

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	3:16-CR-00051
v.)	
AMMON BUNDY, JON RITZHEIMER,)	
JOSEPH O'SHAUGHNESSY,)	
RYAN PAYNE, RYAN BUNDY,)	
BRIAN CAVALIER, SHAWNA COX,)	
PETER SANTILLI, JASON PATRICK,)	
DUANE LEO EHMER, DYLAN)	
ANDERSON, SEAN ANDERSON,)	
DAVID LEE FRY,)	
JEFF WAYNE BANTA,)	
SANDRA LYNN PFEIFER ANDERSON,)	
and KENNETH MEDENBACH,)	
Defendants.)	

SWORN DECLARATION OF EMORY COONS,
RECOGNIZED EXPERT ON ABORIGINAL TOOL-MAKING, LITHICS
AND ABORIGINAL ARTIFACTS AROUND HARNEY COUNTY, OREGON

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear and affirm, under oath, under penalties of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my knowledge:

1. My name is Emory Coons and I was born in Burns, Oregon in 1971.
2. My phone number is [REDACTED] Burns, OR 97720.
3. I have resided in Burns most of my life and attended Burns Union High School.
4. I am of mixed European and Native American descent, being part Cherokee and Choctaw.
5. My father, Cecil Coons (also of Burns), and my grandfather Bart Coons were also experts on aboriginal flint and stone toolmaking and lore. They taught me Native American skills such as making arrowheads, spear tips and blades from flint and other stone. I have been 'flintknapping' since the age of 5.
6. From an early age I have attended Native American heritage festivals, mountain men rendezvous and other events featuring lectures and instruction regarding aboriginal life skills. My father and I have sold stone hammers, knives, tomahawks, arrowheads and spearpoints and art at such events. As is customary, I sign my works with a diamond tipped scribe so as to distinguish them from ancient artifacts.

7. I was featured in the documentary "Cave Man at Glass Buttes," produced by Oregon Public Broadcasting, and have been featured on multiple news segments produced by TV news stations.
8. I have attended and put on demonstrations on aboriginal life skills in Nyssa Oregon, Burns Oregon, Madras Oregon, The Dalles Oregon, Pendleton Oregon, Mission Oregon, Salem Oregon, and Golden Dale Washington.
9. Native American-style blades that I chipped are shown and built into the Umatilla Veterans' Memorial.
10. I am an instructor of lithics for the Umatilla Confederated Tribes and have taught courses on stone toolmaking at Indian Lake for the Umatilla tribe for four years. Over the years, I have taught flintknapping and other aboriginal life skills to college students, college professors, tribal leaders, archaeologists, geologists, and others interested in aboriginal lore and culture.
11. I am also a recognized instructor regarding the construction and use of the atl-atl, an ancient Indian hunting weapon. I have given atl-atl demonstrations at Pipestone Creek, Alberta Canada and in Medicine Hat, British Colombia Canada, for the Junior Forest Wardens on behalf of Rick Wilcot, in Alberta, Canada twice.
12. I also demonstrated aboriginal flintknapping along the Oregon Wagon Train in 1993, the Baker interruptive center, the Rabbit Stick put on by Boulder Survival School in Rexburg, Idaho and 'Windows to the Past' for the BLM and Forest Service. I have been a regular attendee and demonstrator at various arrowhead makers conventions and gem shows at Glass Buttes, Oregon, Golden Dale, Washington, Ontario, Oregon, Prineville Oregon, and the 'Obsidian Days' show in Hines, Oregon my father started.
13. I am an expert on the identification and construction of stone arrowheads, blades, knives, spear points and tomahawks. I have fashioned and made many thousands of tools in the style of Paiute Indian and other Native American cultures which have historically inhabited lands that now fall under the designation of Oregon.
14. I was a weapon consultant and developer for the production and filming of the 2013 Hollywood film *Riddick Rules the Dark*, starring Vin Diesel. My name appears in the credits for the director's cut of the film, under "weapons development."
15. One of the aboriginal-style weapons I developed for the *Riddick* film, a 24-1/2-inch obsidian sword blade, was prominently featured in the promotional poster for the film. I constructed the blade using Harney County obsidian which I quarried from north of Burns, Oregon.
16. Prop producers for the *Riddick* film series contacted me in 2010 after making inquiries seeking the world's top experts at chipping stone tools.

REGARDING INDIAN ARTIFACTS AROUND HARNEY COUNTY

17. In addition to my expertise regarding the making and identification of stone tools and aboriginal weapons, I have expertise regarding other artifacts associated with plains and western American Indians, such as pottery. I am especially knowledgeable regarding Native sites around eastern and central Oregon. I have visited and inspected dozens of known ancient aboriginal sites and digs in Oregon. I have also reviewed some records of the U.S. cavalry regarding the various relocations and living areas of Paiute Indian groups over the past two hundred years.
18. I am a consultant on aboriginal lithic debris for Patrick O'Grady of the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History (phone 503-346-0671).

