's wife realized she had even more leverage over the FWS OLE, so she threatened to expose the undercover operation unless she was paid even more monies, which the FWS OLE managers authorized.

From the very beginning the FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs were aware the CI had an extremely checkered criminal background. In order to circumvent these liabilities they decided the CI couldn't take part in any aspect of the undercover meeting with the subjects of the investigations, otherwise the CI's involvement would compromise the investigation during the discovery process. When the CI initially introduced the undercover SAs to the subjects of the investigation he vouched for them, all the while, while the undercover SAs covertly made audio and video recordings of the meetings. Then the undercover SAs did the unthinkable, they destroyed all of these audio/video recordings and their investigative notes so as if the CI had never even made the introductions<sup>147</sup>.

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<sup>145</sup> The **Lolli Brothers Auction** facility is located at 704 Main Street, Suite A, Macon, Missouri 63552; 660.385.2516.

<sup>146</sup> An audit will further disclose the FWS OLE paid the couple thousands of dollars in salary and accommodations without issuing a 1099 or advising the couple that federal and state taxes needed to be paid on these monies.

<sup>147</sup> **Stoinski** did not participate in the undercover phase of the investigation, so he was unaware that audio/video recordings were destroyed. So without realizing it, **Stoinski** in his *Application For A Search Warrant*, Page 12, and Paragraph 24 substantiated that **Aldrich** didn't record his first

Without knowing what was said in these initial introductions/meetings, the undercover SAs continued to meet with the subjects of the investigations as if the CI had never been involved. Since the undercover SAs lacked the expertise to go up against the wholesale dealers the investigators mostly targeted unsophisticated *Native American Indians* who were the longtime associates of the CI.

In part, the undercover SAs also created an illegal fishery when they used government undercover funds to buy fishing equipment, gill nets and boat batteries for the financially strapped *Native American Indians* who didn't even have the funds to purchase commercial fishing licenses. Moreover, the undercover SAs even induced the *Native American Indians* to catch/sell illegally taken fish to the **UPNFC** when these individuals either lacked the ability or motivation to check their set nets on a daily basis. As a result several thousand pounds of lake trout were allowed to die and rot in set nets, because they were too badly decomposed to sell and unfit for human consumption.

In yet another example of inducement, the undercover SAs either loaned or purchased boats for the *Native American Indians*. Many of these *Native American Indians* were marginal fisherman at best, individuals who had gotten out of the business for economic reasons. **Aldrich** also selectively targeted individuals. For example, **Aldrich** befriended an elderly *Native American Indian* (app. 65 years old) who was down on his luck, so **Aldrich** hired him to cut the grass at the undercover business. When **Aldrich** learned the *Native American Indian* he had hired, was having an ongoing feud with another *Native American Indian*, **Aldrich** used undercover government funds to buy the second *Native American Indian* a boat and fishing equipment to illegal catch lake trout, so as to later prosecute this individual.

The SAs who participated in the undercover investigation shamefully created an illegal fishery for lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*) when none had previously existed, thereby further encouraging economically strapped a *Native American Indian* to break the law. When the Regional Director (DR) learned that the undercover SAs were entrapping/inducing the *Native American Indian* to illegally take lake sturgeon he was furious, and he brought it end to it.

Although all of the SAs who participated in the undercover investigation went to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classes to learn about the safe and sanitary methods to process and storehouse fish for resale, the SAs ultimately overlooked these requirements and periodically sold fetid fish to unsuspecting wholesale businesses<sup>148</sup>. In addition, because the SAs who ran the undercover business didn't adequately develop wholesale outlets to sell the fish they bought

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conversation with **Schwarz**. Rather **Aldrich et al.** were destroying tapes. Moreover, both **Jackson** and **Woody** were aware that **Stoinski** is a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, but it was **Jackson** and **Woody** who decided that **Stoinski** should be the affiant for the search warrant.

<sup>148</sup> Federal Register Volume 60, Issue 242.

(both legal/illegal species), some of the fish wound up in the dumpster. And on other occasions the undercover SAs would even take these fish for their own personal use and consumption.

Although the **UPNFC** fish processing facility was closed in November 2013, the undercover SAs continued to make some purchases until September 2014. Counter to FWS OLE policy, at the conclusion of the undercover investigation the FWS OLE managers allowed the undercover SAs and the CI to keep some of the undercover business' furnishing and equipment for free, and which was used during the undercover portion of the investigation and which belonged to the government.

On November 3, 2014, **Stoinski** acted as the affiant under penalty of perjury in an *Application For A Search Warrant*<sup>149 150 151</sup>, before **U.S. Magistrate Judge Jon W. Sanfippo**. **Stoinski** attested he had been employed by the FWS OLE since 1997. Although **Stoinski** swore he had participated in executing more than sixty (60) search warrants in the capacity of affiant/or participant, he neglected to report he was a *Giglio-Impaired* SA, and subject of two administrative investigations, wherein DOI-OIG investigators sustained negative credibility determinations against him.

FWS OLE policy requires undercover investigations to be approved by and constantly reviewed by the DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD). Had FWS OLE managers and the undercover SAs assigned to the investigation consulted with the ENRD on an ongoing basis, they wouldn't have had discussions regarding entrapment issues or the defendants lack of predisposition to engage in criminal conduct<sup>152</sup>.

After opening **UPNFC**, undercover SAs began purchasing fish from local fisherman including fish harvested from Lake Superior by KBIC tribal fisherman. The SAs subsequently contacted various fish wholesalers to offer the fish for sale. And, **Schwarz** was among the wholesales contacted. **Stoinski** stated: *When initially contacted, agents had no basis to suspect that Schwarz would purchase illegal fish. Rather, agents contacted him in part because Schwarz had sold fish to the processing facility that previously occupied the undercover storefront*<sup>153 154</sup>.

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<sup>149</sup>In the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin **Stoinski** filed a thirty-one *Application For A Search Warrant* (Case No. 14-m-675).

<sup>150</sup> Premises to be searched - *Dan's Fish*, 152 Jib Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235.

<sup>151</sup> On December 2014, FWS OLE SAs executed the search warrant.

<sup>152</sup> An examination of **Stoinski's** search warrant application will eventually raise the entrapment defense.

<sup>153</sup> **Stoinski's** Application For A Search Warrant, Page 11, Paragraph 21.

<sup>154</sup> With respect to predisposition, prior to dealing with the undercover operatives **Schwartz** had been cited by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources solely for labeling and record keeping transactions in 1997, 1999 to 2001 and in 2004.

The FWS OLE has been doing undercover investigations for decades and SAs recognize that diverse audiences will critique these investigations, whether it's the judicial system or the public. Moreover, FWS OLE policy requires SAs to record all conversations, with the initial conversation being the most important. **Aldrich** displayed his inexperience and lack of understanding of the entrapment defense by failing to record his first contact/telephone conversation with **Schwarz** in August 2012<sup>155</sup>.

**FWS OLE Incident #5 Operation Al Zuni: Rather Than Protecting Endemic Species Of Live Wildlife SAC Chavez And Woody Used Finite Resources To Investigate Individuals And Businesses Which Are Importing Into The United States Jewelry Without Trademarks That Falsely Suggests It's Produced By Native American Indians.**

In part, the *Indian Arts and Craft Act*, 18 U.S. Code Section 1159, makes it unlawful to misrepresent any Indian produced goods and products and offer for sale or sell any good, with or without a *trademark*, in a manner that falsely suggests it is produced by *Native American Indians*.

*The Mission of the FWS is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Vision of the FWS is to continue to be a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service.*

Why then is the FWS OLE not protecting endemic species of live wildlife and instead using finite resources to investigate trademark and counterfeiting investigations, instead of the FBI, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)?

Perhaps, the investigation should've been undertaken by the BLM OLE, which has jurisdiction over *ARPA* investigations. An alternative theory as to why the FWS OLE conducted the investigation is that **Woody** is metastasizing the FWS OLE into the BLM OLE. As was the case in 2009, when Woody hired **Stoinski** to be a BLM OLE SAC in Montana. Once again **Woody** abused the *Federal Merit Promotion System*, by passing over more qualified FWS OLE personnel by providing employment promotion opportunities to his former loyal BLM OLE colleagues.

Two of his devoted friends and followers who are remaking the FWS OLE into the image of the BLM OLE are **Vanlancker** and **Wagner**. **Woody** is creating a culture where unfair hiring practices are tolerated, or worse, encouraged. This

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<sup>155</sup> **Stoinski's** Application For A Search Warrant, Page 12, Paragraph 24.

results in higher turnover, lower productivity and, ultimately an unethical workforce that has a diminished reputation and value-system.

**Vanlancker** was hired as a GS-15 SA to work at the FWS OLE Headquarters where **Woody** has directed her to oversee policy issues on both a national and international level. **Wagner** on the other hand is a by-product of nepotism when his older brother **Lanny Mevin Wagner**<sup>156</sup> used his influence in 2003, to get his younger brother **Noel Wagner** hired as a SA with the BLM OLE in Albuquerque, NM.

During **Woody's** tenure as the BLM OLE Chief, **Woody** promoted his friend **Wagner** to the position of the SAC in Albuquerque, NM. **Wagner** who virtually spent virtual entire BLM career in Albuquerque, NM told his colleagues he intended to retire there. When BLM OLE managers started the process to transfer **Wagner** to Boise, ID, **Woody** interceded and in 2012 **Woody** created an entirely new GS-13 position for **Wagner** to occupy at the FWS OLE office in Albuquerque, NM.

In 2012 **Chavez** and **Woody** entered into an unholy alliance, unbeknownst to/with the Indian **Arts and Crafts Board (IACB)**, thereby creating a make work project for **Wagner, SA Russell James Stanford**<sup>157</sup>, and other FWS OLE SAs to undertake.

In assembling a staff of SAs without wildlife backgrounds, **Woody** is forming a workforce of cops who are not *Stewards Of The Land*<sup>158</sup>, giving rise to national conflicts such as the GGC *Investigation*, the *Bunkerville, NV Standoff* and the *Malheur NWR Takeover*. Such unprofessionalism has led our federally elected officials to consider giving back federal lands to the state and to take away the federal arrest authority from the BLM OLE, the USFS and the rebirth of the militia movement.

Although, **Woody** is hiring SAs who have successfully completed the intensive *Criminal Investigator School* at the FLETC, **Woody** is violating FWS OLE Law Enforcement Training Policy (232 FW 2) in hiring **SAC Keith Toomey, Vanlanker, Wagner** and other SAs, when he doesn't require them to attend eight (8) weeks of training in the *Special Agent Basic School*. **Woody** is also allowing these employees to forgo receiving carefully monitored *on-the-job training* for a period of one year to eighteen (18) months. Hence these SAs can't tell the difference between a white pelican and a snow goose nor an elk from a moose.

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<sup>156</sup> **Lanny Wagner** was hired by the BLM in 1992.

<sup>157</sup> In 2009, **Stanford** was previously employed by the FWS OLE, as a WI in Valley Stream, NY. **Stanford** resides at 69 Kiva Place, Sandia Park, NM 87047;505.659.9648.

<sup>158</sup> Under **Woody's** leadership the FWS OLE is just another job, not a career of stewardship.



On October 26, 2015, **Stanford** filed an Affidavit In support of search warrants before Chief **U.S. Magistrate Judge Karen B. Molzen** (15mr677) in the U.S. District Court, Albuquerque, NM.

The affidavit disclosed that since 2012, **Stanford, Wagner** and other FWS OLE personnel began investigating violations of the *Indian Arts and Craft Act*, occurring in Albuquerque, NM. The affidavit disclosed the subjects of the investigation imported *Indian Arts and Craft* handicrafts through the United Parcel Service (UPS) facility in Louisville, KY. Moreover, the majority of the shipments that were imported by the subjects of the investigation were inspected and marked with ultraviolet ink by FWS OLE WIs.

Rather, than immediately stopping the fraudulent scheme at the inset, **Chavez** and **Woody** decided to conduct a costly three year long, long-term covert undercover investigation, thereby gaining widespread media attention at the conclusion of the investigation. By taking this tactic **Chavez** and **Woody** expended precious financial resources and manpower which could have been better utilized in protecting living endemic wildlife<sup>159</sup>.

Instead of stopping/protecting the economic livelihood of Native American artists that **Chavez** and **Woody** purported to be protecting, for three years the FWS OLE allowed approximately three hundred shipments of counterfeit goods worth millions of dollars to be entered into the commercial commerce of the United States. Moreover in 2012, in order to protect themselves from criticism **Chavez** and **Woody** entered into a cooperative agreement with the IACB. Lastly, FWS OLE policy only sanctions undercover investigations in those situations where overt investigations are not feasible, which was not the situation in this matter.

#### **FWS OLE Incident #6: Questionable Travel Undertaken By Chief Woody.**

Woody has great latitude in deciding when and where he travels to. For example, in April 2012, **Woody** used precious FWS OLE funds to attend a meeting of retired FWS OLE SAs in New Orleans, LA. Later in the year he inexplicably traveled to Honolulu, HI, to escape the winter freeze of the northeast.

Now that the FWS OLE has SAs attaches stationed overseas how many times is traveling to these exotic localities in accumulating frequent flyer mileage?

#### **FWS OLE Incident #7: SAC Salvatore M. Amato<sup>160</sup> Resigns From The OLE In Order To Avoid Criminal Prosecution For On The Job Misconduct.**

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<sup>159</sup> October 29, 2015, press release issued by Assistant U.S. Attorney Elizabeth M. Martinez, for the District of New Mexico.

<sup>160</sup> Northeast Region 5.

In the winter of 2015, **Amato**<sup>161</sup> was placed on administrative paid leave for creating two (2) intern positions for women he was having extramarital affairs with, **Law Enforcement Support Assistant Sabina Lerch**<sup>162</sup> and **SA Amy A. Snyder**<sup>163</sup>, said selections that upon completing led the women to be non-competitively promoted to permanent positions within the FWS OLE<sup>164</sup>. At the time **Amata's** wife was **Susan Mary Amato**<sup>165</sup>.

The internal investigation further disclosed that **Amato** used his position to fabricate out of town travel and to secure overnight accommodations with government resources (monies and vehicles) to carryout and conceal the illicit affairs from both his spouse and co-workers. Moreover, as **Amata's** affairs came to the forefront, **Amato** created an atmosphere of intimidation that created employee backlash. **WI Joseph A. Ventura**<sup>166</sup> and **WI Paul Cerniglia**<sup>167</sup> lodged grievances and eventually formed Government Employees Local Union 2103<sup>168</sup>, which a majority of the WIs eventually joined.

The grievance was also filed against Amata's buddy **RAC John Monroe Neal**<sup>169</sup> who **Amato** selected to become the Valley Stream New York RAC in order to enhance **Neil's** retirement annuity and where the locality pay adjustment was some thirty percent higher in New York as opposed to Utah, where Neal was stationed. At the time **Neal** was selected, he resided at 1662 Ridgecrest Drive, Ogden Utah 84403. Neal's sister **Deborah Burge Neal** and brother-in-law **George A. Burge Jr.**, resided at 40 Munsell Road, East Patchogue, NY 11772.

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<sup>161</sup> **Amato** was born on January 21, 1962. His last known address in the United States before divorcing and moving to Thailand was 210 Jensen Street, Belchertown, MA 01007; 413.323.4748.

<sup>162</sup> **Lerch** resides at 28 East Green Street, East Hampton, MA 01027; 413.519.5580.

<sup>163</sup> **Amato** engaged in consensual on-duty sexual relationship(s) with the women, to include the misuse of government funds to make arrangements for meals, lodging and transportation. **Lerch** works in Hadley, MA; 413.253.8274, while **Snyder** is stationed in Elizabeth, NJ; 908.787.1321.

<sup>164</sup> In August 2013 **SAC Honora Gordon** replaced **Amato** and she is intimately familiar with both **Amato's** and **Sikes'** unethical misconduct in this matter.

<sup>165</sup> **Amato** resides at 210 Jensen Street, Belchertown, MA 01007; 413.323.4748.

<sup>166</sup> **Ventura** and his wife FWS OLE WI **Ali L. Martyn** reside at 841 Lucia Ave., Redondo Beach, CA; 310 .376.3373.

<sup>167</sup> **Cerniglia** resides 524 South Strong Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757; (631) 957-5819.

<sup>168</sup> The union leadership wrote: *As you may or may not know, there are two newly created interns in Region 5 ... and more than likely in charge of Inspectors at places like Newark. Just some background, our intern had applied as a Wildlife Inspector in the Boston office but did not get the position and then applied as an evidence custodian and again did not get the position. Apparently she has friends in high places; the only person who reviewed the applicants was the SAC [Amato]. She was granted this internship that was never posted on USAjobs.com and as far as anyone has been able to determine, never posted publicly anywhere. When they told us about the internship opportunity I expressed an interest in posting the position in my colleges alumni website, but was informed by RAC Sikes that they already knew what school the applications where coming from. This intern is going to be made an Inspector, a job that she was unable to get through the same competitive process that we have all been through. I feel that we should have fair standards on how people join our ranks.*

<sup>169</sup> **Neal** resides at 1989 Grant Ave., Apartment #322, Ogden, UT 84401; 801.621.5762.

