EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Motorcycle Profiling Is A Pervasive Problem In Most States:

The historical pattern of evidence is documented and irrefutable. Individuals and groups of motorcyclists are regularly the victims of selective enforcement from coast-to-coast, even during political and charitable events, based on their appearance, not their conduct. A mass of recently signed Victim Statements prove this pattern persists and is widespread in most states.

Examples:

(01-20-17) Friday night I was pulled over by Boise police on the Boise State campus while riding my Harley Davidson. I pulled over, stood up to obtain my insurance, registration and ID. The officer screamed, yelled and threatened me with his hand on his firearm before ever even approaching me. I was told I was pulled over because of "the way you changed lanes and your speed. " End result: they took several photos of me, my motorcycle and my jacket. I told them I did not approve and do not consent to my photo being taken. I was "let go with a warning." I was then told to keep my hands on the bars and to not move until all officers had left the premises. (There were 3 cop cars and one campus security officer.)

Shortly after (three blocks away) I was followed by another vehicle (license plate: BPD 033) for 13 city blocks. To prove my point of profiling and discrimination, I circled the block three times and was followed and then pulled over after the third trip around the block (13th and Main).

This time I could not take my hands off my bars and the police reached inside my pockets for my license. I was held this time for approximately one hour while the police took additional photos of me, my bike and vest. There were 5 police cars surrounding me and a 6th police car blocked the intersection of 13th and Main. Several witnesses came forward stating there were several officers standing out of my view (behind a vehicle and several behind me) with firearms drawn and pointed at me. My ticket?.....turning into the wrong lane..?? They again told me to not move or even breathe until all officers were out of sight.

(01-26-17) On my way home after closing my business ("Crusin Biker Wear"). Driving westbound on Hwy 19 near Greenleaf. The speed limit is 60. The speed limit signs drops to 45 then 35 in Greenleaf. I was pulled over in Greenleaf. The officer stated I was doing 75 in a 60 to which I firmly disagreed. I absolutely was NOT speeding. He then asked "What name do you go by?" and "How many weapons do you have in your vehicle?" I told him I go by "Bree," and I had no weapons in my vehicle. This is the same vehicle with my business logo on my windows. He went back to his police vehicle and came back stating he "wasn't going to cite me."

2016 As a business owner "Cruisin Biker Wear," and ABATE member, we hold an event at Victors Hogs and Horns every Thursday for motorcyclists socializing. As ABATE we hold several different meetings at that location also. For months, every time there was a biker event or a meeting scheduled at victors, police officers would be sitting out in the parking lot. After events/meetings, members/motorcyclists/friends would go to leave, we were followed, and several times, pulled over for profiling reasons. i.e. "Your licence plate light is too bright," Your licence plate is too dim," "You did not come to a complete stop," "Your blinker was not on long enough," etc. This was always followed by "how much have you had to drink?" and many times with an on the side of the road DUI test which by the way, never amounted to a DUI. It got so bad that some members of the ABATE board, requested to move the meetings as they were tired of the harassment.

One evening as I was leaving after a meeting, I decided to approach them, obtain their business card so I could meet with a supervisor to discuss why we were being profiled and harassed. I slowly approached their vehicles so as not to alarm them sitting in their cars, and they watched me as I did. On that occasion I was in my vehicle which has my business logo on the windows. I stopped approximately 20 feet away from one of the police

vehicles and asked the female officer for her card. Immediately, the male officer jumped out of his car, hand on gun, yelling as he demanded to know why I wanted their business card. I calmly stated my reasons and he told me he didn't have a business card He stated if I wasn't drinking and driving I shouldn't be worried about them sitting in the parking lot and further more, they could sit where ever they wanted to. I calmly stated that I wanted their names so I could have a conversation with a police superior and get this resolved. The female officer finally gave me her card. About 15 minutes later, my husband and I got into our truck to leave, the police vehicles had not moved. The male officer saw us leaving, performed a U-Turn with his tires squealing and followed us for 3 miles. So closely in fact, we could not see his headlights nor the front of his police car. There was a follow up meeting with his supervisor.

(10-15-16) While attending a motorcycle function, we observed several police vehicles (state, federal and county) observing us from down the street for several hours prior to our leaving the event. By the time we (appx. 12 bikes) were leaving the event, it was approximately 10:30 p.m., dark and pouring rain. We were traveling slow due to the rain/road conditions. When we passed the law enforcement vehicles, they ran to the vehicles and proceeded to follow our group. We were on the freeway when all law enforcement vehicles pulled our group over. They did not pull us fully onto the shoulder, they were blocking the right lane of traffic on the freeway, it was pouring rain and put all parties in danger. Another rider, not riding with our group, was coming towards the illegal traffic stop and was waved into the group stop. We were harassed, searched, questioned and ultimately, everyone pulled over was issued a ticket for doing 65 in a 45, including the rider who had not been riding in our group. Not the case due to weather conditions and being on the freeway. We plead Not Guilty the charges and found that Law Enforcement/Prosecuting Attorney then amended their Complaint to state we were at different location when the violation occurred.

NCOM 2015. ABATE of Idaho hosted the yearly regional meeting for the National Coalition of Motorcyclists. This is an event where motorcyclists from western states get together to discuss what is going on politically in their states and support each other with ideas and discussions. Our meetings were held in Boise at the Wyndham Garden Hotel. During the weekend event, Federal, State, County and City law enforcement continually drove through the parking lot, cars were parked for several hours at a time and they were also walking through the hotel monitoring. No biker caused incidents.

September 2014. ABATE of Idaho, Fall Closer event. Our 2-day fundraising event was held on private property at the corner of Black Cat and Chinden. During the early evening, we were informed there was law enforcement sitting outside the gates with binoculars. After observing this, a couple of us approached one of the officers and asked him why he was there. His response was that he was making sure that there wasn't going to be a problem. We explained who we were and asked him to go on his way as he was causing concern to those that were attempting to attend our event. We then returned to the event, and after a phone call to the police station, he finally left. No biker caused incidents.

(04-22-14) Live for 175 fund raising event "Breaking the Cycle of Child Abuse," on the corner of Fairview and Eagle. A group of motorcyclists rode to the event to participate and support this cause. As we walked towards the event, we were approached by two officers, one of which pointed towards one of the riders and asked him to step over towards them as they stated they had some questions to ask him. Another rider spoke up and said any questioning could be done in front of the group. The police officer then asked him why he was at the event. The rider stated he was supporting this event. The officer than asked him who he was affiliated with and his "real" reasons for being there. The rider asked the officer if he does this to everyone that attends fund raisers to which the officer responded, "No, only those that look like unscrupulous characters." The back patch the rider has on is vest is a United States Flag, with an Eagle that says "All Gave Some, Some Gave All." He is retired Air Force and Fire Fighter. No biker caused incidents.

These are just a few examples of many.