19. I can generally identify local stone flakes or debitage (waste flakes) that are authentically aboriginal. I can also generally identify whether an aboriginal flake is a percussion flake or a pressure flake, or identify which area of Harney County an aboriginal arrowhead or spearhead came from.
20. I can state categorically that the area known today as the Malheur Wildlife Refuge was never known as a significant or sacred Paiute Indian camping, settlement, or burial ground.
21. Although Harney County does contain a few significant Paiute sites, never has the headquarters area of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge been recognized as a sacred Paiute site by anthropologists, archaeologists or historians.
22. It is true that ancient or recent aboriginal groups probably wandered or visited the area now known as the Malheur Refuge, but the Malheur Refuge headquarters area is no more significant or sacred to Paiute traditional culture than any other area of Harney County, including places that are now parking lots, gas stations or residential sites. The only sense in which the Malheur Refuge might be described as a sacred Paiute location is the sense that every other location in the County (or even the entire state of Oregon) is also sacred.
23. I am prepared to testify and discuss these facts at any time, and can be contacted at the above address and phone number.

Sworn and signed, Emory Coen Dated 4/8/16

AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY JAY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT OF
OREGON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Versus

AMMON BUNDY, et al.

AFFIDAVIT OF LARRY JAY

I hereby swear and attest, under penalties of perjury, that the following statement is true.

My name is Larry Jay and I am a long-time resident of Harney County, Oregon. I have lived in the County for 65 years.

I am in the mining and panning business, among other businesses. I own and operate the [REDACTED] in Burns, Oregon (phone number [REDACTED])

I visited the Malheur Refuge a number of times during January 2016. I found the people there to be friendly. They did not stop anyone from coming or going, and anyone was welcome to go there and talk with them.

I am an adopted Crow Indian and I have knowledge of western plains Indian tradition and culture. While at the Malheur Refuge I witnessed the way that LaVoy Finnicum and others treated Native American artifacts with great respects. Finnicum and others had found Indian artifacts in a basement at the Malheur site which had been treated with disrespect by the BLM and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The government agencies had allowed the artifacts to become deteriorated and to fall into a bad condition. Finnicum and his friends had respectfully cleaned, organized and prepared the artifacts to be delivered to the Paiute Tribe. As a Crow Indian myself, I observed that the artifacts were treated with great respect by Finnicum.

During January, the town of Burns became occupied with dozens of heavily armed government troops. Some were mercenaries who seemed to be ex-military; others were FBI; others were law enforcement deputies from other counties.

There were both marked and unmarked vehicles. Some had government license plates; others had private plates.

On January 26, 2016, I was at work getting ready to come home. My work site is on the road between Burns and John Day. I received a phone call indicating that government agents or government mercenaries were blocking or regulating the road. I investigated and found that law enforcement teams were blocking all traffic headed northbound.

This was the day that LaVoy Finnicum was killed on that same road one or two hours later. This fact shows that the government was preparing hours in advance for the Finnicum roadblock and shootings.

About three days after LaVoy's death, I was driving in Burns when I noticed my engine was making noises. I stopped and popped the hood of my vehicle near the grange hall. I got out of my vehicle to look at the engine. I was soon approached by armed government agents. The agents both had their hands on their gun holsters, and the holsters appeared to be unsnapped. I was quite startled.

Signed under penalty of perjury:  Dated 4/8/2016

Larry Jay



Kalli R Warren

my commission expires July 01, 2017

DECLARATION OF MELODI MOLT

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This declaration is intended to help and assist the court in the case of United States v. Ammon Bundy and codefendants. I swear, under penalty of perjury, that the following facts are true and are within my personal knowledge:

1. My name is Melodi Molt and I am a resident of Harney County, Oregon.
2. My phone number is [REDACTED]
3. I went out to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge/Resource Center more than once during January 2016.
4. I was curious about the situation, but I found that the people gathered at the Refuge were nonthreatening and very friendly. I felt very comfortable around them.
5. The place was very clean and well maintained.
6. There was someone at the entrance of the Malheur area, but no one was blocking or stopping people from coming or going.
7. These feelings of comfort were in contrast to the sense of danger and intimidation that existed in the town of Burns, where armed FBI agents took over the town and turned it into a militarized zone.
8. I saw more guns on the FBI agents around town than I did among the people at the Malheur Refuge.
9. I saw evidence of great overspending by the government, as it seemed the government was deliberately spending as much money as possible. For example, there seemed to be dozens too many law enforcement officers from out of town.
10. The food service in the town of Burns was doing booming business throughout January and February 2016.