**Neal** also had a relative who worked for the Jet Blue Airways Corporation that enabled **Neal** to travel back and forth between the Salt Lake International Airport and JFK International Airport for twenty-five dollars each direction. The scam which **Amato** and **Neil** entered into allowed **Neil** to become the Valley Stream New York RAC, while **Neil** continued to reside in Ogden, UT, while only periodically working at the Valley Stream New York RAC office. On the very few occasions that **Neal** did work out of the Valley Stream New York RAC office he would stay with his relatives in Patchogue, NY.

The Valley Stream WIs were indignant that **Neal** was *Absent Without Leave* (AWOL), instead of supervising a large staff of SAs, WIs and administrative personnel all the while drawing an enhanced salary while working, which would later be factored into **Neal** ultimately receiving a substantially higher retirement annuity. Once the scam became public, **Neal** was forced to retire in 2008 instead of working another five (5) years when he attained age fifty-seven (57), which was his mandatory retirement age.

Sadly, many of **Amato's** fellow SACs also mistreated WIs and viewed them as *untouchables*, an excludable class not even worthy of the lowest rung of a caste system. Under **Woody's** regime the FWS OLE has become an even more fractured workforce and a hostile workplace lacking esprit decor, where SAs and WIs don't speak to one another. The most devastating and calamitous aspect of Government Employees Local Union 2103, has resulted in FWS OLE SAs having to adjust their relationship in managing the WI workforce through Local Union 2103 union officials, all which is to the detriment to the protection of wildlife<sup>170</sup>.

After the WIs unionized, FWS OLE managers (**Woody** and in particular **SAC Luis Santiago**<sup>171</sup> and **Chavez**) began retaliating against the WIs, by denying them overtime pay and then siphoning off WI inspection fees, for use in the SAs FWS OLE budget. The FWS OLE managers further took revenge by not hiring/promoting the WIs who joined the union and who had filed applications to become SAs. One should talk to the WIs, as the inspection program's inspection fees accounts to some 80% of FWS OLE budget.

On the other hand **Santiago** answers to the moniker *Blue Light*. At the time **Santiago** was stationed at headquarters, his colleagues gave him this *nom de guerre*, because he illegally placed an emergency blue police light on the dashboard of his personal vehicle in order to unlawfully commute on Interstate Highway #66, in the HOV lane.

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<sup>170</sup> In August 2013, **Woody** replaced **Amato** with **Honora Gordon**. **Gordon** is intimately familiar with both **Amato's** and **Sikes'** unethical misconduct.

<sup>171</sup> **Santiago** resides at 2292 Walkers Glen Lane, Buford, GA 30519; 770.813.7835.

In part **Woody** used the siphoned WI inspection fees to create six (6) GS-13 / GS-14 SA Attaché /SA positions at U.S. Embassies overseas<sup>172</sup>. **Woody** is also creating three (3) additional positions in Brussels, Belgium, Jakarta, Indonesia and Mexico City, Mexico. Each slot is funded to approximately \$600,000 per position, for a total of \$5,400,000, which severely hampers the domestic funding of SAs stationed in the US.

**Woody** failed to vigorously press for a criminal/administrative investigation of **Amato** so **Amato** hastily resigned. By quitting in April 2013 at age fifty-one, **Amato** abandoned a yearly salary in excess of \$150k, health benefits and relinquished a yearly federal retirement annuity in the tens of thousands of dollars, because he failed to fulfill twenty years of service as a federal law enforcement officer.

Under federal guidelines **Woody** was required to file an *Adverse Information Report* to place a flag/create an incident report to rescind **Amato's** security clearance, in alerting another federal/state agencies or federal contractors of the various derogatory factors which caused **Amato** to abruptly resign. Through **Woody's** incompetence he failed to make any effort to rescind **Amato's** security clearance. In addition, **Woody** hasn't taken any proactive steps to point out to those within the law enforcement fraternity, or to those within the NGO community that **Amato** like a rogue CI, can't be trusted.

**Amato** purports with hubris to be a *Wildlife Trade and Enforcement Expert*, so subsequent to separating from the FWS OLE he created an inconsequential sole proprietorship based out of his residence known as **SMA Consulting**<sup>173</sup>, to include creating a superficial Facebook account, wherein he purports to play a significant role as a member of the *Interpol Environmental and Wildlife Crimes Working Group*.

**Amato** has also paired up with the nonprofit organization **Annamiticus**<sup>174</sup>. He is a grifter and a hustler who fails to advise his clients he has *Giglio/Henthorn issues*, making him both unethical and untrustworthy. Clearly anyone who was so audacious to simultaneously cheat on ones spouse and the government would certainly be predisposed to commit said acts again in the future.

Under **Woody's** watch in March 2014, the FWS OLE became a late player in a crowded field of organizations stationing personnel overseas to combat transnational wildlife trafficking networks. The FWS OLE initially assigned five (5)

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<sup>172</sup> SA George Phocas - Bangkok, Thailand; SA Ashton Koo - Beijing, China; SA Samuel Friberg - Dar es Salaam, Tanzania; Edward Newcomer Jr. - Gaborone Botswana; Andrey Guidera - Lima, Peru.; and Libreville, Gabon .

<sup>173</sup> **SMA Consulting** was based out **Amato's** residence at 210 Jensen Street, Belchertown, MA 01007; 413.323.4748.

<sup>174</sup> **Annamiticus** is based out of mail drop located at 9121 East Tanque Verde Road, Suite 105 PMB 277, Tucson, AZ 85749.

SAs as attaches to U.S. embassies overseas for the purpose of coordinating with the **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**, the **United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC)** and countless other *non-governmental organizations (NGOs)*.

The coin of the realm for all of these entities is the acquisition of intelligence via the liaisons they cultivate within other law enforcement organizations, NGOs and cooperating CIs. Moreover, unlike the FWS OLE attaches **these entities are currently conducting ongoing active criminal investigations overseas** and they view the FWS OLE with suspicion, as an interloper and an unnecessary supernumerary and a threat to their future funding.

In addition, the **ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network**<sup>175</sup> (ASEAN-WEN) hasn't included the FWS OLE in its 2017 *Workforce Plan* moving forward. Recently, **Amato** began working for **Engility**<sup>176</sup> as the *Chief of Party (COP), for Wildlife Trafficking* in providing planning and management assistance to the USAID and the their relevant (ASEAN-WEN) ministries in countering transnational wildlife trafficking networks.

Like **Amato**, other retired FWS OLE SAs (to include **Goessman**<sup>177 178</sup>) are working for competing NGOs and they're also developing international sources of information and collecting intelligence independent to the FWS OLE. Rather than sharing this intelligence with their former employer, these retired SAs amass intelligence for the purpose of protecting their financial interests, in order to protect their livelihood, rather than what's in the best interest of combating wildlife trafficking.

**Amato** harbors immense animus against the FWS OLE, so he constantly undermines the character of the FWS OLE at every turn, in order to pay his bills and preserve his miserable existence as a purported *Wildlife Trade and Enforcement Expert*.

Although prostitution is legal in Thailand, the United States lists Thailand as a *Tier 2 Watch Nation*, as a source destination and transit country for women and children subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor. As federal contractors,

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<sup>175</sup> ASEAN-WEN is the world's largest wildlife law enforcement network It comprises the law enforcement agencies of the ten ASEAN countries (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philip pines, Singapore, Vietnam and Thailand) forming a regional intergovernmental law enforcement network.

<sup>176</sup> **Engility** is a publicly traded company which has a market capitalization of 1.2B located at 4803 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly, VA 20151; 703.633.8300.

<sup>177</sup> **Goessman** currently resides in Bangkok, Thailand. His last known address in the United States was 424 West Chinook Street, Livingston, MT 59047; 406.763.4021.

<sup>178</sup> **Goessman** was initially hired by Freeland in 2008 after completing a twenty-two year career with the FWS OLE. He currently working as Freeland's Director of Field Operations in Thailand. During his tenure with Freeland **Goessman** became involved with several women involved in the sex trade, wherein his twenty-year marriage to **Kristi J. Goessman** (nee **Kristi J. Milano**) ended in divorce.

**Amato** and **Goessman** currently reside in Bangkok, Thailand. **Goessman** is currently living with a woman who is/was involved in the sex trade business, while **Amato** is also frequenting the company of several women who are associated with the sex trade business.

**Amato's**, **Goessman's** and **Lowry's** involvement in prostitution in Thailand is not unlike the seventeen (17) USSS SAs who were on a detail in Columbia wherein they took prostitutes back to their rooms. Many of the USSS SAs were married like **Amato**, **Goessman** and **Lowry** and several of the USSS SAs were eventually terminated.

### **FWS OLE Incident #8: Former FWS Refuge Officer Sentenced for Child Pornography.**

**Woody** afforded FWS Refuge Officer (RO) **James Joseph Coates**<sup>179</sup> a position as a SA with the FWS OLE Professional Responsibility Unit<sup>180</sup> (PRU), the unit that investigates and resolves allegations of misconduct of employees working for the FWS OLE.

On May 3, 2014, the DOI OIG received information that **Coates** had allegedly sent a pornographic image of a child from his personal gmail account. Google initially intercepted the image and notified the *National Center for Missing and Exploited Children*, which conducted a preliminary investigation and turned the matter over to the West Virginia State Police (WVSP) for investigation.

On May 29, 2014, **Coates** resigned from FWS OLE. The WVSP arrested **Coates** on May 30, 2014, and subsequently charged him with four (4) counts of possession of child pornography. On September 15, 2014, **Coates** pleaded guilty to one count of possession of child pornography in the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, WV. The court sentenced him on December 11, 2014, to two (2) years in prison, which the judge suspended, and three (3) years of probation. **Coates** was also required to register as a sex offender for life.

**Coates** immediate supervisor was **Toomey** who resides in Greencastle, PA<sup>181</sup> some ninety miles from the OLE Headquarters in Falls Church, VA Rather than continuing stationing **Toomey** to work out of headquarters as he formerly did, and as other SACs and upper managers are required to do, **Woody** has shown favoritism in allowing **Toomey** to work from an office located at the FWS National Conservation Training Center (NCTC) in Shepherdstown, WV, in order to

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<sup>179</sup> **Coates** currently resides at 605 Ransom Street, Plymouth, PA 18651; 484.356.0137.

<sup>180</sup> The PRU investigations violations of the *Standards of Ethical Conduct* of employees working for the FWS OLE as authorized by 441 FW 5 directive titled *Professional Responsibility Unit and Allegations of Service LE Misconduct*.

<sup>181</sup> **Toomey** resides at 8 Celestial Terrace, Greencastle, PA 17225; 717.597.8993.

accommodate **Toomey's** rural Pennsylvania lifestyle. The NCTC is located but some thirty (30) miles away in Greencastle, PA

Said conviction of **Coates** and the accommodations allotted to **Toomey** is devastating to the moral of the FWS OLE, as it's the PRU which investigates employee misconduct within the ranks of FWS OLE employees.

**FWS OLE Incident #9: On November 20, 2014 SAC of Investigations Kenneth Charles Endress (GS-14) Committed Suicide With His Service Issued Firearm.**

**Endress** is the son of retired **RAC Richard Endress**<sup>182</sup>. While the RAC in Atlanta, the senior **Endress** was able to enroll his son into the *SCEP* program that ultimately led to the son to become a WI in Atlanta, GA in 1993.

A short time after **Woody** became Chief of the FWS OLE he removed **SAC Kevin R. Garlick**<sup>183</sup> from his position as the SAC of Investigations because of **Garlick's** sexual orientation. **Woody**<sup>184</sup> who resides in Huntington, MD and **Endress** who at the time resided in Saint Leonard, MD became social friends because they lived near one another. An outgrowth of their friendship would eventually lead **Woody** to make **Endress**<sup>185</sup> **Garlick's** replacement<sup>186</sup>. **Woody** chose **Endress** over more qualified candidate, as follows:

- **Endress** became a SA in 2002, and during his tenure with the FWS OLE he had only worked at the Annapolis, MD office where he principally was responsible for migratory bird enforcement.
- **Endress** was never a supervisor.
- **Endress** rarely came in contact with FWS OLE SAs from other offices and he didn't have any allies to assist him in his new position at headquarters.
- Coming from an insular and parochial background within the FWS OLE, **Endress** didn't develop the requisite skills to oversee complex international/domestic covert/overt investigations, which was the primary responsibility of the SAC of Investigations.

In August 2013, rather than moving closer to the FWS OLE headquarters in Virginia, **Endress**<sup>187</sup> decided to use the government funds he was allocated, to move just twenty-three miles north of his former residence in Saint Leonard, MD

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<sup>182</sup> **Endress** resides at 2398 Splitwod Drive, Loganville, GA 30052; 770.466.5489.

<sup>183</sup> **Garlick** resides at 905 South Scott Street, Apartment #5, Arlington, VA 22204; 703.685.0544.

<sup>184</sup> **Woody** resides at 1351 Matthew Drive, Huntington, MD 20639; 443.486.4744.

<sup>185</sup> Prior to becoming the SAC of Investigations **Endress** was a SA assigned to the FWS OLE office located at 177 Admiral Cochrane Dr, Annapolis, MD 21401. At that time, **Endress** lived at 5288 Long Beach Drive, Saint Leonard, MD 20685, some 44 miles away from his office and he was assigned a GOV to commute between his office and home.

<sup>186</sup> When **Endress** became the SAC of Investigations the position was located at the FWS OLE Headquarters at 4501 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203.

<sup>187</sup> **Endress** resided at 9163 Woodland Way North, Owings, MD 20736; 410.586.8141.

to Owings, MD<sup>188</sup> Within a short period of time of becoming the SAC of Investigations **Endress** recognized he was over his head and he lacked the abilities to be an effective SAC. These shortcoming coupled by the personal and financial toll in making the four (4) hour daily commute<sup>189</sup> to/from headquarters caused him to become clinically depressed.

Despite the psychological stress he was experiencing, **Endress'** hubris and greed wouldn't allow him to give up a GS-14 salary and go back to his GS-12 position in Annapolis, MD. When **Endress** learned **Tidwell** was being forced out of his RAC position in Ann Arbor, MI, **Endress** contacted his friend **Jackson** who in turn preselected him (**Endress**) to be **Tidwell's** replacement.

**Woody** was furious **Endress** went behind his back in securing a transfer to the Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region (Region 3), wherein in the span of fifteen (15) months the FWS OLE would have to pay for yet another move for **Endress**. So **Woody** blocked the transfer.

During this period of time the FWS OLE was also moving its offices from Arlington, VA to Falls Church, VA, which would add yet another thirty (30) minutes to **Endress'** already four (4) hour daily commute. **Endress** became ever more despondent<sup>190</sup>.

While packing for the impending office move, **Endress** claimed he hurt his back and he began taking pain medication. **Woody** kept pressuring **Endress** to come back to work which further exacerbated **Endress'** mental state. Yet **Endress** would never report to work again. **Endress** used his *Service* issued firearm to commit suicide on November 20, 2014.

### **FWS OLE Incident #10: The Branch of Special Operations Has morphed Into The Branch of Special Investigations.**

For more than three decades the FWS OLE responded to the growing black market wildlife trade in creating the Branch of Special Operations, which employed the full range of criminal investigative techniques, but predominantly created covert businesses to engage in sophisticated long-term undercover operations. The Branch was headed by a SAC who was collocated at headquarters and staffed by a cadre of seven (7) SSAs who were mobilized in the field, in groups of two or three in order backup and

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<sup>188</sup> **Endress** resided at 9163 Woodland Way North Owings, MD 20736, some 38 miles and a two-hour commute to the FWS OLE headquarters in Arlington, VA.

<sup>189</sup> **Endress** had to use his personal vehicle to make his commute.

<sup>190</sup> Although **Endress** confided Jacks on about his mental strain he was undergoing, **Jackson** is afraid of speaking out against **Woody** for fear of retaliation.



The Branch of Special Operations SAC was always stationed at headquarters in order to better coordinate with FWS OLE managers who were stationed both at headquarters and in the various regions. Moreover, from headquarters the Branch of Special Operations SAC could also better coordinate with both domestic and international law enforcement agencies in furtherance of the objectives of the domestic and international undercover investigations, which the Branch of Special Operations was conducting.

For all intent and purposes under **Woody's** regime the FWS OLE no longer conducts sophisticated undercover businesses, because the existing personnel is one-dimensional and lacks the credibility and capabilities to interact with subjects of the investigation in an undercover capacity.

In disbanding the Branch of Special Operations, Woody created the **Branch of Special Investigations**, which is headed by **SAC James Richard Gale**<sup>191</sup>. In the new iteration **Woody** rewarded **Gale** and his other *favorite sons* by either moving/posting these individuals to retirement homes or selectively hiring them in place, where they continue to maintain their comfortable personal lifestyle. It's all about accommodation, not what is in the best interest of the government or the resource.

Beginning in 2008, **Woody's** predecessor **Mowad** made **Webb** the SAC of the Branch of Special Operations and relocated the position on paper from headquarters to the Denver, CO. Said move enabled **Webb** who at the time was a fifty-five (55) year old GS-12 SA living in Lincoln, NE to be moved at the government's expense to Mead, CO<sup>192</sup>, and retire a mere three (3) years later in September 2011 as a GS-14 SAC.

**Mowad's and Webb's** names will forever remain eponymous as the individuals who singlehandedly dismantled the Branch of Special Operations, and the Branch's three-decade body of work. **Webb** was an inept GS-12 investigator and an unskilled manager who lacked commitment in the face of ordinary hardships and duties.

**Woody** is following in **Mowad's** footsteps in accommodating **Gale's** lifestyle in allowing **Gale** to continue to live in Snellville, GA rather than moving him to Denver, CO, where **RAC Leo Suazo** and his subordinates **SSA Elizabeth L.**

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<sup>191</sup> **Gale** currently oversees four (4) FWS OLE programs - the *Branch of Training and Inspection*, the *Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Support Unit*, the *Special Investigations Unit* and the *International Attaché Program*. Prior to becoming the SAC of Special Investigations, **Gale** was the FWS OLE SAC for Region One (4341 International Parkway #104, Atlanta, GA 30354). As the FWS OLE SAC **Gale** had immense discretion as to where to reside, so he chose to reside at the Summit Chase Country Club (1670 Timberline Terrace, Snellville, GA 30078; 770.972.5428) some forty miles away from his office, to pursue his dream of being a par golfer, and where he still resides.

<sup>192</sup> Subsequent to retiring **Webb** created the sole proprietorship **Webb's Wildlife Consultants** which he runs out of his residence at 3419 Sweet Meadow Court, Mead, CO 80542; 970.373.6355.

**Darling**<sup>193</sup> and **SSA Vance Duane Jurgens**<sup>194</sup> were stationed; or more importantly move **Gale** back to headquarters.

When **Suazo** retired in June 2015, **Gale** selected **SA Timothy Joseph Santel**<sup>195</sup> to become the RAC for the Branch of Special Investigations. Similarly, **Gale** accommodated **Santel's** lifestyle and allowed **Santel** to open a completely new duty station in Nashville, TN rather than moving him to Denver, CO, where his subordinates **Darling** and **Jurgens** werestationed.

The FWS OLE paid **Santel's** move to the state income tax free state of Tennessee, where he will attain his mandatory retirement age in November 2022. The reimbursements include the purchase of his \$600,000, 3,600 square foot executive home<sup>196</sup>. Best of all the new residence is only 120 miles away from Murray, KY where his daughter is attending college and 230 miles away from Oxford, MS where his son is attending college.

Never to miss an opportunity, like all FWS OLE managers **Santel** is making arrangements to enroll his children in the *SCEP program* to ensure his children are eventually hired by the FWS OLE before he retires!

As in the case of **Grosz** who is legally deaf, **Woody** allows **Santel** to occupy a law enforcement position despite him having a serious back injury, which inhibits him performing his law enforcement duties<sup>197</sup>.

One of the individuals **Santel** hired was **SSA Dorothy D. Manera**<sup>198</sup>, who had previously been afforded an accommodation to live some one hundred twenty five (125) miles away from her FWS OLE duty station at 1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ. In the FWS OLE it's all about priorities and why shouldn't **Manera** be allowed to live on her bucolic thirty-acre estate in Millville, NJ.

Gale is certainly magnanimous when he's spending the FWS OLE's money as was the case in 2008, when **Gale** transferred **SA Timothy Lee Ballard**<sup>199</sup> who only had fourteen (14) months left to work, to his home state of Arkansas.

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<sup>193</sup> **Darling** has since been detailed to the DOI Offices 1849 C ST NW Room 3245, Washington, DC.

<sup>194</sup> **Jurgens** resides at 15233 West 65<sup>th</sup>. Ave, Unit C, Arvada, CO 80007; 303.289.0151

<sup>195</sup> At the time, **Santel** resided at 17283 Woodland Lakes DR, Petersburg, IL 62675.

<sup>196</sup> **Santel** resides at 2032 Callaway Park PL, Thompsons Station, TN 37179; 217.632.7616

<sup>197</sup> OPM has established medical qualification requirements for certain positions, for job-related reasons mainly in the law enforcement, medical and safety fields. Those requirements are included in the individual qualification standard or individual occupational requirements. A listing of occupations subject to such qualifications is at [www.opm.gov/qualifications/policy/medical-regs.asp](http://www.opm.gov/qualifications/policy/medical-regs.asp).

<sup>198</sup> **Manera** aka **Dorothy D. Wehrwein** resides at 75 Union Rd Millville, NJ 08332; 856.293.0277

<sup>199</sup> **Ballard** resides at 121 Muddy Fork, Mufreesboro, AR 71958; 870.285.3077.

### **FWS OLE Incident #11: Questionable Use Of Government Assigned Vehicles.**

Except for headquarters personnel, **Woody** allows all his highly paid FWS OLE managers (RACs, DRACs, ASACs and SACs) who don't conduct investigations to drive government assigned motor vehicles between their residence and their duty stations. In 2015 the FWS OLE budget was approximately eighty (80) million dollars<sup>200</sup>. A FOIA request will disclose FWS OLE managers spend several million dollars in purchasing and servicing government vehicles<sup>201</sup> (GOV) every year, with the predominate use being commuting back and forth between ones home and their workplace. A simple audit of monthly mileage vs. distance between home and work will substantiate that little if any investigations are being conducted.

**FWS Policy 440 FW3.4** defines what are the authorized home-to-work commuting distances for SAs when using a GOV. SAs should commute no more than thirty (30) miles to/from home to their duty station when using a GOV. SAs commuting more than thirty (30) miles, but less than forty (40) miles, using a GOV must get written approval from the appropriate SAC. SAs who commute more than forty (40) miles using a GOV must get written approval from the Chief, FWS OLE.

### **FWS OLE Incident #12: Investigation of Illegal Gambling by FWS OLE SA.**

The DOI OIG provided the aforementioned investigative report<sup>202</sup> to **Woody** for review and action regarding the violation of Maryland Criminal Code<sup>203</sup> by a FWS OLE SA who had engaged in illegal gambling at a private residence in Frederick, MD, while wearing his FWS firearm and badge. When interviewed, the SA admitted he had played poker for money at two private residences in Maryland.

### **FWS OLE Incident #13: Occupation Of The Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).**

On January 2, 2016, **Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy** and many of their followers who previously had taken up arms against **Love** and other BLM OLE officers under his command in the Bunkerville Nevada Standoff<sup>204</sup>, took up occupation of the Malheur NWR.

On January 26, 2016, **LaVoy Finicum** was shot and killed by the FBI SAs and Oregon State Police (OSP) Officers, when he and the main leaders attempted to

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<sup>200</sup> [http://www.fws.gov/budget/2014/FY2015\\_FWS\\_Greenbook-DOI31014.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/budget/2014/FY2015_FWS_Greenbook-DOI31014.pdf)

<sup>201</sup> Many of these vehicles are low mpg three quarter ton 4x4 pickup trucks.

<sup>202</sup> DOI OIG report dated- December 15, 2015.

<sup>203</sup> Maryland Criminal Code 12-102.

<sup>204</sup> The standoff took place during the period January 5<sup>th</sup> to February 11, 2015.

drive two (2) vehicles from the refuge to a meeting in nearby Grant County Oregon. As chance would have it the investigation was overseen by **Love's** close friend **Bretzing**<sup>205</sup>. Eventually the **Bundy** brothers and several other militants were arrested. Following the arrests many of the occupiers left in a hurry, but at least four holdouts remained until February 11<sup>th</sup>.

The critics of the **Bundy's** particular brand of gun-toting populism believe the **Bundy's** jailing was two (2) years to late, as it emboldened the *Sagebrush Rebellion*. The law enforcement community reasoning goes that the SLM OLE's incompetence<sup>206</sup> and inaction allowed the **Bundy's** to spread their family's gospel against the federal government's land management practices. Moreover, the analysts believe the **Bundys** have galvanized others to act and they predict future violence is likely, especially against federal officials and federal law enforcement officers.

In future takeovers, DOJ prosecutors will have to resolve how they will prosecute subjects of their investigation when their DOI law enforcement witnesses are *Giglio-Impaired* law enforcement officers.

### **Miscellaneous Examples of FWS OLE Misconduct (Alcohol Consumption/Financial Considerations/Lack of Candor/Sexual Misconduct) and the Implementation of Nepotism Within the FWS OLE**<sup>207</sup>

Many individuals listed herein are either seeking SES employment opportunities under **Secretary Zinke** or temporary post retirement employment as international trainers with the FWSOLE.

**SAC Salvatore M. Amato:** In terms of personnel staffing<sup>208</sup> the FWS OLE is an extremely small organization where everyone knows one another and is mindful of the daily routine of the organization. Hence, everyone is cognizant that under **Woody's** administration malfeasance and misconduct are the norm, causing the moral of the FWS OLE moral to be at its nadir. Moreover, the FWS OLE hiring practices reflects how nepotism plays a vital role in a scheme to recruit family members. Nepotism controls the interview process and further expands the rules of hiring individuals, to include their friends and relatives, and which makes it possible for these individuals to be interviewed and hired over those who are better qualified (to include veterans) for the job.

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<sup>205</sup> **Bretzing** was the FBI's case agent for *Operation Cerberus Action*.

<sup>206</sup> **Woody** and **Lauro** hired and promoted many of these inexperienced and amateurish BLM SAs and SACs.

<sup>207</sup> 5 U.S.C. 3110 (SCFR Part 310) prohibits government officials to appoint, employ, promote, advance, or advocate the appointment, employment, promotion, or advancement of a relative in the agency in which the official is serving.

<sup>208</sup> As of October 1<sup>st</sup> of fiscal year 2016, there were approximately 205 SAs and 216 WIs employed by the FWS OLE.

Second and third generations of FWS OLE SAs have benefited from nepotism and their followers subscribe to the doctrine that, *It isn't cheating if you don't get caught*. When it comes to misconduct these unethical good old boys believe the risk is worth the reward in their categorical adherence to the belief of *Omerta*. Only in the most egregious circumstances will the miscreant be forced to resign and when that individual is ultimately forced to resign from the FWS OLE, **Woody** will allow the offender to keep his/hers security clearance intact. This allows the guilty party to either seek employment as a law enforcement officer with another federal or state agency, or with a federally funded NGO, or as a federal contractor who conducts security background investigations.

For example, no disciplinary action was taken against **Amato**, who had submitted his resignation letter, despite having credibility issues as a *Giglio-Impaired SA*. **Amato** harbors animus and bitterness against all who work for the FWS OLE because the exposure of his transgressions and subsequent resignation cause his marriage to end in an acrimonious divorce and the loss of his medical benefits and a six-figure retirement annuity.

**Amato** takes every opportunity to undermine the credibility of any FWS OLE SA he comes in contact with, including **SSA George Phocas**, who is the FWS OLE attaché assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. Because of **Phocas'** shortcomings, **Amato** refers to **Phocas** as the slovenly, chain-smoking, alcoholic, and obese version of **Johnny Depp's** character, *Captain Jack Sparrow*. **Amato** is further dismayed how the FWS OLE is allowing **Phocas** a one year extension beyond December 31, 2017, in order for **Phocas** to enhance his annuity beyond his mandatory retirement age of age fifty-seven, while at the same time **Amato** gets nothing.

Had **Woody** taken action to rescind **Amato's** security clearance, **Amato** wouldn't be working as a federal contractor, to further undermine the credibility of the FWS OLE..

Through **Woody's** incompetence **Woody** allows his unscrupulous RACs, DRACs, ASACs and SACs to display their own character flaws front and center, thereby leaving an indelible mark on the moral compass of both the WIs and the SAs in the field, as follows:

**RAC Andrew Paul Aloise**<sup>209</sup> : In 2006 **SA Sandra Allred** who was stationed in Raleigh, NC, advanced information to the DOI OIG that **Aloise** was illegally using his government assigned credit cards and his GOV to improperly travel outside of North Carolina to visit his mother **Terese Rossi Aloise** in Clearwater FL, some six hundred fifty (650) miles distant. Although the allegations against **Aloise** were

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<sup>209</sup> At the time when these transgressions were being committed by **Aloise** was also stationed at the FWS OLE office in Raleigh, NC. **Aloise** currently resides at 9339 Ivywood Street, Clermont, FL 34711; 352.348.1886.

sustained, in 2008, **Aloise's** buddy **Gale** allowed **Aloise** to transfer to Florida to be closer to his mother and in the process promoted him to a GS-14<sup>210 211</sup>.

On the other hand, **Aloise** and **Gale** intimidated **Allred**, forcing her into an early resignation in retaliation for reporting **Aloise's** misconduct.

As a supervisor **Aloise** like his other FWS OLE managers, misuse GOVs and government funds to structure personal travel in pursuing extramarital relationships. In part this was a contributing factor, which resulted in **Aloise** divorcing his first wife **Deborah Jean Aloise**<sup>212</sup>, on April 19, 1995.

Despite **Aloise** being a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, in 2015, **Woody** selected **Aloise** to attend the National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Academy (NACLEC) at the NCTC. On at least three occasions **Woody** also allowed **Aloise** to provide foreign assistance training to Philippines conservation officers<sup>213</sup> in conjunction with the USAID.

**Aloise's** previous Giglio issues are widely known within the FWS OLE fraternity and the partisan accommodations he's being afforded are detrimental to the moral of those outside **Woody's** clique. However, what's most perplexing is how **Aloise** disparages **Woody** for not allocating sufficient manpower and funds to support the FWS OLE *Manatee Enforcement Program* in Florida, while **Aloise** simultaneously is enjoying the limelight of being an international trainer.

**James Wesley Ashburner**<sup>214</sup>; Despite being a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, **Woody** promoted **Ashburner** to be the ASAC for the Pacific Region.

**SA Richard C. Branzell Jr.**<sup>215</sup>; **Branzell** is the son of former Reno Nevada RAC, **Richard C. Branzell Sr**<sup>216</sup>. The younger **Branzell** was a *C-student throughout* college. Despite not have the qualifications to interview to become a SA with the FWS OLE, over more qualified candidates, the elder Branzell called in his chits with **Grosz**.

The younger **Branzell** had a parochial *redneck* upbringing, so **Grosz** and later **Mowad**, who were disciples of the elder **Branzell** looked out for junior. From the

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<sup>210</sup> At the time **Aloise's** mother resided at 404 S Highway 27 Minneola, FL 34715-1908.

<sup>211</sup> **Aloise** is stationed in Groveland, FL; 352.429.1037, where he is in charge of the FWS OLE manatee enforcement program in Florida.

<sup>212</sup> P.O. Box 6127, Tamps, FL 33608; 813.835.7287.

<sup>213</sup> One of **Aloise's** trips took place in August 2016. **Aloise** currently resides at 9339 Ivywood Street, Clermont, FL 34711; 352.348.1886.

<sup>214</sup> **Ashburner** was involved in illegal hunting/ fishing activities while stationed in Alaska.

<sup>215</sup> **Branzell** resides at 180 Edens Lane, Florence, MT 59833; 406.273.6582.

<sup>216</sup> The senior **Branzell** resides at 1425 Tapadero Trail, Reno, NV 89511; 702.851.4726.

time younger **Branzell** was hired in 1980 until he retired in 2012, **Branzell's** pedigree allowed him to spend his entire career stationed in Missoula, MT.

**RAC Christopher Brong:** **Brong** is the husband of retired **BLM Director Elaine Marquis-Brong** (Oregon and Washington.) Sometime in 1994, when **Brong** was a SAC for the BLM OLE he was forced out of the agency for misconduct issues. However, since his wife was the BLM Associate State Director of California, the FWS OLE was forced to hire **Brong** in a supervisory capacity in Sacramento, CA, when the other FWS OLE employees were denied from applying for the job, because it was never advertised.

In 2001, when **Brong's** wife was promoted to become the BLM Director of the National Landscape Conservation System in Washington, DC, the FWS OLE created a new duty station for **Brong** to work at in Annapolis, MD. Once again, current FWS OLE employees weren't provided an opportunity to apply for the vacancy because it was never posted.