Signed under penalty of perjury Melodi Molt 4/8/2016

Melodi Molt

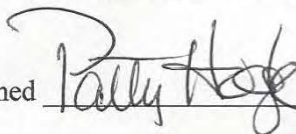
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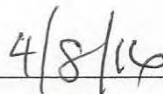
I, Patti Hodge, do hereby declare, under oath and under penalty of perjury, the following facts:

1. I am a resident of Burns, Oregon where I tend bar at the [REDACTED] Bar. I can be reached at: [REDACTED]
2. During the 41-day period in which the Bundys and others were at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, I frequently encountered bar patrons of all kinds. I served supporters of the Bundys, and many federal agents. They all got along in my bar.
3. I was treated well by all of the Bundy supporters, and never felt uncomfortable around any of them.
4. Business was good, and was much better than normal for wintertime. Almost all the businesses in Burns were making far more income during the 41-day period than they normally do in a typical January.
5. I estimate that most Burns businesses were doing 30 % more business than they normally do for that time of year.
6. I heard many rumors that there were militia members driving around town scaring the townspeople. I was very dubious of such rumors because the Bundy supporters I had served at work were always very friendly and nonthreatening.
7. Around the first or second week of January 2016, I was at a body shop in the Burns airport when two men I identified as FBI agents walked in wearing plain clothes.
8. The two agents asked me if any business owners in the area would rent them space to start a business.
9. The incident was peculiar because it was consistent with incidents in which other Burns residents had witnessed, involving undercover government agents acting strangely and asking about 'starting businesses.'
10. On two different nights around mid-January, I was driving in Burns and saw strange vehicles driving slow with spotlights. They were spotlighting residences. I decided to follow the vehicles.
11. On both nights the vehicles ultimately drove to the courthouse.

Signed



Dated



DECLARTATION OF THOMAS DAVIS

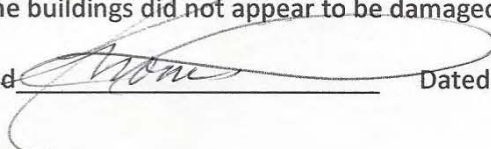
Declaration of Thomas Davis

I hereby swear and attest, under my oath and under penalty of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my personal observation and knowledge.

1. I have lived and ranched in Harney County since 1989. My address is the [REDACTED] Ranch, approximately 25 miles west of Burns, Oregon. My phone number is [REDACTED].
2. On many occasions I have been to the area known as the Malheur Wildlife Refuge. I have been inside the main meeting areas and buildings of the Refuge on many occasions over the past 25 years.
3. In all the years I have lived in Harney County and been around the Wildlife Refuge, never has there been any gate or barrier erected at the Refuge. The public have always had an unfettered right to enter the Refuge at any time and to stay as long as anyone wanted to.
4. It is quite customary that people go armed at the refuge. Every hunting season, the refuge (and the area generally) is swarmed with armed citizens openly carrying rifles. The surrounding community (of which I am a part) is in no way scared, terrorized or frightened by armed private people coming to Harney County or the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.
5. During the period around January 2016, I witnessed and interacted with the Ammon Bundy group and many others who gathered at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge.
6. I visited the Malheur Refuge on three (3) occasions during the time when the Ammon Bundy group were gathered there. I saw no guns displayed and I walked and drove freely around the place.
7. Everyone there was cordial and friendly. I felt very comfortable. No one was blocking anyone from coming in or going out.
8. During that period, I saw no signs saying to keep away or any postings or notices indicating that anyone was there illegally or should go away.
9. On Saturday, January 23, 2016, I was present at the Refuge when a group of alleged 'protesters' were also present. The 'protesters' held up signs that said things like "Keep Public Lands Public." Several people there identified one 'protester' as the same man who was seen earlier the same day working as an FBI agent in and amidst an FBI gathering.
10. During the same period, the Harney County region was being swarmed by hundreds of heavily-armed government agents of all types. I saw many dozens of military-style law enforcement vehicles around Burns.
11. During the same period, I saw three (3) 'blackhawk'-style military government helicopters in Harney County.
12. During the period, when I stopped at the Harney County Courthouse in Burns, Oregon, the place was filled with heavily-armed government agents brandishing firearms. Many had fingers on triggers and appeared aggressive and threatening.

13. On March 5, 2016, I was driving my car north from Grain Camp Road near the Refuge when I was aggressively tailgated by a Black suburban vehicle with government plates. This aggressive tailgating continued for about fifteen (15) miles. The government vehicle sped up and braked repeatedly in an intimidating manner.
14. On or around the second week of February, when those who owned cars that were parked at the Refuge needed to remove their cars, I visited the Refuge to help remove cars. I saw that almost all the cars had extensive damage such as broken windows and ripped-out seats. The government had had exclusive control over the place for a week, and had apparently deliberately damaged the vehicles.
15. During that visit (the visit while helping retrieve people's cars) I was carefully watched by government personnel. I did observe, however, that the place was not littered and the buildings did not appear to be damaged.

Signed



Dated

April 09, 2016

DECLARATION OF TRAVIS WILLIAMS

IN THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT OF OREGON

UNITED STATES)
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V.)
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AMMON BUNDY, et al.)
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DECLARATION OF TRAVIS WILLIAMS

I, Travis Williams, do swear out the following declaration, under oath and under penalties of perjury.

I am a fifth-generation rancher in Harney County, Oregon. My phone number is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] My address is [REDACTED] Drewsey, Oregon, 97904.

I have visited the Malheur Wildlife Refuge a number of times over the past decades. I observed that in the past few years, the place had become run down under the control of the government.

I know the Hammonds. Steven Hammond and I went to high school together. During January 2016 I visited the Malheur Wildlife Refuge three times. During that time, Ammon Bundy, Ryan Payne, Jason Patrick and others were there. I met many people who were at the Refuge and found them to be very nice gentlemen.

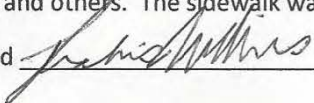
I heard no threats, and witnessed no one intimidating anyone. I felt totally safe.

I observed anyone could come and go as they wanted. No one was kept from entering or leaving. I am fairly certain that if any federal bureaucrat came and wanted to work there, they would have been welcome.

I observed that Ammon Bundy led group prayers calling for the safety of the FBI, BLM and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

I observed that during my visits to the Refuge during January 2016, the place had been greatly improved by the Bundys and others. The sidewalk was shoveled and swept.

Sworn and signed



Dated

4-7-16

**DECLARATION OF
WALTER LEE "BUTCH" EATON**

SWORN STATEMENT OF WALTER LEE "BUTCH" EATON

I, Walter "Butch" Eaton, do hereby solemnly swear that the following facts are true, under penalties of perjury.

1. My name is Butch Eaton and I am a retired union carpenter. I have lived in Burns, Oregon for five years.
2. My address [REDACTED] Burns, OR.
3. My phone number is [REDACTED]
4. I am the only Harney County resident who was with the constitutionalist group that first entered the area known as the Malheur Wildlife Refuge on January 2, 2016. I was with the group during a public assembly regarding the mistreatment of the Hammonds, when members of the group first drove to the Malheur Refuge in a caravan of vehicles. I was in the back seat of a white pickup. At the time I did not know that the caravan was going to drive to the Refuge.
5. No one was there when we arrived. There were no federal employees present anywhere. The place was unlocked.
6. None of us entered any buildings that were locked. There were no signs indicating we were trespassing or not welcomed.
7. During the following month, I visited the Refuge area five or six times. It was always peaceful. I never heard anyone threaten federal agents workers or officers.
8. In fact, Ammon and others frequently prayed for peace and for the safety of themselves and the BLM, FBI and other federal agents.
9. I saw that no one was ever turned away who wanted to enter the Refuge area. I observed that everyone felt safe and comfortable.
10. Ammon Bundy, Ryan Payne and others put on constitutional classes, which I found very interesting and informative.
11. The comfort and safety I felt at the Refuge/Resource Center was in sharp contrast to the feelings of danger and fear that I felt when I returned to Burns. The town was filled with threatening government agents who seemed to be everywhere.
12. On several occasions, I was followed by government vehicles while driving in Burns.
13. On one day around mid-January I was driving from Safeway toward home. I drove by the courthouse, I saw two officers wearing military style vests and blue jeans. They bore no identifying badges or patches.
14. I asked the men what agency they were with. They refused to answer.
15. During the same period, I frequently saw strangers around town. There were people from numerous law enforcement agencies all over town.
16. These extra law enforcement personnel appeared to be doing very little or nothing, other than driving around.

I declare under penalties of perjury that these facts are true.

Signed Walt Eaton Dated 4-8-16

DECLARATION OF KRISTY ANN COOPER

I, Kristy Ann Cooper, hereby swear and attest, under oath, that the following declaration is true and correct.

My name is Kristy Ann (Woodruff) Cooper, and I live at, [REDACTED] Veneta, Oregon 97487. My phone number is [REDACTED]. I have lived at this residence since 1977.

On January 25, 2016 my husband Rodney and I went to the refuge around 1:30 or 2:00 PM. I was a little wary of what type of people these guys might be, and I was looking for evidence of their integrity. Upon entering the main building where the kitchen was, we found a woman was mopping. The floor was clean, the counters were cleaned and wiped off, the entire kitchen seemed very clean. There was a small area on the right that was like a sitting room, with a couch, a bulletin board, and shelves with books and reading materials on them. Everything there was neat and tidy. The couch, although old, seemed clean, the shelves were neat, I did not see any piles of clutter. Living on a small farm that gets muddy, I remember noticing how clean it was on the inside, with so much traffic, and I was impressed, because I know how hard it is to keep the mud off of everything. When we turned around to exit the building we went through what used to be a weight room that had padding on the floor, like stall pads, and there were, I think three refrigerators, and one or two of them had padlocks on them, and temporary shelving units that had been put up, and were filled with food, all organized categorically so that those preparing food could find what they needed easily.

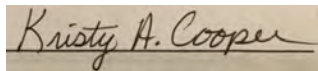
Being the daughter of an alcoholic, I looked for any evidence of alcohol because that would have lowered my respect for these people. I saw zero evidence of that, not even cans by the fire pit outside.