In 2004, the BLM and the FWS OLE advanced the couples' personal interests at the expense of the government and the public in transferring the couple to their retirement home of Washougal, WA<sup>217</sup>, a desirable locality that doesn't have a state income tax. In furtherance of enhancing their retirement annuity **Elaine Marquis-Brong** was promoted to the position of the BLM State Director for Portland, OR, while **Chang** promoted her husband to the position of a GS-13 Wilsonville Oregon RAC. Once again, the vacancy was never posted.

The FWS OLE further provided **Brong** an accommodation in allowing him to use a GOV assigned vehicle to commute the forty-five (45) miles between his residence in Washington State and his office in Wilsonville, OR, on government time and at distance in excess to and outside of the limits prescribed by policy. **Brong** retired on April 1, 2006.

**SA Roy Eben Brown**<sup>218</sup>. **Brown** was a FWS OLE certified firearms instructor and armorer for SIG pistols, Colt AR/M-4 rifles, Remington 870 shotguns, Glock Pistols, Ruger pistols and Ruger Mini-14/30 rifles, until his retirement in December 2014.

**SSA Bruce Kindle**<sup>219</sup> and **Oberholtzer** are close friends of **Brown**. Out of friendship and rather than finding a replacement armorer as **Brown's** retirement date approached, **Oberholtzer** spent several thousand dollars of FWS OLE funds to continue **Brown's** training in order for him to maintain his firearms

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<sup>217</sup> The **Brongs** reside at 1672 Mabee Mines Road, Washougal WA 98671; 360.837.8148.

<sup>218</sup> **Brown** resides at 77 Sacajawea Ave, Lander, WY, 82520; 307.332.7119.

<sup>219</sup> **Kindle** is the FWS OLE agency representative assigned to the FLETC, Brunswick, GA 58501; 912.267.2551.

certifications. Moreover, at the time when the FWS OLE employed **Brown, Kindle** wrote an independent contractor job description, which allowed **Brown** to secure employment as a contractor at the FLETC upon his retirement.

**SA Matthew Medry Bryant**<sup>220</sup>: **Bryant's** father **Michael R. Bryant** is the Project Leader for the Coastal North Carolina National Wildlife Refuges Complex.

As a married refuge law enforcement officer **Bryant** used government vehicles/facilities to conduct an affair with an under aged high school girl. On the occasions **Bryant** travels on official government business he routinely goes tomcatting in furtherance of having an extramarital fling. **Bryant** was also a subject of a DOI OIG investigation regarding the theft of a FWS refuge firearm and its subsequent sale.

**SA Alfred W. Colby IV**<sup>221</sup>: **Colby** was hired by the FWS OLE sometime around 2006, after resigning from the OHS under questionable circumstances. **Colby** is an amateur herpetologist who collects and possesses various endemic and exotic species of reptiles, including poisonous reptiles.

**Colby** resides in Alameda County California, a locality wherein the county prohibits the private possession of exotic animals or poisonous reptiles. **Colby** is a close friend of several notorious and felonious California reptile smugglers<sup>222</sup> who have been investigated and summarily convicted under the felony provisions of the Lacey Act by the FWS OLE. On occasion when these felons travel, **Colby** will oversee their collections and occasionally receive reptiles as compensation for services rendered.

Among some of **Colby's** closest herpetologist friends include **Bruce Feldhammer, Randy Graham, Terry Lilley, David Rittenhouse, Robert J. Stene** and **Karl Switeck**. **Colby's** immediate supervisor **ASAC Daniel P. Crumb**<sup>223</sup> and **Chang** his former SAC are aware of the aforementioned and act with the belief that what **Colby** does on his own time is his business.

Despite these *Giglio* issues, **Woody** has designated **Colby** to become the FWS OLE Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**SSA Elizabeth L. Darling**: She is a relative of **Jay Norwood "Ding" Darling**, the namesake of the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge.

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<sup>220</sup> **Bryant** resides at 3440 Skinner Road, Midlothian, TX 76065; 405.433.2595.

<sup>221</sup> **Colby** is the FWS OLE Attache in Bangkok, Thailand.

<sup>222</sup> **Feldhammer, Graham, Lilley, Rittenhouse, Stene** and **Switeck**

<sup>223</sup> **Crumb** resides some forty-five (45) miles from his office at 1739 Cherokee Court, Cool, CA 95614; 530.889.9329.



**RAC Erin L. Dean aka Erin L. Pilkington**<sup>224</sup>: **Dean** is the niece of a former FWS Director from Wyoming. **Dean** is married to an Assistant Field Director for the OHS in Los Angeles, CA.

Whenever and wherever **Dean's** husband is transferred, the FWS OLE will create a new job for her, as was the case when she was allowed to transfer from San Diego, CA to Torrance, CA. Until then, the FWS OLE will not force **Dean** to move.

In 2008, the DOI OIG disciplined **Dean, SA Lisa Carol Nichols**<sup>225</sup> and several other FWS OLE SAs for misusing their GOV while on they were on clock in order to purchase alcohol and other party items for **RAC Marie E. Palladini's**<sup>226</sup> 2007 retirement party. **Chang** and **Perez** were also present at the party when **Nichols** and several other SAs drove their government assigned vehicles to/from the affair, after consuming alcoholic beverages. And like **Lauro, Chang** and **Perez** didn't reprimand their employees

Despite being a *Giglio-Impaired* SA, **Woody** continues to afford **Dean** international overseas training assignments overseas.

It's alleged that **Dean** has hired several household employees to care for her children and to perform household cleaning services and she has failed to pay *Nanny Taxes*<sup>227</sup>. It's further purported **Dean** is jockeying with her FWS OLE colleagues to secure a *SCEP student* position for her children.

**RAC George Domenici (retired - Casper, WY):** Nephew of Senator **Pete Domenici**.

**SA James Christopher Dowd**<sup>228</sup>: **Dowd's** father **Christopher Edward Dowd**<sup>229</sup> retired in April 2010 as the RAC FWS OLE New England District<sup>230</sup>. Prior to retiring **Dowd** was not only able to land his son a job with the FWS OLE, he was also able to ensure that his son a lifelong resident of Boston, worked at the FWS OLE offices in Chelsea, MA.

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<sup>224</sup> **Dean** resides at 16826 Harvest LN, Huntington Beach, CA 92649; 714.840.4381.

<sup>225</sup> **Nichols** resides at 13523 Ridley Road, San Diego, CA 92129; 858.780.1723.

<sup>226</sup> **Palladini** resides at 641 island View Drive, Seal Beach, CA 90740; 562.430.5457.

<sup>227</sup> [http://fso.cpasitesolutions.com/Premium/TS/fg/fg-Nanny\\_Tax.html](http://fso.cpasitesolutions.com/Premium/TS/fg/fg-Nanny_Tax.html)

<sup>228</sup> The younger **Dowd** resides at 10 Seaport Drive, Apartment # 2518, Quincy, MA 02171; 617.479.9286 and 339.469.1838.

<sup>229</sup> **RAC Dowd** resides at 105 Prospect Street North, Braintree, MA 02184; 781.348.9272.

<sup>230</sup> **RACDowd's** office was located at 70 Everett Ave., Suite 315, Chelsea, MA 02150; 617.889.6616.

**SA Jesica L. Espinoza**<sup>231</sup>. **Espinoza** is the daughter of **Doctor Edgard Espinoza**<sup>232</sup> the Deputy Director of the Clark R. Bavin National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Laboratory. Prior to becoming a SA, **Jesica Espinoza** initially worked at the Forensics Laboratory as a *SCEP student* and later as an Investigative Case Specialist for **Chang** in Portland, OR.

**SSA Mag: French**<sup>233</sup>. **French** and her brother **Refuge Manger Andrew French**<sup>234</sup> are the daughter and son of former **FWS Region Five Regional Director Jerry French**. It's further alleged **French** has failed to pay *Nanny Taxes* in relation to paying childcare services for her children while she was working.

**SA James Paul Fuller**<sup>235</sup>. **Jackson** rigged/manipulated the *Open Period* and the *Area of Consideration* for a USAJOBS vacancy announcement, in an effort to preselect **Fuller's** wife, **WI Becky Fuller** for a WI position in Port Huron, MI. **Jackson's** actions further denied more highly qualified candidates, including veterans from securing entry-level employment with the FWS OLE.

**SA Ellen M Goeckler**<sup>236</sup> (**nee Ellen M. Kiley**): In April 2009, **Goeckler** was working at the FWS OLE office in Chelsea, MA, when she told her close confidants **Mowad** and **Oberholtzer** that she was in a relationship with **Kansas Wildlife and Parks Game Warden Jeff K. Goeckler**, who resided in Washington, KS, a town in northern Kansas with a population of 1,100.

**Mowad** and **Oberholtzer** subsequently schemed to create an entirely new duty station for **Goeckler** to work at in Beatrice, NE<sup>237</sup>; a town with a population of 12,000 and a locality with absolutely no nexus with the *Mission of the OLE*<sup>238</sup>. Moreover, the *OLE Strategic Plan for the period 2006-2010* specified the two Nebraska OLE SAs who were already stationed in Nebraska, would be collocated with the FWS Ecological Services in Grand Island, NE.

When the couple eventually married **Kiley** changed her name to **Ellen M. Goeckler** and they would reside in Washington, KS, which is some forty-seven (47) miles from Beatrice, NE. Upon her arrival in Nebraska, the State of

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<sup>231</sup> **Jesica L. Espinoza** resides at 32636 Nantasket, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275; 530.774.4759.

<sup>232</sup> Ashland, OR (541) 482-4191.

<sup>233</sup> **Mary French** resides at 4900 Quality Drive, Fredericksburg, VA; 540.898.1755

<sup>234</sup> **Andrew French** is the Refuge Manager at the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge; 413.863.3676.

<sup>235</sup> **Fuller** resides at 5388 Herner Road, Rhodes, MI 48652; 989.600.1997.

<sup>236</sup> **Goeckler** resides at 307 W 5th ST, Washington, KS 66968 and utilizes P.O. Box 216, Washington, KS 66968; 785.325.2884.

<sup>237</sup> Beatrice, NE is some forty-seven (47) miles from Washington, KS.

<sup>238</sup> A records check will reflect that **Kiley's** move cost thousands of dollars.

Nebraska asked **Goeckler** to leave because her poor work ethic, so the FWS OLE ultimately secured **Goeckler** an office at 306 C Street, Washington, KS 66968, to work from.

There is absolutely no FWS OLE nexus/justification in having a FWS OLE employee stationed in this remote area other than to accommodating **Goeckler's** personal lifestyle as GS-13 SA. As a result, many other SAs are demanding that **Woody** also afford them similar lifestyle accommodations.

**SA Curtis Allen Graves**<sup>239</sup>: In the early nineties **Woody** was **Graves'** mentor when they worked together at the UDNR. Unfortunately, **Graves'** acquired **Woody's** bad vices of binge drinking and marital infidelity.

In the mid nineties **Graves** was hired by the FWS OLE where his excessive drinking and philandering took an everlasting toll on his wife<sup>240</sup>, which caused her to take frequent leaves of absence from him. During a May 26, 2006 sabbatical, **Graves'** wife and three children were all killed in a motor vehicle accident on Interstate 80, nine (9) miles east of Elk Mountain, WY.

**SA Zachary Green**<sup>241</sup>: **Green** who is a minority was stationed at the FWS OLE offices in Memphis, TN. **Green** retired in December 2014 at age fifty, seven years earlier than his mandatory retirement date, after being constantly overlooked for a promotion in Nashville, TN and Knoxville, TN by **Gale** and **Woody**.

Both **Noel**<sup>242</sup> and then **Rayfield** who were both stationed in Nashville, TN were eventually promoted to become successive RACs in Nashville, TN over Green, in order to prevent the FWS OLE from paying **Green's** relocation expenses in moving him from Memphis, TN to Nashville, TN.

Green first met **Van Lancker** at a reptile takedown and all of the SAs who were in attendance were upset **Woody** was hiring BLM OLE SAs who had absolutely no wildlife expertise, nor the ability to identify either endemic or exotic species of wildlife.

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<sup>239</sup> **Graves** resides at 3333South Lake Gultch Road, Castle Rock, CO 80104; 303.681.2249.

<sup>240</sup> **Laura Kay Parker Graves**.

<sup>241</sup> 901.877.7235

<sup>242</sup> After initially working as a FWS refuge officer, **Noel** was hired to work for the FWS OLE in 2004 at age 32. **Noel** was originally stationed as a field agent in Nashville, TN. In 2009 **Noel** became the RAC in Knoxville, TN, despite never having testified before a Federal Grand Jury or having arrested anyone pursuant to a criminal investigation.

**RAC Richard Andrew Grosz**<sup>243</sup>: **Grosz** is the son of retired **SAC Terry L.**

**Grosz**<sup>244</sup>: The elder **Grosz** retired in 1998, but not before getting his son hired as a SA, despite the younger **Grosz** being deaf in one ear and counter to the OPM medical standards. **Woody** subsequently approved the promotion of **Grosz** to the position of the RAC of North Dakota and South Dakota.

**Grosz** is currently involved in a rancorous divorce from his wife **Carrie A. Grosz** and since he doesn't have the funds to buyout his wife's portion of their residence, he is exploring the option of a FWS OLE transfer and paid move to another venue.

**SAC Monty C. Halcomb**<sup>245</sup>: **Halcomb** was forced to resign for having pornographic material on his government computer.

**SA Kelly A. Holland**<sup>246 247</sup>: On June 1, 2009, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia, **Holland** was sentenced to thirty-six (36) months of probation and fined \$5,000 for possessing a firearm, which he had stolen from an individual who was subject of a FWS OLE investigation.

**SAC Gregory M. Jackson**: **Jackson's** father was a supervisory United States Customs Inspector at International Falls, MN, who was able to use his clout with Minnesota politicians to get his son an initial appointment as an inspector with the United States Customs Service and subsequently having him hired in 1995, as a SA with the FWS OLE.

**Jackson** has been a lifelong resident of Minnesota, where he continued to parlay his political connections where in 2005, at age forty-one he became the youngest SAC ever, for the FWS OLE Midwest Region, Bloomington, MN. **Jackson** was able to achieve this milestone, despite having being a greenhorn investigator and despite having never arrested anyone, or testifying before a federal grand jury.

**SA Samuel F. Jojola**<sup>248</sup>: **Jojola** is like *Angel Martin* in the *Rockford Files*, a caricature, dealing and speaking in bulls\*\*t - a conman. **Jojola** is a narcissist, a

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<sup>243</sup> 3425 Miriam Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501; 701.355 .8525.

<sup>244</sup> **Grosz** resides at 8041 Grizzly Way, Evergreen, CO 80439; 303.674.1653.

<sup>245</sup> **Halcomb** resides at 149 Renegar Branch Road, Wartrace, TN 37183; 931.857.9990.

<sup>246</sup> <https://www.doioig.gov/sites/doioig.gov/files/Semiannual-APR2009SAR.pdf>

(DOI OIG Semiannual Report to the Congress dated April 2009.)

<sup>247</sup> **Holland** formerly resided at 20348 Josh Allen Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211; 859.236.5688. **Holland** currently resides at 1145 Handys Bend, Wilmore, KY 40390; 859.236.5688.

<sup>248</sup> **Jojola** resides at 565 Esplande, Apartment # 204, Redondo Beach CA 90277; 310.540.0099; email - [ru2sly2@hotmail.com](mailto:ru2sly2@hotmail.com) & [samueljojola@gmail.com](mailto:samueljojola@gmail.com)

liar and a morally corrupt individual who fabricates fanciful falsehoods all the while rhapsodizing about being the FWS OLE's *Secret Agent Angus MacGyver*, when in fact he's just like **Kelvin Smith**, albeit not a convicted felon.

**Jojola** was asleep when FLETC Instructors and countless others told him that the misuse of alcohol, drugs, woman and GOV were the third rail in initiating administrative investigations of employee misconduct, and when said allegations were sustained, the ultimate punishment could even be termination.

Throughout his career **Jojola** routinely misused GOV<sup>249</sup> irrespective if he was working or off duty. On occasions he even operated these GOV while under the influence of alcohol or prescription medications:

- One of **Jojola's** most egregious acts was going AWOL on the day FWS OLE SAs were executing search/arrest warrants, so he could pickup his son **Jeremy Jojola**<sup>250</sup> at the airport. What kind of investigative reporter is a son who knowingly turns a blind eye to his father's transgressions?
- **Jojola** used his GOV to go to liquor stores and to go to bars/lounges where he would go skirt chasing and *salsa dancing*.
- **Jojola** routinely used his GOV to go to his beautician to get his hair cut/dyed, his eyebrows plucked and his fingernails manicured and his toenails pedicured with dikes (diagonal pliers).
- And of course his GOV was routinely packed with groceries and other personal items he had purchased throughout the workday.
- Until he was detailed as a *Air Marshal*, **Jojola** convinced his FWS OLE managers he was fearful of flying and he didn't like taking anxiety medication when flying. So whenever he had to travel **Jojola** gassed up his GOV in Reno, NV and drove cross-country up and down the *super slab* (Interstate Highway). During these boondoggles he regularly decamped to Albuquerque, NM or El Paso, TX to visit relatives and then drive the long way home via Los Angeles to see his buds, or to go skirt chasing, or wherever the four winds took him. He went *AWOL*, *Off The Grid* and *Off The Reservation*, all rolled into one.
- Conveniently post 9/11, **Jojola** volunteered to work for two years as an *Air Marshal* (as did many other SAs who didn't have any casework) for two years of skirt chasing and knocking down adult beverages in business class. So much for having to take anxiety medication for flying!