The roads were muddy from the snow thaw, and there was a small place outside the door to the kitchen where it looked like there had been some vehicles parked maybe when it was frozen, and as it thawed it became clear to the guys that it wasn't a good place to park, because it looked like they had stopped driving on it, as the tracks had started to firm up. I did observe that there was no squirreling around of vehicles in the mud. We talked with some men that were sitting under the canopy by the fire pit, and Ryan Bundy was one of the men on the right standing near the canopy. We talked with these men for a few minutes then got in our car to leave.

I was fascinated by the old stone buildings, and all of the house looking buildings and thought it strange that there would be cabin structures for

people to stay in. Everything was neat and clean with no garbage around the outside of the structures. I was careful to notice the state of the whole place because I notice when people show disrespect for property. (That was actually one of the items on my grade school report cards, and has since been a tool of how I assess the integrity of others.) The horse was in a temporary corral, and appeared well cared for. Everyone there was very friendly, and we felt very at ease with them. I remember feeling as we left that these people seemed to be people I could trust.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristy A. Cooper", written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Printed, Kristy A. Cooper
this 29th day of March, 2016

DECLARATION OF LINDA GAINER

Linda Gainer [REDACTED]

STATEMENT:

Owner of The Narrows restaurant/store/
gas station/RV park.

I live 6 miles from headquarters of
Malheur Refuge.

During the occupation of January 2 - mid-Feb.
2016, I saw many visitors, tourists, protesters,
militia, FBI agents, and media. Business
was good.

I did not feel any threat from any
of them. In fact, everyone seemed to
get along with each other.

Linda J. Gainer 3/28/16

DECLARATION OF JERRY MILLER

STATEMENT OF JERRY MILLER

PHONE:

My name is Jerry Miller and I have
ranching in Harney County, Oregon for 78 years.

I have grazed cattle on lands called BLM
lands for many years. On many occasions, I
have seen the BLM intimidate ranchers in this
area.

541-493-2678

On Thursday, January 14, 2016, I drove to
the Malheur Refuge and visited Ammon and
Ryan Bundy. No one was stopping anyone
from entering. I spoke with Ammon and Ryan
for about an hour.

Four days later, on the 18th, I saw the
Bundys again at a constitutional lecture at
the Crystal Crane Hot Spring. ~~Ammon~~, Ryan,
and Shauna Cox also came to my church in
Crane.

I found the Bundys and everyone in their
group to be very friendly and knowledgeable.

They were all helpful. They greatly
improved the Malheur area and buildings.

At the Constitutional lecture that Ammon
and Ryan Payne and Ryan Bundy put on at the
Hot Springs, there were more than 60 people
in attendance. The entire crowd came away
with friendly, positive feelings.

March 27, 2016

Jerry C. Miller

DECLARATION OF BJ SUPER

MY NAME IS BJ SOPER, I AM FROM
 REDMOND, OREGON. I CAN BE REACHED AT
 [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

I HEREBY SWORE UNDER OATH THE FOLLOWING IS TRUE:

DURING THE OCCUPATION OF THE MNWR, I
 PERSONALLY MADE 4 VISITS TO THE HEADQUARTERS.

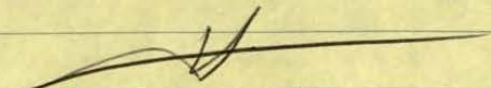
THE FIRST VISIT WAS ON OR AROUND JANUARY 6th 2016.
 I ENCOUNTERED LOCAL RESIDENTS THAT WANTED TO SEE
 WHAT WAS HAPPENING. I STAYED AT THE ENTRANCE
 THIS DAY BUT NOTED THAT ALL OF THE OCCUPIERS
 I ENCOUNTERED WERE VERY FRIENDLY AND THE
 AREA WAS KEPT CLEAN & TIGHTLY.

THROUGHOUT THE 41 DAYS OCCUPATION, I SPENT MOST
 OF THOSE DAYS IN HINNEY COUNTY WORKING TO
 FIND A SOLUTION TO THE SITUATION. I HAD OPEN
 LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH AMMON BNOY
 & DISCUSSED OFTEN IDEAS TO RESOLVE THE
 OCCUPATION. PPN EVEN PRESENTED ARTICLES OF
 RESOLUTION FOR WHICH THE OCCUPIERS WERE WILLING
 TO DISCUSS. THESE SAME ARTICLES WERE PRESENTED
 TO THE FBI, HINNEY COUNTY & WERE COMPLETELY
 IGNORED. THE OCCUPIERS WERE WILLING & ABLE
 TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION & A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION.

DURING THE MONTH I MADE 1 TRIP TO THE HEADQUARTERS TO DROP OFF SUPPLIES LOCUS WANTED TO DONATE TO THE OCCUPIERS, BUT WERE TOO SCARED TO TAKE THEMSELVES. WHEN I ARRIVED, I HAD MY 3 YEAR OLD WITH ME. I HAD NO FEAR OR CONCERNS FOR OUR SAFETY. I WAS IMPRESSED AT HOW WELL ORGANIZED THE BUILDING WAS AND THE CONCERN MADE TO KEEP THE FACILITY IN GOOD CONDITION.