Although **Jojola's** birth parents were a Caucasian couple from Pennsylvania he was abandoned by them and raised by a foster couple from New Mexico, who were of Hispanic and Native American ancestry.

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<sup>249</sup> In violation of 31 U.S.C. 638 a(c)(2).

<sup>250</sup> **Jeremy Jojola** touts himself an investigative reporter for Colorado 9News, a reporter who claims to uncover the stories people don't want you to see, a hypocrite who fails to shine the light on his dishonest father!

In 1976, with only a high school education **Jojola** was intellectually challenged when he began working in a New Mexico prison as a guard. At the same time **Jojola** had a malleable and impressible personality, and he was easily influenced, swayed and enthralled by the taboos he was exposed to while working at the prison.

**Jojola** was not unlike **Joyce Mitchell**, who worked at the **Clinton Correctional Facility** in Dannemora, NY and who aided convicted murderers **Richard Matt** and **David Sweat** to escape from the institution. Like **Mitchell**, **Jojola** was socially incompetent and the experience scared him. **Jojola** was manipulated by the dangerous inmates, which eventually caused him to become a psychopath. He could no longer differentiate right from wrong. He acted amorally from that point forward, be it to his wife, the public, his employer or his colleagues.

As was the case of **Democratic Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-CT)**, a blond, blue-eyed white woman, who like **Jojola** fraudulently claimed she was of Native American Indian ancestry. **Jojola's** a cheat, no different than the Caucasian woman **Rachel Dolezal**<sup>251</sup>, who portrayed herself as being black even though she was born Caucasian in order to become the head of the Spokane Washington chapter of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)**.

**Jojola** initially gained entry to federal employment and subsequent management positions by using the ruse he was a minority, despite being unable to point to evidence he was a minority or eligible to become a member of any federally recognized tribe

**Jojola** misrepresented himself by claiming he was a minority in order to be hired by the FWS OLE. **Jojola** lied and diminished the real struggles of minorities even though his pedigree is Caucasian. **Jojola** is dishonest and deceptive and as much as he should be concerned about his identity issues, he should really be concerned with his integrity issues.

**Jojola** and **SA Max Bahos**<sup>252</sup> were paired together in Reno, NV working in an undercover business known as *Silver State Exotics* for the purposes of identifying individuals who were suspected of illegally trafficking in reptiles. From the beginning the SAs were rebuffed by **Adams** for their unprofessionalism. At the time **Jojola** had been working for the FWS OLE for a dozen years, while **Bahos** was a tyro with only three (3) years of experience.

**Adams** became frustrated when he learned **Jojola** and **Bahos** were acting out of character by zealously paying inordinate sums of money making confidence

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<sup>251</sup> **Dolezal** came to media attention when her Caucasian parents stated publically that she was a white woman passing as a black.

<sup>252</sup> **Bahos** is currently a realtor for Remax Southern Homes, 110 Inverness Corners, Birmingham, AL 35242; 205.492.9500.

buys, which didn't lead to making cases. Their actions merely led the subjects of the investigations to suspect they were *Feds!*

As a result, **Adams** began to question and then cut back on the amount of operational undercover funds the SAs had access to in order to fund the project. This caused **Jojola** and **Bahos** to hatch a plan wherein **Bahos** secured a second mortgage on his primary residence (without the knowledge of his wife) and to use these monies to adequately fund (in their mind) *Silver State Exotics*. As **Bahos** began to funnel these illicit funds into *Silver State Exotics*, he created a second set of bogus financial books to track the movement of the funds both into the undercover business and out of the undercover business, in order to repay his second mortgage.

**Jojola** for his part was also responsible for buying both legal and illegal reptiles with the assistance of a CI. Unfortunately **Jojola** was paying far too much for the reptiles and neither he (**Jojola**) or **Bahos** knew how to adequately care for the reptiles, so there was a lot of mortality. When these two factors collided it inhibited **Bahos** from repaying his loan.

The scheme eventually imploded within a year of being hatched during the course of an unannounced internal audit, which resulted in both men pointing fingers at one another. By the time **Bahos** learned he had been setup by **Jojola** it was too late. The documentary evidence was irrefutable. **Bahos** had both applied for a second mortgage with a financial institution, which allowed the auditors to track numerous monetary transactions between **Bahos** and the undercover business, *Silver State Exotics*.

It didn't help that both married SAs were using the undercover business with their paramours and when their wives eventually found out, both of their marriages ended acrimoniously<sup>253</sup>. **Jojola** is also an extremely careless and negligent individual who failed miserably in the evidence handling arena, and on the several occasions he even neglected to lock and secure the undercover business. **Jojola's** lackadaisical attitude resulted in both undercover audio/video recording equipment and endangered species of reptiles,, worth tens of thousands of dollars to be stolen from *Silver State Exotics*<sup>254</sup>.

**Bahos** eventually resigned and when his wife divorced him he moved back to his home state of Alabama to become a realtor.

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<sup>253</sup> **Samuel Jojola** and **Linda Jojola** were officially divorced in Washoe County, NV on October 7, 1999.

<sup>254</sup> Although **Jojola** claimed he forgot to lock the door to the covert office building, in reality the blood was being drained from his little head when he was getting reamed steamed and dry-cleaned by one of his mistresses! Then there were the endangered snakes he would routinely loose in his hotel room. And heaven help the cleaning staff or the next guest who moved in after he checked out.

When **Bahos** told **Jojola's** wife (**Linda Jojola**) of some twenty years of marriage how she had been deceived, she commandeered one of **Jojola's Service Issued Firearms** and attempted to track him down and kill him. Fortunately, **Jojola's** sons interceded and the local law authorities in Reno, NV were able to deescalate the situation.

The auditors further examined several hundred undercover audio and videotapes, which **Jojola** made in conjunction with the reptiles he and the CI bought/sold. During the course of the examination the auditors learned that all of the tapes had been erased, which **Jojola** attributed to excessive solar flares/sunspots that were attributed to the eleven-year magnetic cycle of the Sun.

Despite several hundred thousands of dollars of under cover funds being expended to both create the undercover business entity known as *Silver State Exotics* and the subsequent purchase of reptiles, no one was ever prosecuted.

The intensity of the administrative investigation and his wife divorcing him caused **Jojola** to have a nervous breakdown and to be placed on a suicide watch for an extended period of time. **Adams** also placed **Jojola** on administrative leave and he took his badge and *Service* issued handgun<sup>255</sup> away. He was heavily medicated and couldn't sleep even with the aid of a blindfold. Neither taping the door or the curtain seams shut to block out the light helped.

Although **Adams** wanted to terminate **Jojola**, **Chang** and **Perez** interceded wherein they transferred him at government expense to the pacific Region, thereby preventing **Adams** from terminating him. Despite **Jojola's** unstable emotional condition and his unethical propensities, post 9-11 **Chang** and **Perez** placed **Jojola** into the *Air Marshal Program* for a period of two years. At the conclusion of the detail they promoted him to the DRAC position in Torrance, CA, thereby exposing the staff to **Jojola's** to his toxic personality.

Despite having the aforementioned integrity and morality issues, **Chang** and **Perez** allowed **Jojola** to work as a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, to include traveling overseas to Australia to working with foreign government officials, testifying in court, and being an affiant in arrest and search warrants. Moreover, **Chang**, **Perez** and **Jojola** illegally concealed the aforementioned derogatory from both the various U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the defense.

**Jojola** in seeking post retirement employment, claims to have specialized military experience in light weapons and handguns. During his tenure with the FWS OLE he went by the *nom de guerre*, *Ricochet Rabbit*, the cartoon character that had the incompetence of a gnat and yelled, *Ping-ping-ping Ricochet Rabbit*. **Jojola** rarely secured his *Service* issued handgun, as was the case his ex-wife tried to kill him. On several occasions **Jojola** misplaced his *Service* issued handgun for

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<sup>255</sup> **Adams** sent SA **Barry Alan Jordan** to disarm **Jojola**. **Jordan** currently resides at 259 Street Cochranville, PA 19330; 610.9980612.



days on end. He obviously learned not to secure his weapon from his colleagues, in the *Region One SA Mafia*. That certainly worked out well for mafia member **RAC Peter 5. Nylander**<sup>256</sup>, whose young daughter used his *Service* issued handgun to commit suicide!

Then there was the time when **Jojola** was qualifying with mafia member **RAC Scott Pearson**<sup>257</sup> at the Sacramento Valley Shooting Center with an AR-15, which he was unfamiliar with. **Jojola** let a round fly while he was improperly handling the loaded weapon by a picnic table, nearly killing **RAC Scott Heard**<sup>258</sup>. **Jojola** expressed bewilderment, rationalizing he had been taking prescribed medication (sleeping pills) and suffering from fatigue from driving.

**Jojola** was in awe and generally had his nose up the arse of former mafia member **DC Thomas W. "Butch Riley"**<sup>259</sup>. Like **Riley**, it wouldn't be surprising if **Jojola** also had absconded with *Service* owned firearms and other government equipment, at the time of his retirement.

Then there was mafia member **RAC Larry M. Farrington**<sup>260</sup> who demonstrated how it was ok to misuse GOV. **Farrington** relished in the fact that he could live as far away as he wanted from his government office and still drive a GOV between home and work. Moreover, **Farrington** happily recognized he was being paid for commuting irrespective how long the commute took.

At the time **Farrington** was stationed in Reno, NV and he was living in the town of Incline Village, NV, some forty-five (45) miles away from his office. At an elevation of 6,350 feet, on a good day it took him over an hour to drive the forty-five (45) mile, single lane mountainous Highway #431. In the winter State Highway #431 was generally impassible and routinely closed due to heavy snowfall. When State Highway #431 was closed **Farrington** was either paid to stay home or he would drive on State Highway #267/180, a sixty-five (65) mile one way trip which could take up to an hour and a half.

**Jojola** and his *Region One SA Mafia* members corrupted countless SAs and WIs who were stationed in the region and who took their modeling cues from them. At the time **Riley** was the Torrance CA RAC and **Jojola's** co-workers included **Chang, Palladini** and **Perez**, who were all field agents at the time. But heaven forbid if a WI stepped out of line. **Jojola** and his corrupt SA colleagues would sell them out in a heartbeat, in order to take attention away from their double-dealing rackets. Like unlawfully driving their GOV into Mexico.

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<sup>256</sup> **Nylander** resides 11255 SW McKenzie Court, Willsonville, OR; 503.682.4520. Despite being an alcoholic **McMullen** and **Perez** failed to terminate **Nylander**, until that time the Oregon State Police caught him operating his government assigned vehicle while intoxicated.

<sup>257</sup> **Pearson** resides at 160 Bayline Circle, Folsom, CA 95630; 916.353.1102.

<sup>258</sup> **Heard** resides 1394 Grouse Butte Lane, Roseburg, OR 97470; 503.679.7439.

<sup>259</sup> **Riley** who was the former DC of the FWS OLE retired in 2004.

<sup>260</sup> **Farrington** resides at 43114 Corte Tolosa, Temecula, CA 92592; 951.694.4614.

How can anyone ever forget how the Torrance SAs influenced **WI Daniel G. Noether**<sup>261</sup> In April 1988, **Noether** pleaded guilty in the Central District of Los Angeles for taking \$30,000 in bribes in exchange for allowing **Norm Golub, Gene Roscher** and **Chris Roscher** to smuggle tropical fish and some 50,000 reptiles into the United States. **Noether** was eventually sentenced to a year in prison and 2,000 hours of community service<sup>262</sup>.

Then there was **WI Tracey Reed**, who in 2005 routinely went AWOL in his GOV, but unlike the *Region One SA Mafia* he was terminated. At the time **Perez** was the SAC and **Chang** was the ASAC.

Even the former FWS Director's<sup>263</sup> son, **WI Steven Hamilton** got caught up in the *Kool-Aid* the *Region One SA Mafia* were drinking, when **Hamilton** who was slotted to be hired in the next SA class was forced to resign after he was arrested for selling prescription drugs. But then again **Hamilton** was a nepotism hire and perhaps in hindsight, justice was served.

**RAC Thomas John Karabanoff**<sup>264</sup>. **Karabanoff** belongs to the *United States Border Patrol Mafia*, the only federal law enforcement organization even more corrupt than the FWS OLE. **Prieksat** and **Pruzenzenki** both worked for the United States Border Patrol prior to becoming FWS OLE SAs.

In 2006 **Karabanoff** was arrested and convicted by Texas authorities for driving his GOV while under the influence of alcohol and while wearing his *Service Issued Firearm*. **Karabanoff** was at a FWS OLE party along with **Chavez, SA Douglas McKenna**<sup>265</sup>, **McDonald**, and several other FWS OLE SAs. When the group ran out of alcohol, **Karabanoff** volunteered to get more booze because he was from the locality and knew where to go.

**McDonald** failed to recue himself from being the adjudicating official in the aforementioned misconduct matter. Moreover **McDonald** and the deciding official failed to terminate **Karabanoff**.

This FWS OLE party wasn't **Chavez's** or **McKenna's** first brush with impropriety. Prior to being supervised by **Karabanoff, Chavez's** and **McKenna's** immediate supervisor was **RAC Lucinda Schroeder**<sup>266</sup>. During the course of an

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<sup>261</sup> **Noether** resides at 32917 Turtle Dove Drive, Lake Elsinore, CA 92530; 951.678.01155.

<sup>262</sup> Los Angeles Times article written by Michael J. Goodman on October 15, 1995 ([http://articles.latimes.com/1995-10-15/magazine/tm-57242\\_1\\_wildlife-smuggling](http://articles.latimes.com/1995-10-15/magazine/tm-57242_1_wildlife-smuggling))

<sup>263</sup> **Samuel D. Hamilton** died on February 10, 2010.

<sup>264</sup> **Karabanoff** resides at 111 Sharla Smelley Road, Weatherford, TX 76088; 817.594.9011.

<sup>265</sup> **McKenna** currently resides at 32 Heights Court, Sandia Park, NM 87047; 505.286.0906. He presently works as a self-employed private investigator dba **ENVIN, LLC**, P.O. Box 761, Sandia Park, NM 87047; 505.553.3834.

<sup>266</sup> **Schroeder** retired in 2004 and currently resides at 3400 Chestnut Drive, Montrose, CO 81401.

administrative investigation initiated by **Schroeder, Chavez** and **McKenna** were found to be insubordinate.

**Karabanoff** was undeterred with his prior bouts of dereliction, wherein he had the audacity to publish a March 5, 2013 self-serving article in the *FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin On Leadership* titled -*The Importance of Vision*.

**Karabanoff** pompously bragged how once **Chavez** became the SAC for the Southwest Region he and **Chavez** dispensed inspirational and visionary leadership to transform and make the Southwest Region, the best region!

Despite **Karabanoff's** being a *Giglio-Impaired SA* and having a character flaw of being unable to manage his alcohol dependency, **Woody** continues to provide **Karabanoff** with domestic/international training assignments.

**Charles Kenny Kessler**<sup>267</sup>: In 2006 **Kessler** was going through acrimonious divorce, which resulted in **Kessler's** wife making a complaint to the DOI OIG, with regard to her husband misusing his GOV.

**SA Obe Lowry**: **Lowry** was working for the FWS OLE in 2009 and 2010 when he was assigned to work on an intermittent basis at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok Thailand, as the liaison officer with the Royal Thai Police (RTP) and the ASEAN-WEN. During the times when Lowry traveled to Thailand his wife remained behind in the United States.

Within a short period of time of his posting, the Thailand government terminated **Lowry's** services when on several occasions he was AWOL as he was consuming adult beverages and frequenting the company of the local prostitutes, as a married man, more than he was working. inebriated and having relations as a married man with the local prostitutes. In particular, **Lowry's** misconduct overshadowed the FWS OLE's mission in disrupting the illegal transnational wildlife trafficking networks.

Obviously, **Lowry** and **Woody** conveniently concealed **Lowry's** aforementioned misconduct from the DOI OIG, when **Lowry** was an applicant for the DOI OIG. What's clear is many FWS OLE employees are aware of **Lowry's** embarrassing behavior, all which undermines the integrity of both the FWS OLE and the DOI OIG, where Lowry is currently employed.