2 TRIPS WERE MADE TO DISCUSS A WAY TO END THE OCCUPATION. THESE MEETINGS TOOK PLACE IN MULTIPLE BUILDINGS THAT WERE ALL WELL KEPT. ALL OCCUPIERS WERE FRIENDLY & WILLING TO SHOW ANYONE AROUND. THE FACILITY WAS OPEN TO ALL & I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THAT IF A REFUGEE EMPLOYEE WANTED TO GO TO WORK, THEY COULD HAVE.

THE HEADQUARTERS WAS KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION, & EMPHASIS WAS MADE TO DO SO. EVEN THE MAINTENANCE SHOP WAS CLEANED.


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AFFIDAVIT OF VICKY DAVIS

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SWORN DECLARATION OF VICKY DAVIS

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear and affirm, under oath, under penalties of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my personal knowledge:

1. My name is Vicky Davis and I am a citizen journalist living in Twin Falls, Idaho. I have lived in Twin Falls since around 2007.
2. Around mid-December 2015, I became aware of news stories from around Burns, Oregon relating to the Hammonds.
3. I began investigating the story, and later, on January 3, 2016, I went to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge to look into the matter.
4. On January 4, I arrived at the Malheur Refuge, along with Becky Hudson.
5. When Becky and I arrived, we simply casually walked down the hill. No one prevented us from going in, or even asked our names.
6. We walked into the main area, where ABC News was interviewing a man I later found out was LaVoy Finicum.
7. Becky and I turned around and started walking back. We ambled over toward a group of men and noticed that one of the men was a U.S. Fish & Wildlife person. He wore U.S. Fish & Wildlife uniform insignia, and was casually talking with a man I later identified as Ryan Bundy. The Fish & Wildlife man then casually walked to his U.S. government vehicle and drove away. The vehicle had a U.S. Fish & Wildlife logo on the side.

8. This stuck out in my mind because the news reports of the day had reported that there had been an armed takeover of the Malheur Refuge.
9. Later, around mid-January, I returned to the Malheur Refuge two other times.
10. The second time I visited the Refuge, I went into doorway area of the building where there were supplies.
11. I observed a man in a wheelchair inside.
12. I observed that there were people positioned around the gate area, but they did not stop me or ask my business. Everyone seemed friendly and nonthreatening.
13. I observed that the entire place seemed clean and neat, with no trash or litter anywhere.
14. Never at the Refuge did I ever feel threatened or nervous.

Sworn and signed

[Handwritten Signature]

Dated

3-29-16



State of Idaho County of Twin Falls
Subscribed and sworn to before me on 3/29/2016 (Date)
[Handwritten Signature]
(Notary Signature)
Robin Sharp
lx 8/14/2020

DECLARATION OF RODNEY GLEN COOPER

I Rodney Glen Cooper, hereby swear and attest, under oath, that the following declaration is true and correct.

My name is Rodney Glen Cooper, and I live at [REDACTED] Veneta, Oregon, 97487. I have lived at this residence since 1977.

My phone number is [REDACTED]

My son, Tim Cooper, and I visited the refuge on Saturday, January 23. We came to the entrance. A pickup truck was parked sideways blocking the roadway. We parked our vehicle and walked just inside the entrance where two guys were standing by a bonfire. We visited with them for a few minutes, then we drove down to the kitchen. We visited with some other men for a while, then we joined them in prayer and ate breakfast.

As I filled my plate, I noticed the cleanliness of the countertops. There were no dirty dishes laying around, and the kitchen floor appeared to have been recently cleaned because the only boot prints were wet ones. I was conscious of the fact that I had come from outside and was making tracks on the clean floor. After breakfast I used the restroom. The floor was completely clean of footprints, and the urinals were shiny clean.

Another thing that I noticed was there was no evidence of any alcohol around; no cases on the supply shelves, no empty bottles or cans gathered nor strewn around, nor did I see any one with alcohol standing around the fire pit.

We went to one other building where about eight men were meeting. They prayed at the beginning of the meeting asking God for guidance, and prayed again as we were leaving; praying for the safety of everyone, and specifically for the safety of Sheriff Ward and the OSP officers and the FBI.

My son and I walked around the grounds admiring the old rock buildings; reminiscing, recalling them looking the same as I remembered them from many years before.

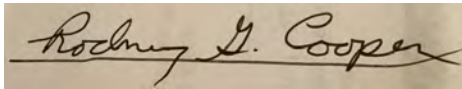
Even though most everyone was packing a sidearm, as I was not, I never felt endangered, intimidated, or fearful. I sensed I was in the presence of great and principled men. I was at home when I heard that LaVoy had been killed. I sat on my bed and wept like I had just lost a brother.

My wife and I visited the Malhuer Refuge the following Monday, January 25. She had never been to the refuge before and wanted to see what it looked like, and she was curious about the protesters.

We arrived around 2 o'clock or 2:30 in the afternoon. We spoke with the guys outside standing around the fire pit. Then we went inside the kitchen and visited with a woman who was mopping the kitchen floor. The kitchen looked immaculate. We went back outside to the fire pit and stood around and visited with 6 or 7 men for a few minutes.

After having been there about 20 minutes, we drove slowly out of the compound, admiring the cool old buildings.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background. The signature reads "Rodney G. Cooper" in a cursive script.

Printed, Rodney G. Cooper
this 29th day of March, 2016

DECLARATION OF BECKY HUDSON

STATEMENT OF BECKY HUDSON

My name is Becky Hudson. I live in Eagle, Idaho, where I have lived since 1976. My email address is [REDACTED]. My contact phone number is [REDACTED]. My husband and I founded TVOI.com ("The Voice of Idaho"). I am a reporter. We are a fully credentialed news outlet, recognized by the Idaho Secretary of State.

Our website can be found searching for "the voice of Idaho." Our website address is tvoinews.com.

I swear, under my oath, under penalties of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my personal knowledge.

1. On or around January 4th, 2016 just two days after the so-called 'occupation' of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge began, I visited the Refuge to learn more about the situation for purposes of news investigation.
2. While I was there on the 4th, I observed Ryan Bundy, Vicki Davis, and four men in a gathering. Two appeared to be young cowboys. The other two appeared to be middle-aged men.
3. I also saw a U.S. Fish and Wildlife pickup parked about 60 feet away, on the east side of the Refuge. It appeared that the driver of the pickup may have driven around from the south side. The pickup was parked near the heavy equipment.
4. The above fact is significant because there have been later reports that U.S. Fish and Wildlife pickups and personnel were banned or impeded from the area.
5. Everyone was welcome at the Refuge, and the people there made no efforts to exclude anyone.
6. There were no guns displayed as far as I saw.
7. During this time, I observed LaVoy Finicum walking toward the living quarters area. I approached him and spoke with him. I found Finicum to be thoughtful, soft-spoken, polite and kind.
8. I was present at the Refuge for a couple hours on January 4th, in the afternoon. I also returned the next day and the day after.
9. I saw that the facilities at the Refuge during the occupation were immaculate. The windows were cleaned. The grounds were shoveled or swept clean. Everything was neat and organized. There was no litter anywhere.

Respectfully submitted



Dated

3/28/16

DECLARATION OF LINSEY TYLER

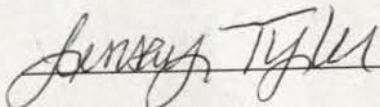
SWORN STATEMENT OF LINSEY TYLER

My name is Linsey Tyler and I live at 116 E. Adams, Burns, Oregon. My phone number is 541-589-3425. I have lived in Burns my entire life.

I hereby declare, certify, and attest, under oath, to the following facts. I swear, under penalties of perjury, that:

1. Around January 4, 2016, I visited the Malheur Wildlife Refuge and I met Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy, and others there. I also went there several times afterward.
2. I walked around the entire area and went inside the museum.
3. The museum was completely untouched. It was clean. Nothing was wrong with it. The door was unlocked.
4. I listened for about three hours to lectures and speeches by Ammon Bundy and others.
5. Also on the 4th of January, I saw Dan Nichols, Harney County Commissioner, attending the lectures. This is significant because it demonstrates that agents and officers of government were freely entering, and going among the Malheur 'occupiers.' Anyone who wanted to enter the Refuge area during the occupation was free to do so.
6. The people at the Refuge, including Ammon Bundy, Ryan Bundy, Ryan Payne, Jon Ritzheimer, and Brian Cavalier, were friendly and respectful. None of them were angry or hostile.
7. I felt more comfort and more safety among the group at the Malheur area than I did in the town of Burns.
8. I also saw that the Bundy people appeared to be carefully cleaning the facilities. They caused no damage whatsoever.

Respectfully submitted,


Linsey Tyler

Dated 3/27/2016

DECLARATION OF DILLON BANTON

STATEMENT OF DILLON BANTON
BURNS, OREGON
541-589-4394

My name is Dillon Banton. I

Soon after I heard government claims that there were dangerous people from out-of-state occupying the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, I went there to check it out.

I am familiar with the Refuge, as I grew up in Burns and have been to the Refuge several times.

I went to the Refuge soon after the so-called occupation began, and I met the people who were there. I found them to be very friendly, unintimidating and nice.

I ended up going to the refuge four times during the occupation. During those times I saw and heard no statements of violence, force or intimidation. The gate was watched but no one was stopped who wanted to come in.

No one was 'brandishing' firearms.

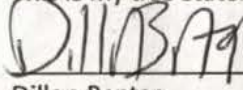
I felt safe and comfortable there. In fact I felt safer there than in the town of Burns, where the town was filled with heavily-armed government agents intimidating the townspeople.