**SAC Richard Marsh McDonald**<sup>268</sup> McDonald currently works at the Marion County Sheriff's Office in Portland, OR as a detective for the *Cold Case Homicide Squad*.

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<sup>267</sup> **Kessler** resides 9947 Fairlane Road, Shawnee Mission, KS 66215;785.286.1388.

One of the criminal cold cases **McDonald** chose not to pursue was that of his partner **SA Terry D. Jorgensen**<sup>269</sup>. **Jorgenson** is a notorious pedophile that roamed the playgrounds of Bellingham, WA in his GOV exposing himself to innocent and unsuspecting children.

As a former Oregon State Police Officer, **McDonald** received a tip that the local law enforcement authorities were going to arrest **Jorgenson** if **McDonald** didn't intercede. **McDonald** in turn brought the matter to the attention of **SAC David L. McMullen**<sup>270</sup> who successively confided with his fellow RACs about the matter in an effort to protect **Jorgenson**.

**Scott G. Pearson**<sup>271</sup> the FWS OLE RAC in Sacramento ultimately decided to take **Jorgenson** in and within a fortnight, **McMullen** had **Jorgenson** and his family transferred/moved to Sacramento, CA at government expense. **McMullen**, **Pearson** and **McDonald** tried to keep the matter quiet to the extent that they didn't want **Jorgenson** to have to undergo psychological counseling, in order to conceal the matter from headquarters.

Eventually, everyone who worked for the FWS OLE in the Pacific Region learned of **Jorgenson's** sickness. Yet no one came forward to reported the matter to the DOI OIG. Besides the aforementioned managers who kept mum, there were other SAs, who when they were field agents worked with **Jorgenson**, the likes of **Chang**, **Jojola**, **Pallidini**, **Perez** and **Riley**, all who would dummy up.

The crimes the FWS OLE covered up regarding **Jorgenson** are not unlike the sexual abuse cases which were committed by Roman Catholic priests in the Boston Archdiocese, which were investigated by the Boston Globe and became the subject of **Tom McCarthy's** 2015 film *Spotlight*.

Despite being a *Giglio-Impaired* SA, **Jorgenson** continued to work at the Sacramento RAC office until he retired on January 1, 2004.

The misconduct issues that occurred on **McMullen's** watch weren't limited to **Jorgenson**. **Ernest H. Mayer**<sup>272</sup> was the RAC at the FWS OLE office in Honolulu, HI and his abrasive management style didn't sit well with his employees. It didn't help that **Mayer** was involved in a bitter divorce, when his wife learned he was dating a much younger paramour from Switzerland.

In an attempt to conceal the affair from his wife **Mayer** used his GOV, on government time to meet up with his Swiss girlfriend. However, **Mayer's** illicit activities alternatively were witnessed by two of his subordinates, **SA Carol Cox**

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<sup>268</sup> **McDonald** resides at 855 Chee Chee Court, Silverton, OR 97381; 503.874.9297.

<sup>269</sup> **Jorgensen** resides at 1573 Chadbury Drive, Roseville, CA 95678; 916.783.7997.

<sup>270</sup> **McMullen** resides at 12975 SW Beef Bend Road, Tigard, OR 97224; 503.620.2468.

<sup>271</sup> **Pearson** resides at 160 Bayline Circle, Folsom, CA 95630; 916. 353.1102.

<sup>272</sup> **Mayer** resides at 20591 Crescent Pointe PL, Ashburn, VA 20147 703.444.9263.

and **Evidence Custodian Michael M. Hart**, who would eventually file a complaint against **Mayer**.

When **McMullen** had the matter he ruled that **Hart** had knowingly provided false and misleading information to the FWS OLE investigators who were conducting the official inquiry of **Mayer**. Rather than taking any action against **Mayer**, on November 29, 1994, **McMullen** issued **Hart** a notice of a proposed adverse action to remove him the FWS OLE. On December 8, 1994, **Hart** shot himself through his chest with a gun that **Cox** had previously seized in a prior criminal matter.

**SSA Sean Louis Mann:** Like **Perez**, **Mann** received a General Education Degree from Juanita High School in 1991. **Mann** is also a byproduct of nepotism when in 2002, his father FWS OLE RAC **Commodore L. Mann**<sup>273</sup> saw to it that the FWS OLE hired his son. Although **Sean Mann** also serves as a Senior Drill Sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserve, his FWS OLE colleagues will say he is a *Badge Heavy* immature individual who has a difficult time transitioning between the way he addresses military contacts and the way he overzealously interacts with civilians.

In November 2006, in U.S. District Court in San Francisco **Jeffrey A. Diaz** of Redwood City California plead guilty to two felony counts of smuggling federally-protected Eurasian Eagle Owl eggs into the United States. The investigation was initiated when DHS Inspectors serendipitously determined that **Diaz** was in possession of Eurasian Eagle Owl eggs decorated as *Easter Eggs*. **Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) Dennis Michael Nerney** (retired) prosecuted the case.

**Nerney** had an illustrious thirty plus year career as an AUSA to include being one of the prosecutors assigned to investigation/prosecution **Patty Hearst et al.**, and the **Symbionese Liberation Army**. Although the FWS OLE initially made **Mann** the *case agent* in the **Diaz** matter, **Nerney** had **Mann** removed from the investigation because **Mann** was insubordinate, incompetent and incapable of writing investigative reports.

**Nerney** was so incensed by **Mann's** incompetence he directed U.S. Court security officers to arrest **Mann** in the event that he attempted to enter the Federal Court Building in San Francisco.

In January 2016, **Andrew Watkins** a Linden, CA farmer and president of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor assault on a federal officer. The plea agreement stems from a February 27, 2012 incident, wherein **Watkins** armed with a semiautomatic pistol, confronted **Mann** while **Mann** was trespassing on **Watkins** farm.

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<sup>273</sup> **Mann** resides at 249 North La Arboleata Drive, Gilbert, AZ 85234; 480.588.1547.

In 2012, **Watkins** and other farmers in the area were on high alert in response to a rash of burglaries and metal thefts that had plagued their rural ranches and farms. In accepting the plea **Watkins** stated, *Anytime that you're facing the might of the federal government and the danger of decades of imprisonment, it is wise to consider every offer, especially a misdemeanor with no firearm charge and straight probation.*

The incident was avoidable as the *Open-Fields Doctrine* allows federal agents to conduct warrantless searches outside of the property owner's curtilage. In order to avoid detection/confrontation a professional/competent federal agent would've executed the search around the hours of sunrise or sunset or at night with the aid of night vision devices. Moreover, **Mann** could've been working with another law enforcement officer. However, the Sacramento FWS OLE has credibility issues when it comes to working with both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) game wardens or the local sheriff offices. Nor are **Mann's** colleagues at the Sacramento office of the FWS OLE willing to work with him.

**Mann's** former supervisor **Crumb** will confirm **Mann** has an identity crisis in as much as he has infatuation with the fictional character *Batman*. At the drop of the hat, **Mann** assumes the identity of Batman, donning a three thousand dollar (\$3,000) Hollywood version of the *Batman* costume. **Mann** has gone as far as adorning his body with *Batman* and *Seattle Seahawk* tattoos. Similarly, **Mann's** peers will agree he has a difficulty in his professional capacity separating from his alter ego, *Batman*. It's possible that **Mann** is also using government time and resources to advance his *Batman persona* instead of learning the craft of being a criminal investigator?

**Mann** was miffed he was recently bypassed when **Rebecca Roca**<sup>274</sup> aka **Rebecca Elliott** was selected to become the Sacramento RAC, thereby becoming **Mann's** immediate supervisor. **Mann's** actions were bordering on insubordination in creating a hostile workplace and he further intimated he would file a grievance, until **Woody** promoted him to become a GS-13 SA Training Instructor for the FWS OLE at FLETC in Brunswick, GA.

**DC Gary Mowad:** The FWS OLE initially hired **Mowad** in 1998, having earned his federal status as a *bug inspector* with the USDA. **Mowad** had a particular unspectacular law enforcement career with the FWS OLE, however through his obsequious personality **Grosz** and anointed him a member of the *Good Old Boy Network*.

In particular, early on in his career **Grosz** spent six figures for **Mowad** to receive training to become a pilot over many more qualified FWS OLE SAs. Even though **Mowad** left the field to become a midlevel administrator in the mid 1990s, the

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<sup>274</sup> **Roca/Elliott** resides at 12525 Lone Star, Auburn, CA 95602; 530.718.4691.

FWS OLE continued to pay thousands and thousands of dollars annually so he could maintain his airman certificate.

In 1998, in effort to enhance his career and garner notoriety, **Mowad** who was a former teacher at the **Stephen F. Austin H.S.** in Austin Texas, convinced **Grosz** to use FWS OLE funds to mount and transport an illegally hunted panther from Colorado to the school where he had previously taught. The panther, which eventually became the school's mascot was named **Elroy**.

Having been the beneficiary *Good Old Boy Network*, **Mowad** carried forward the tradition of nepotism and favoritism in rewarding his *Friends and Family*, at the expense of outsiders. For example, **Mowad** rewarded **SA Kevin Ellis**<sup>275</sup>, by moving him to his retirement home in Las Vegas, NV, **Kiley** to Kansas so she could get married and **Prieksat** to his retirement home in Nebraska, all at the expense of the FWS OLE.

**Mowad** further conspired and openly bragged how he was going to preselect **Webb's** son **Brad Webb** as WI in Pembina, ND. This was to be the first step in **Webb's** son eventually becoming a SA. The conspiracy called for **Brad Webb**, a resident of Nebraska to falsely establish residency in North Dakota, so **Mowad** could fill an emergency WI vacancy opening in Pembina, ND, as a *local hire*. **Mark Webb** and **Mowad** could have pulled it off but they couldn't keep their mouth's shut, and they were outed.

As **Prieksat's** immediate supervisor for over a half a decade, **Mowad** was fully aware how **Prieksat** projected an aberrant, aggressive and antagonistic personality toward the public, which eventually led to the **Governor Rounds'** debacle. Every time **Grosz** failed his yearly hearing test, **Mowad** violated FWS OLE policy in allowing him to remain a federal law enforcement position.

By mid 2007, when **Mowad** became the DC he became **Scully's** immediate supervisor and he failed to terminate her for lying in an official administrative investigation. In the later part of 2010, it became apparent to **Mowad** that he didn't have the star power to be the FWS OLE Chief<sup>276</sup>. So he orchestrated a government paid transfer to his home state, as the Texas State Administrator for the FWS Ecological Services in Austin, TX 78754<sup>277</sup>.

FWS managers began to question why the affluent **Mowad** had been living for three (3) years, inside his vehicle, which was parked in the basement of the FWS OLE headquarters<sup>278</sup>. The managers also faulted Mowad for the role he played in the **Governor Round's** matter.

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<sup>275</sup> **Ellis** resides at 7263 Pinfeather Way, North Las Vegas, NV 89084; 702.516.1931.

<sup>276</sup> **Perez** retired on January 31, 2011.

<sup>277</sup> In August 2010, **Mowad** resigned from the FWS OLE.

<sup>278</sup> When **Mowad** was selected to become the DC he moved his wife and daughter at government expense from Denver, CO to Austin, TX instead of moving them to Virginia to live with him. As the DC,

On August 18, 2014, **Mowad** appeared before **U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) Judge Mary Ann Garvey** at a hearing in relation to an earlier whistleblower case he filed against FWS managers at the Southwest Regional Office<sup>279</sup>. The hearing took place because **Mowad** challenged being placed on an open-ended detail causing him to be transferred from his office in Austin, TX to Albuquerque, NM, to a position that had no apparent duties.

**Mowad's** case settled when he fraudulently testified the open-ended detail caused a tremendous strain on his family on account of him being away from his family for prolonged periods of time<sup>280</sup>. **Mowad** argued the reassignment followed his reporting a number of scientific integrity concerns, including what he termed a blatantly political decision by the FWS hierarchy to reverse his recommendation that the dune sagebrush lizard, with habitat in the heart of *Texas oil country*, be listed under the Endangered Species Act.

Judge Garvey fell for **Mowad's** *story, hook, line and sinker*.

Subsequent to retiring **Mowad** created a rather unsuccessful LLC known as **Gary G. Mowad Environmental Consulting (GMEC)**. In order to financial keep his business afloat, **Mowad** has relied heavily on his former connections within FWS OLE, as was the case on December 6, 2016, when **Birchell** used government funds to pay for **Mowad** to travel to Sacramento, CA to be a guest lecturer for her staff. The record will disclose that there were many other capable federal attorneys or federal employees who would've provided the same services pro bone.

**DRAC Edward L. Newcomer, Jr.**<sup>281</sup> : **Newcomer** maybe an accomplished investigator, but in 2003 he was late to the FWS OLE as a thirty-seven (37) year old abecedarian SA stationed in Torrance, CA Despite receiving his Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in political science from the University of Colorado (1987) and a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the Seattle University School of Law (1991), he had a lot of ground to makeup in passing up his colleagues, in reaching the zenith of the FWS OLE.

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**Mowad** illegally structured his official government travel schedule to travel to Texas to visit his family. When **Mowad** lived in the headquarters basement he lived like a homeless person.

<sup>279</sup> See Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) website.

<sup>280</sup> What **Mowad** hid from **Judge Garvey** is that by choice he chose to live away from his family for some three (3) years while he was the DC FWS OLE, and that said long distance separation from his family was not a hardship, but his choice. Whereas the transfer to Albuquerque Regional Office wasn't his choice **Mowad** saw an opening to entrap his unsophisticated supervisors. In part, Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 351 Title 5, CA provides for *the transfer of function of an employee* when a function ceases in one competitive area, and moves to one or more other competitive areas that do not perform the function at the time of transfer. .

<sup>281</sup> Prior to becoming the FWS OLE Attaché in Gaborone, Botswana **Newcomer** resided at 1842 West 159th Street, Gardena, CA 90247; 303.333.2288. **Newcomer's** foreign APO address is 2170 Gaborone Pl Apt 71, Dulles, VA 20189-2170; 310.678.4889.



As a result of being the smartest individual working at the Torrance RAC office, **Newcomer** became a self-promoter tooting his horn wherever he went. He became a diva who went on an irrepressible media seeking campaign promoting each and every one of investigations. **Newcomer** parlayed his experiences in self-promotion at the Torrance, CA RAC Office in order to secure a position as an attaché for the FWS OLE at the U.S. Embassy in Gaborone, Botswana. At age fifty-one (51), **Newcomer** is aware he only has six (6) more years to create his own *personal brand*, before he's kicked to the curb and forced to retire.

In **Newcomer's** case, the *millennial branding* he's employing is detrimental to both the wildlife resource and the safety of all FWS OLE SAs and game wardens. **Newcomer** routinely contacts media outlets such as the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today*, *Audubon Magazine*, *Backpacker Magazine* and *National Public Radio (NPR)*. During the course of these interviews **Newcomer's** ego is fed by anyone who is curious about his exploits. In the process, **Newcomer** revels to the author and in due course to the reader/audience the *tricks of the trade* and the covert and overt investigative techniques that the FWS OLE employs to catch/prosecute individuals and organizations, which are illegally trafficking in wildlife.

In revealing these *trade secrets* to the subjects of the investigation, **Newcomer** makes these subjects more cagey, secretive and subversive. More troublesome, there are countless studies which statistically address why federal and state game wardens are either killed or assaulted in the line of duty, more so than any other category of law enforcement officer. And **Newcomer's** shameless self-promotion in disclosing these *trade secrets* is contributing to this onslaught.

**SA Victoria A. Owens**<sup>282</sup>; **Owens** is the daughter of **SA Larry Owens** who died in 2016. At his retirement party **Owens** was voted as one of the three laziest and shiftless SAs to have ever worked for the FWS OLE! In the case of his daughter, the apple doesn't fall far from the tree.

**Chief Benito Arturo Perez:** **Perez's** highest level of education was High School. He climbed the ranks of the FWS OLE to become the Chief through the various filings of Equal Employment Opportunity Claims (EEOC). Earlier in his career **Perez** was a lowly Game Warden with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD).

In the early nineties the married **Perez** had affair(s) with identical twin sisters **Marylee L Brown**<sup>283</sup> and **Marylou L. Brown**<sup>284</sup>, both who were residents of

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<sup>282</sup> **Owens** resides at 4348 Waialae, Honolulu, HI 96816,; 614.857.5769.

<sup>283</sup> **Mary Lee Brown** resides at Shasta Daisy Court, Citrus Heights, CA 95610; 916.723.6890 and 356 School House Court, Roseville, CA 95747; 916.773.5910.

<sup>284</sup> **Mary Lou L. Brown** resides at 1036 Locomotive WAY #WY, Sparks, NV 89434; 775.331.7011

Texas<sup>285</sup> Using his political connections in Texas, as well as his position as a FWS OLE SAC in Oregon, **Perez** used his influence in 1995 to hire the litigious sisters who had absolutely no wildlife enforcement experience.

Although **Perez** was successful in getting the twins hired by the FWS OLE he was unsuccessful in having them collocated in the same duty station to accommodate their separation anxiety disorder. Upon being separated from one another, their supervisors confirmed the twins weren't able to comprehend the concept of individuality. In short order the separated twins initiated various work stoppages and began filing a number of frivolous grievances and EEOC complaints.

**Marylou L. Brown** was initially stationed in Newark, NJ but she was summarily terminated in August 1998 during her probationary period for incompetence. **Marilee Brown** was initially assigned to Portland, OR to be near **Perez**, where he was the SAC. After **Adams** resigned, **Perez** became the Chief, but prior to relocating to headquarters **Perez** transferred **Marilee Brown** to the FWS OLE Office in Sacramento, CA, so she could be closer to her sister who was living in Reno, NV.

Subsequent to arriving in Sacramento, **Crumb** and **Mann** acting under the auspicious of the DOI-OIG began investigating **Brown** for her periods of prolonged AWOL. **Brown** claimed her absences were due to a back injury she had incurred while working.

The EEOC complaints the twins filed in part includes: **Brown v. Norton** (U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey, Civil Action No. 02-556); **Marilou Brown v. Dirk Kempthorne** (U.S. Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, June 23, 2006 & D.C. No. CIV-05-211-R) and United States of America Merit Systems Protection Board (Docket No. SF-0752-12-0675-1-1). The later which was affirmed on June 4, 2014 and which resulted in **Marilee Brown** being removed from her law enforcement position and demoted to a lower-graded, non-law enforcement position on June 27, 2012.

**Contractor Business Analyst Circee J. Pieters**<sup>286</sup>: In the early eighties the married **Pieters** was having an affair with the married **DC Thomas Striegler**<sup>287</sup> wherein **Striegler** made **Pieters** the FWS OLE Chief, Branch of Planning and Analysis.

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<sup>285</sup> **Perez** also had engaged in a long-term affair with his subordinate **SA Diane Petrula**. When **Perez** became the SAC of the Pacific Region in order to continue the affair, he transferred **Petrula** from the Torrance, CA RAC Office to the Seattle RAC Office. **Petrula** resides at 9436 191<sup>st</sup> Street, Bothell, WA; 425.892.0254.

<sup>286</sup> **Pieters** resides at 3608 Fishers Hill Court, Fairfax, VA 22033; 703.263.7976.

<sup>287</sup> **Striegler** resides at 618 County Creek Lane, Fredericksburg, TX 78624; 830.997.4223.

**Pieters** retired as the Chief, Branch of Planning and Analysis in the later part of 2014. Throughout **Pieters'** four-decade career she was known for keeping shoddy records, which didn't clearly identify sources of revenue, expenses or keeping track of property.

Since nobody was able to discern how the records were kept, **Woody** rehired **Pieters** as an *Independent Contractor/Business Analyst* to perform the same duties as she had performed when the FWS OLE employed her. In a furtherance of preserving her historical opaqueness, **Woody** allows **Pieters** to work out of her home. Best of all **Pieters** collects both an annuity and a second paycheck from the FWS OLE, all courtesy of **Woody**.

During the period when **Pieters** was a federal employee she hired both of her **daughters**<sup>288</sup> and she perhaps even absconded with funds<sup>289</sup> due to the convoluted way she kept FWS OLE books, perhaps in the same fashion as **Bernard Madoff**.

**RAC Robert L. Prieksat**<sup>290</sup>: **Prieksat** is the Dan Love of the FWS OLE. In 2006, **Prieksat**<sup>291</sup> filed charges in a U.S. Magistrate Court against **Caleb Gilkerson** for illegally possessing untagged geese. **Gilkerson** subsequently filed a complaint with **South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds** claiming **Prieksat** had tried to intimidate him and others with rudeness, vulgar tirades and aggression<sup>292</sup>. **Rounds'** investigation disclosed that more than sixty (60) people filed written complaints and petitions calling for **Prieksat's** removal, contending **Prieksat** had victimized them.

**Rounds** in turn complained to **Mowad** and other FWS OLE managers about **Prieksat's** demeanor in using heavy-handed law enforcement techniques and informed the FWS OLE managers that they either demote or transfer **Prieksat**, or he would order South Dakota Game Wardens to stop enforcing federal game laws.

In December 2007 **U.S. District Judge Charles Kornmann** threw out **Gilkerson's** earlier conviction for possessing untagged geese. In dismissing the case the judge ordered the government to refund any fines and other costs that **Gilkerson** had paid<sup>293</sup>.

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<sup>288</sup> One of her daughters, **Stacey Pieters** is the Budget Analyst for (404.679.7314) who works for **SAC Luis Santiago** in Atlanta, GA; 404.679.7043.

<sup>289</sup> It was **Pieters** ineptness that allowed **Riely** to steal two (2) firearms that belonged to the FWS OLE.

<sup>290</sup> **Prieksat** resides at 420 South 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Calhoun, NE 68023; 605.945.2565.

<sup>291</sup> At the time **Prieksat** was the RAC of Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

<sup>292</sup> [https://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/05/25/governor-vs-game-warden-in-south-dakota/?\\_r=0](https://thelede.blogs.nytimes.com/2007/05/25/governor-vs-game-warden-in-south-dakota/?_r=0)

<sup>293</sup> <http://refugeforums.com/refuge/threads/judge-throws-out-verdict-against-game-processor.585781/>

Rather than demoting his friend, in October 2009 at the age of fifty-three (53) **Mowad** moved **Prieksat** from his duty station in Pierre SD to Omaha, NE, where his relatives and family live<sup>294</sup>. Subsequent to moving to Nebraska, **Prieksat** became a lame duck that didn't have to work as he approached the end of his career. And despite becoming the Chief of the FWS OLE on March 7, 2011, **Woody** was comfortable in keeping yet another unethical and ill-tempered employee on the payroll of the FWS OLE<sup>295</sup>.

**Deputy Resident Agent in Charge (DRAC) Jason Cole Riley**<sup>296</sup>: Sometime in the early nineties **Riley's** father **Thomas W. "Butch" Riley**<sup>297 298</sup> made arrangements to have his son **Jason Cole Riley** placed into the *SCEP* program. **Butch Riley** saw to it that his son was looked after, by placing him in Portland, OR under the watchful eyes of his buddies **Chang** and **Perez**. As a friend and family member, **Jason Riley** was subsequently selected to become a SA by his father's SAC selection committee, over more qualified candidates, to include veterans. Unlike his **SA** classmates who were not part of the FWS OLE clique and who were banished to work in expensive urban cities, the likes of Detroit, Houston, Miami and New York, **Riley** was coddled and stationed in bucolic Albuquerque, NM, where he was protected by another of his father's minions, **Chavez**.

**DC Riley** is a close friend and hunting buddy of **Lt. Col. Charlie Clark**<sup>299</sup> of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (Baton Rouge, LA). **Riley** would routinely go hunting with **Clark** and his son **Stephen Anthony Clark**<sup>300</sup> in the vicinity of the senior **Clark's** home of Abita Springs, LA.

Although **Clark** wasn't the sharpest tool in the shed, **Riley** hired **Clark** to become a SA in 2001. This arrangement more than solidified **Riley's** relationship with the senior **Clark** and **Riley** would routinely travel at the government's expense from Georgia to Louisiana at a whim to go hunting.

In December 2001, while attending the SA Basic School at the FLETC, **Clark** and **SA Rory Maxwell Stark**<sup>301</sup> were caught cheating on an examination. Despite overwhelming physical evidence (matching answers on the test) and the

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<sup>294</sup> [http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/controversial-game-warden-nobody-chased-me-out-of-s-d/article\\_2d544684-bdbb-11de-8c7b-001cc4c03286.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/controversial-game-warden-nobody-chased-me-out-of-s-d/article_2d544684-bdbb-11de-8c7b-001cc4c03286.html)

<sup>295</sup> **Prieksat** retired in January 2014.

<sup>296</sup> **Riley** resides at 1902 Vineyard, Tallahassee FL 32317; 850.309.1962.

<sup>297</sup> **DC Riley** retired in 2004.

<sup>298</sup> **DC Riley** splits time between his residence at 324 Woods, Tavernier, FL 33070; 305.304.7540 and 3449 Williamsport Pike, Williamsport, TN 38487.

<sup>299</sup> **Lt. Col. Clark** retired in 2005.

<sup>300</sup> **Stephen Anthony Clark** resides at 47070 Oak Creek Terrace, Hammond, LA 70401; 985.956.7336.

<sup>301</sup> **Stark** has a Juris Doctor degree.

testimony of the proctors, **Riley** and **Adams** chose to ignore the evidence and the two candidates were allowed to graduate.

Just like **Jason Riley, Clark** and **Stark** received the friends and family accommodations with **Clark** being initially stationed to his home state in Slidell, LA, while **Stark** was allowed to return home to Anchorage, AK.

**DC Riley** retired from the FWS OLE in March 2004. His penultimate assignment was in the capacity of the DC in Arlington, VA. As the second in line for the FWS OLE, **Riley** orchestrated for a government-expensed move to Atlanta, GA, so he could finish out his career to retire in Atlanta, GA, as the SAC for Southeast Region. **Riley** was best known for being a backup linebacker who rarely played for the 1969 Baltimore Colts and as a big game/waterfowl hunter. In the early eighties **Riley** had ingratiated himself as the FWS OLE point man for the **Safari Club International Foundation (SCIF)**.

For some twenty-five (25) years, **Riley** would attend the annual **SCIF** conventions in furtherance of securing post retirement employment with the organization. On January 29, 2004, the **SCIF** hired **Riley** to become the Chief Executive Director. For this the FVVS OLE paid a *King's Ransom*, for **Riley** throughout his career was a mole for the **SCIF**, an organization whose members were vigorously investigated by the FWS OLE, and which resulted in many of its members to be convicted felons.

In February 2004, **SA Rick Giovengo** reported to **Adams, Gale** and **Pruszenski** that **Riley** had absconded with two (2) *Service* issued firearms that belonged to the FWS OLE, at the time of his retirement. After the trio rebuffed **Giovengo** he contacted the DOI OIG. A March 13, 2007 DOI OIG report titled, **United States Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement** (Report Number PI-EV-FWS-0003-2006), disclosed the following:

- In November 2006, after the DOI OIG learned that the two (2) missing firearms were attributed to **Riley**, DOI OIG investigators visited **Riley** to inquire about the firearms. The DOI OIG investigators were later told by a FWS OLE official that within an hour of the interview **Riley** had contacted the FWS OLE to make arrangements to return the firearms. The fact that those weapons were out of FWS OLE custody, with senior management's knowledge, for nearly three (3) years was unacceptable.
- When DOI OIG investigators asked a senior FWS OLE manager why **Pieters** did not act upon the complaint, the senior manager stated that property management was only one of **Pieters'** many job responsibilities. This was representative of the FWS OLE's total lack of urgency to recover the firearms, as any missing firearm poses a potential risk to public safety and creates a liability for FWS-OLE.
- In centralizing its inventory process in 2003, the DOI OIG were told that

the FWS-OLE Training and Inspection Branch<sup>302</sup> found that their firearms inventory was completely unreliable and identified seventy-one (71) firearms that were either missing, lacked supporting documentation, or were otherwise not accounted for.

On June 21, 2005, a FWS OLE SA in Houston, TX provided the DOI OIG with information that alleged that FWS officials had inappropriately conferred *Designation Port status* to the Port of Houston Texas. On May 15, 2006, DOI OIG inspector General **Earl E. Devaney** made his investigative findings public, as follows:

- In September 2002, **DC Riley** traveled to Russia to participate on **SCIF** financed bear-hunting trip with billionaire **Dan Duncan** and several other **SCIF** members.
- Although **Duncan** was not indicted, his guide **Robert Kern**<sup>303</sup> who led the group on the September 2002 hunting trip was indicted by a federal grand jury in Houston, TX, for importing antlers and horns he allegedly knew were obtained illegally, all in violation of the Lacey Act.
- **Duncan** and at least four (4) others hunted and killed moose and sheep while flying in a helicopter. Although **Riley** purportedly was the only hunter who did not shoot while hovering, **Riley** failed to report the violations to either the Russian or FWS OLE investigators. Hunting from an aircraft is illegal in Russia and the United States. At the time **Duncan** was considered the wealthiest man in Houston, TX and ranked 85th on Forbes' worldwide list of billionaires, with an estimated net worth of \$8.2 billion.
- The 2002 trip was made well known to the world of big-game hunters. Taxidermist **Mike Simpson** (Conroe, TX) went on the trip with his son **Travis Simpson**. The younger **Simpson** was the videographer for the trip, and he later wrote an article about the hunt in the January/February 2003 issue of *Safari*, a magazine published by the **SCIF**. Pictures from the hunt were also published in *Orvis*, a quarterly magazine for sheep hunters.
- The trip also stood out because of the caliber of the hunters. **Riley** was on the trip with Mexican businessman **Hubert Thummler**, who started hunting in Africa at the end of the *Golden Age*. In June 2008 the grand jury found the **Simpsons** and **Thummler** not guilty.
- **Riley** also violated federal law<sup>304</sup> when he didn't claim the trip as income on his annual onyearly Executive *Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report* (Form 450).

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<sup>302</sup> During this time period both **SAC Pruszenski** and **SAC Gale** were in charge of the *Training and Inspection Branch*.

<sup>303</sup> **Kern** was based out of Berryville, VA. In documenting the hunting trip **Kern** wrote an article titled, *The Hunting Consortium* (<http://huntingconsortium.com>) organized the September 2002 hunting trip to Siberia.

<sup>304</sup> On July 18, 2007, **Duncan** voluntarily appeared before a grand jury in Houston. He answered questions regarding his 2002 Russia hunt wherein he shot and killed a moose and a wild sheep from a helicopter, which was illegal under Russian law. Although **Duncan** admitted to shooting the wildlife from the helicopter, **Duncan** claimed he did not know that his actions were illegal. On September 12,

- Unbeknownst to the FWS OLE in of May 2003, **Riley** also provided a copy of an official FWS OLE investigative report<sup>305</sup> to **Rick Parsons, the Director of Governmental Affairs for the SCIF**. The investigative report that was prepared by **SAC McDonald**<sup>306</sup> disclosed that **McDonald** was favorably inclined to confer *Designated Port status* upon the Port of Houston Texas<sup>307</sup>, and which would eventually enabled the wealthy **SCIF** members who resided in Houston the ability import foreign wildlife trophy shipments directly into Houston, TX. The DOI-OIG subsequently investigated **Adams, McDonald and David Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish, Wildlife and Parks**<sup>308</sup>.
- **McDonald** was forced to resign in September 2006, before his mandatory retirement date of June 30, 2009. While **Adams** would resign on October 15, 2006, before his mandatory retirement date of November 30, 2008.
- Once the DOI OIG report became public knowledge, **Riley** had no choice but to resign from the **SCIF**, effective September 30, 2006. Where he decamped to the Ocean Reef Yacht Club (<http://www.oceanreef.com>) in Key Largo, FL, one of the wealthiest gated communities in the United States. Even considering **Riley's** generous federal annuity, he most likely received many other additional inducements from the **SCIF** while working at the FWS OLE.

**Riley** most certainly faired better than retired **NPS SAC Paul Henry** who converted a Sako rifle, a Browning rifle, and fifteen Sig Sauer ammunition magazines from the NPS upon his retirement.

The DOI OIG initiated an investigation upon receipt of a complaint that a U.S. Park Police Sako rifle reported stolen several years ago, had been located by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) at a pawnshop in Georgia. The pawnshop records indicated that **Henry** had pawned the rifle. The DOI-OIG investigation concluded that during **Henry's** tenure at the FLETC, he stole a Sako rifle, a Browning rifle, and fifteen Sig Sauer ammunition magazines. On March 2, 2009, **Henry** pled guilty to theft and was sentenced to 30 days of home confinement, two years of probation, and a fine of \$750.

In 2011, his father's old buddy **Gale**, promoted **Jason Cole Riley** to become the DRAG in Tallahassee, FL, over more qualified individuals. Unfortunately the FWS OLE is stuck with **Riley** until 2030, when he turns fifty-seven.

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2007, **Duncan's** attorney reported that the grand jury had declined to bring charges against **Duncan** and other hunters who had been on the trip.

<sup>305</sup> The documents disclosed that **Riley** had tasked **McDonald** to perform a perfunctory investigative study that would favorably confer *Designated Port Status* to the Port of Houston Texas.

<sup>306</sup> At the time **McDonald** was SAC for the Southwest Region

<sup>307</sup> On January 5, 2005 the FWS made Houston, TX a designated port.

<sup>308</sup> Facing termination, **Giovengo** resigned in June 2009. **Giovengo** is currently employed by the Lockheed Mart in Corp. @ 843-740-6627. His email address is Rick. D. Giovengo@uscg.mil

At the expense of other less connected FWS OLE SAs, **Riley** and **Gale** spent six figures for **Clark** to obtain his pilots license. In deference to **Clark's Giglio-Henthorn** issues, **Gale** and **Woody** promoted **Clark** to the RAC position in Lacombe, LA. Sometime in 2014 **Woody** transferred **Stark** to headquarters and promoted him a SSA desk officer position at headquarters. Then in May 2015, **Woody** again promoted **Stark**, this time to become the ASAC in Anchorage, AK.

**ASAC Patricia L. Rogers**<sup>309</sup>; In the late eighties she married **SAC Adam O'Hara**<sup>310</sup> was having an affair with **Rogers** who was his secretary at the time. When the affair eventually soured, **Rogers** filed an EEOC complaint that resulted in her becoming a SA, despite not having any prior wildlife or law enforcement experience. **Rogers** retired in 2015, but not before **Woody** made her the ASAC for FWS OLE Portland.

**SA Robert David Romero**<sup>311</sup>; Romero was the FWS OLE RAC in Wilsonville, Oregon when he married FWS OLE **SA Kathryn Terese Looney** who working in Mesa, AZ. Subsequent to the couple getting married, **Perez** authorized the FWS OLE to create a job for **Looney** in Wilsonville, OR when there was none before, as well as to pay for her to move from Arizona to Oregon.

When the couple decided that Oregon wasn't a good state to start and raise a family, **Woody** moved the couple back to Arizona at government expense, where **Romero** took a non supervisory position at the FWS OLE Mesa RAC Office, and his wife took a leave of absence. Although **Romero's** mandatory retirement date is a distant October 31, 2025, upon arriving in Arizona **Romero** has mentally exited the workforce.

**RAC David N. Sykes**<sup>312</sup>; **Sykes** had previously worked as a SA for the USSS, however once he became dissatisfied with their rigorous travel schedule he began seeking employment with other federal agencies.

The FBI was but one of several federal agencies **Sykes** applied to. During his pre-employment applicant investigation with the FBI **Sykes** failed the polygraph examination, when the polygraph examiner determined **Sykes** had committed perjury when he was a police officer with the Portland Maine Police Department. More specifically, **Sykes** and his partner had arrested an individual who was intoxicated and **Sykes** admitted to the FBI polygraph examiner that he and his partner used excessive force in arresting the subject, so much so that the subject had visible wounds throughout his body. **Sykes** further conceded when the trial

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<sup>309</sup> **Rogers** resides at 18375 South Grasle Road, Oregon City, OR 97 045; 503.956.88 04.

<sup>310</sup> **O'Hara** resides at 1555 River Road, Dilltown, PA 15929; 814.446.5938.

<sup>311</sup> The **Romero's** currently live at 583 Bridgeport, Gilbert, AZ 85295; 480.857.7271.

<sup>312</sup> **Sykes** resides at 24 Fletcher Road, Lynnfield, MA 01 94 0; 781.334.2414.



took place, the defense put him and his partner on the witness stand and they both lied under oath to both gain a conviction and in furtherance to avoid being prosecuted for using excessive force.

**Sykes** is yet another *Giglio-Impaired SA* who **Woody** promoted to the position of the RAC of the FWS OLE office in Chelsea, MA. Moreover as a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, **Sykes** continues to testifying in court, and being an affiant in arrest and search warrants.

**DC Juliana B. Scully**<sup>313</sup>. While residing in Atlanta Georgia sometime in 1995, **Scully** was the subject of a civil litigation for harassing a woman she was having relations with.

In 2007, **Scully** became the FWS OLE DC at headquarters when she became involved in a road rage incident wherein she brandished her *Service* issued firearm. In an ensuing background investigation, DOI OIG investigators established **Scully** had concealed and lied about the matter in an official administration investigation. Despite being a *Giglio-Impaired SA* FWS OLE **Woody** didn't terminate Scully.

Rather, **Woody** made **Scully** his *Special Assistant*, and he pawned her off to the DOI Office of Law Enforcement and Security Division, rather than removing her from her law enforcement position. Moreover, **Woody** overlooked that **Scully** wasn't compliant in managing her type-1 diabetic condition as she is a heavy drinker, all in violation of the DOI Law Enforcement Medical Standards.

Moreover as a *Giglio-Impaired SA*, **Woody** made **Scully** a delegate on the *19th Annual Trilateral Committee for Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation and Management*. As a delegate **Scully** attended the meeting in Queretaro, Mexico.

**SA James Dean Stinebaugh**<sup>314</sup>: **Stinebaugh** is the son of retired **RAC James Melton Stinebaugh**<sup>315</sup>. Prior to retiring in 2000 the elder **Stinebaugh**<sup>316</sup> used his political influence in Texas and within the FWS OLE to have his son initially hired by the FWS OLE as a WI in the Pacific Region and ultimately as a SA in 2001.

Subsequent to retiring in 2001, the elder **Stinebaugh** became the Director of Law Enforcement for the TPWD.

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<sup>313</sup> While working at the FWS OLE headquarters, **Scully** (DOB: October 16, 1963) resided at 1633 Taylor Street, Arlington, VA 22204; 703.979.0888. Upon retiring **Scully** moved to 1130 Jacaranda Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32118.

<sup>314</sup> **James Dean Stinebaugh** resides at 1826 Ranch Trail, Magnolia, TX 77354; 936.321.4635.

<sup>315</sup> **James Melton Stinebaugh** resides at 105 County Road #4773, Castroville, TX 78009; 830.931.3724.

<sup>316</sup> In 2001, **Stinebaugh** was hired as the Law Enforcement Director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

**RAC Kim W. Speckman**<sup>317</sup>. In 2007, **Pruszenski** moved his close friend **RAC Kim W. Speckman** at government expense from Baltimore, MD to Fairbanks, AK, with the understanding she would retire within fourteen (14) months, which she did in December 2008.

**RAC Leo R. Suazo II**<sup>318</sup>: **Grosz** hired **Suazo** despite **Suazo** only having a GED. **Suazo** is a sort of gregariously clueless person who operates completely without self-awareness and was so fun to be around, he was routinely forgiven for an endless litany of indiscretions, such as swearing like a drunken sailor during the course of his undercover contacts with subjects of the investigation . As an accommodation, **Grosz** made arrangements for the Migratory Bird Office to hire **Suazo's** wife **Janell Suazo**<sup>319</sup> .

Despite merely having a GED and having a limited ability to read and write investigative reports in English, **Woody** promoted **Suazo** to be the RAC of the Branch of Special Operations<sup>320</sup> .

Throughout his entire career with the FWS OLE, **Grosz** and **RAC George W. Morrison Jr.**<sup>321</sup> allowed **Suazo** to reside at 131 Blackbird Drive, Bailey, CO 80421, a fifty-five (55) mile one and a half hour drive, on a mountainous single lane road to his office at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge<sup>322</sup> . Upon retiring **Suazo** bragged how he went through seven (7) government vehicles without ever getting into an accident, and his daily commute was the most difficult undertaking of his entire career.

While working on government time and as representatives of the FWS OLE **Suazo** and **Webb** solicited donations from *Cabela's Sporting Goods* in the form of clothing and equipment for distribution to game wardens in Africa. However, not all the equipment wound up in Africa. Instead they misappropriated many of the articles for themselves, their family members and their FWS OLE colleagues, without the knowledge of FWS OLE managers or representatives of *Cabela's Sporting Goods*.

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<sup>317</sup> **Speckman** resides at 511 Herning Road, Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK 99712; 907.443.2362.

<sup>318</sup> **Suazo** resides at 131 Blackbird Drive, Bailey, CO 80421; 303.816.2876

<sup>319</sup> Like her husband, **Janell Suazo** was a high school graduate. But as politics would have it, she was promoted to a supervisory position at the Migratory Bird Permit Office, located at 134 Union Blvd. Lakewood, Colorado 80228.

<sup>320</sup> **Suazo** retired in January 2015.

<sup>321</sup> **Morrison** was unable to make **Suazo** move because he resided at 14950 Wand crest, Pine, CO 80470 (303.816.1395), which was just as far from the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge. Like **Chavez** and **Suazo**, **Morrison** highest level of education is high school.

<sup>322</sup> Although it wasn't in the best interest of his on job performance, **Suazo** made a detour to drive his wife to and from her office in Lakewood, CO.

**SA Roger Allen Turnell Jr.**<sup>323</sup>: Although **Turnell** dresses and acts like a homeless person, **Woody** promoted **Turnell**, making him the FWS OLE training instructor/agency representative at the NCTC.

### **FWS OLE Utah Mafia:**

Perhaps it would be worth talking to **Graves**, **Stoinski** and **Craig Tabor**<sup>324</sup> as they all had previously worked for **Woody** at the UNDR. After all, to paraphrase **Stoinski** the trio worked at the department during the heady go-go days when **Woody** made drinking and skirt chasing at the UNDR the cultural norm.

When the FWS OLE hired **Tabor** in the late nineties the FWS OLE needed to hire individuals who had the ability to read, write and speak Spanish. When **Tabor** was initially hired he was posted to Forth Worth, Texas, but the FWS OLE quickly learned that he wasn't bilingual and he had falsified his application (SF-171).

Notwithstanding **Tabor's** character flaws in October 2015, **Woody** selected **Tabor** to attend a Wildlife Trafficking Conference in Bangkok, Thailand over more highly qualified and deserving SAs. **Woody** also selected **Tabor** to attend a Wildlife Trafficking Conference at the Taipei Zoo in Taipei, Taiwan in May 2016. **Woody** further elected **Tabor** to attend a third conference at the Serengeti National Park, but this was a government paid pretext trip for a personal trip **Tabor** had previously scheduled to the Murchison Falls National Park in Uganda.

The NACLEC was established 2012, in conjunction with the FWS OLE, as a nationwide academy which beginning in 2012 was staged on an annual basis at the NCTC. In 2012 **Rich D. Olson**<sup>325</sup> was the Captain for the UNDR when he was selected to attend the inaugural academy along with his mentor **Woody**. Like his colleagues with the FWS OLE, **Olson**<sup>326</sup> knows a thing or two about nepotism in using his position to get his son **Brandon R. Olson** an appointment as a game warden with the UDNR.

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<sup>323</sup> Prior to moving to Georgia **Turnell** resided at 1645 Emerald San Diego, CA 92109; 949.355.6449.

<sup>324</sup> **Tabor** upon graduating the Stephen F. Austin State University, married **Lynnisa G. Fraser** on August 14, 1982. By May 1, 1984 the couple were divorced because of **Tabor's** infidelity. Although **Tabor** married his second wife **Leslie Ann O'Neal** on July 26, 1988, he continued to pursue affairs as he moved from Idaho, to Illinois, to Virginia and Florida. Perhaps these affairs of the heart are in response to **Tabor's** suffering from short man's syndrome, in a futile attempt to gain recognition from others and to compensate for his abnormally short stature. When **Tabor** (DOB: May 27, 1963) was the desk officer at headquarters he resided at 16004 Barn Swallow, Woodbridge, VA 22191; 208.571.9960.

<sup>325</sup> **Rick D. Olson** resides at 4460 South 4575 West, West Haven, UT 84401; 801.731.7900.

<sup>326</sup> **Brandon R. Olson** resides at 2300 South 500<sup>th</sup> Street, East, Heber, UT 84032; 801.217.3912.

At this time, **Brandon R. Olson**, age 32 is on the cusp of being hired by **Woody** as a SA for the FWS OLE, but for the fact the current administration has implemented a federal hiring freeze.

### **Conclusion:**

To us, the **USS Franklin**<sup>327</sup> represents a cautionary tale about the scourge of *toxic leadership*, wherein the admirals want their officers to leave the Navy in a place better than they found it. Toxic leaders like **Woody** and **Lauro** leave the place worse than they found it. They put themselves ahead of the institution, and they deploy leadership and management tactics that advance their personal interests, even at the expense of colleagues or subordinates.

We know toxic leaders. So if you have ever worn a military uniform, you realize they appear from time to time, often as ship captains<sup>328</sup>. Why them in particular? It's been said a ship captain is the world's last absolute monarch once the ship is under way<sup>329</sup>. And like any absolute monarch, the skipper can be tyrant if he rules in his selfish interest rather than the common good. He can abuse his authority in an effort to get ahead.

One reason that toxic leadership persists in the military is because performance is evaluated in a top-down fashion. In a military chain of command, this means that toxic leaders can keep their subordinates under their thumbs and they are also pretty good at currying favor with their superiors. Hence, toxic leaders remain in place and are even promoted, despite their toxic ways. A new bottom-up evaluation procedure that enables subordinates to evaluate their supervisors in the FWS OLE would help.

Enter **Captain Leslie E. Gehres**, who assumed command of the **USS Franklin** in the South Pacific on the heels of the October 1944 Japanese kamikaze strike, and who caused many more sailors to die on his watch. History repeats its self as with the recent collision of the **USS Fitzgerald**, a guided missile destroyer with a cargo vessel off the waters of Japan. Just like **Gehres**, **Woody** and **Lauro** come off looking like they're operating with blindfolds on, desperately trying to find their way, following in the footsteps of their nefarious predecessors.

Toxic leadership is a combination of self-centered attitudes, motivations, and behaviors that have adverse effects on subordinates, the organization, and mission performance. This leader lacks concern for others and the climate of the organization, which leads to short and long-term negative effects. The toxic leader operates with an inflated sense of self-worth and from acute self-interest.

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<sup>327</sup> The **USS Franklin** was badly damaged by a Japanese air attack in March 1945, with the loss of over 800 of her crew, becoming the most heavily damaged United States carrier to survive the war.

<sup>328</sup> **Aloise** was a Marine Captain.

<sup>329</sup> In the FWS OLE it's the Chief and his SAC's.

Toxic leaders consistently use dysfunctional behaviors to deceive, intimidate, coerce, or unfairly punish others to get what they want for themselves. Prolonged use of negative leadership to influence followers undermines the followers' will, initiative, and potential and destroys morale.

Why then do **Lauro** and **Woody** continue to employ *Giglio-Impaired* law enforcement officers, to include hiring individuals who are illegally employed as a byproduct of nepotism? Employees who have withheld negative information about themselves in order to pass suitability/security investigations. Employees who cheat on their spouses and who misuse GOV; and then allows these *Giglio-Impaired* SAs to conduct criminal investigations, act as an affiant on search warrants/execute search warrants, or testify before a federal grand jury or in a federal court proceeding.

The DOI OIG has made it a point to speak to our SAs during the *annual FWS OLE In-Service Refresher Training Sessions*. These talks have alternated from the scared-strait program for corporate white collar professionals, to the importance of ethics and integrity in the law enforcement culture. It does not suffice for management to give pro forma admonitions to their subordinates to behave honestly when their examples in themselves show a total disregard for personal integrity.

Former Secretary of Interior **Jewell** called the Bunkerville, Nevada standoff the worst moment of her tenure<sup>330</sup>. Then after the October 27, 2016 announcement of the acquittal of Ammon Bundy et al., she warned her DOI employees to *take care of yourselves and remain vigilant*.

What Secretaries **Jewel** and **Zinke** failed to recognize was this *Sagebrush Rebellion* was a self-inflicted blow brought about by **William Charles Woody**, and **Salvatore Lauro**. During their rein **Woody** and **Lauro** have hired, promoted and retained a number of unethical, incompetent and unprofessional *Giglio-Impaired* law enforcement officers. These unscrupulous law enforcement officers will bring even more challenges and further uncertainty to the DOI, with the recent creation of the *Bears Ears National Monument*, the *Gold Butte National Monument* and the expansion of the *Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument*, all which requires the trust of the public.

The Secretary of the DOI needs to begin reviewing the DOI law enforcement hiring practices and we encourage you to look at the unethical root causes of allegations enumerated within, to include those law enforcement officers who are medical unable to perform the essential duties of their position due to their physical limitations.

Action and transparency is the key to earning the public's trust. This is an opportunity for the DOI to improve employee moral and to build back the trust of

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<sup>330</sup> Washington Post article authored by Kevin Sullivan and Juliet Eilperin dated November 2, 2016.

the public by *Draining The DOI Swamp* of those corrupt and unscrupulous DOI *Gi2glio-Impaired* law enforcement officers.

From 1973 to the present a mere seven hundred SAs have worked for the FWS OLE. However, the allegations listed herein suggest that the scope of the impropriety and the malfeasance is unprecedented for such a small workforce. And who knows what additional transgressions will be exposed under further examination?

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