REGARDING 'INDIAN ARTIFACTS'

Like other residents of Burns, I was familiar with the fact that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service casually displayed Indian artifacts out front in the elements.

The condition of the place at the Refuge improved and got cleaner during the four times that I visited during the occupation.

This is my true statement, under oath. I swear that the above facts are true, under penalties of perjury.



March 27, 2016

Dillon Banton

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MALE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES MALE

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear and affirm, under oath, under penalties of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my personal knowledge:

1. My name is James Male and live at [REDACTED] Burns, Oregon. I have lived in Burns for 18 years. My phone number is [REDACTED].
 2. During my childhood in the Burns area, I visited the Malheur Wildlife Refuge many dozens of times. I am quite familiar with the place.
 3. During a three-day period around January 20, 2016, I camped out and stayed at the Refuge while a number of individuals 'occupied' the place. I slept in the mess hall. I was armed only with pocketknives.
 4. During the 'occupation' I heard no talk whatsoever of force or violence. Everyone I met was very peaceful and friendly.
- REGARDING THE 'INDIAN ARTIFACTS'
5. I grew up in Burns and often visited the Refuge. I estimate I was there dozens of times.
 6. Over the years I would constantly see sacred indian artifacts, such as cooking pots and utensils displayed outside like cheap lawn ornaments.
 7. When I visited the Refuge during the January 2016 'occupation' I noticed that the artifacts had been deteriorated and decayed over the years due to exposure to the elements.
 8. I observed that the 'occupiers' did not touch, move or alter the Indian artifacts in any way.
- REGARDING FALSE ARREST IN FEBRUARY 2016

9. I left the Refuge a few days before LaVoy Finicum was killed.
10. I attended LaVoy Fincum's funeral in Kanab, Utah in February 2016.
11. On my return trip north from the funeral, I was pulled over by Utah State Police and FBI agents, in Salt Lake City.
12. The agents handcuffed me and detained me without probable cause for around two hours in Salt Lake City. At least one agent pointed an AR-15 at me. It was a false arrest.
13. The agents arrested my co-traveler, Wes Kjar, upon a supposed warrant. (They later let him go.)
14. After I was released, the agents took me to an FBI "safehouse" to stay the night while I waited for people to come and get me.
15. During the time I was at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge during the Bundy 'occupation,' I witnessed no damage whatsoever to the place. The Bundy people took great care to clean and tidy the place.

I say nothing further,

James Male
James Male

Dated Mar March 27-2016

DECLARATION OF DUANE SHROCK

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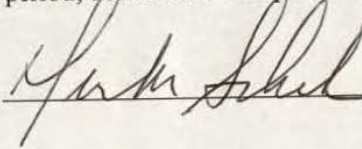
SWORN DECLARATION OF DUANE SCHROCK

I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear and affirm, under oath, under penalties of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my personal knowledge:

1. My name is Duane Schrock and I am a rancher in Harney County, Oregon. My phone number is [REDACTED] My address is [REDACTED] Crane, OR 97732.
2. I've ranched in Harney County for 8 years and have been buying hay here since the 1980s.
3. I first became acquainted with Ammon Bundy, Ryan Payne, Ryan Bundy and Jason Patrick in December 2015.
4. I later visited them many times during the so-called occupation period around January 2016.
5. I saw and observed the conditions at the Malheur area, and saw that the people who were staying at Malheur during the occupation were cleaning and straightening up the area.
6. I saw that the shop area of the Malheur facilities was extremely filthy at the beginning, and that the government had allowed equipment and facilities to become deteriorated and in disrepair.
7. The filthy conditions of the shop area showed a lack of concern by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the agency's personnel.
8. However, I saw that the occupiers were busily cleaning up and fixing the facilities.

9. The occupiers greatly improved the conditions of the Malheur area—both inside and outside of the buildings. I estimate that the occupiers added many thousands of dollars of improved value to the Malheur Refuge.
10. Also I observed that the occupiers were very cordial to everyone and greeted everyone very kindly. I saw no weapons brandished. In fact the occupiers openly tolerated hostile protesters yelling at them and calling them names.
11. No occupier made any effort to exclude anyone who wanted to enter, and any government worker or officer who wanted to come and talk to them was welcomed.
12. In fact, there were government workers and officers who visited the Malheur Refuge and freely retrieved their belongings.
13. During this period, the streets of Burns were filled with intimidating and threatening federal agents, some of whom were appearing to disguise themselves as dangerous private citizens. The people of Burns were aggressively tailgated while driving to and from work. In some cases, the undercover FBI agents appeared to drive like reckless or drunk drivers, speeding up behind people and then slamming on their brakes.
14. I myself was tailgated in this manner twice. I felt very scared.
15. The Malheur Refuge was, in fact, the safest place to be in Harney County during the 'occupation' period, because the occupiers made visitors feel comfortable and welcomed.

Sworn and signed,



Dated 3-28-16

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL EMORY

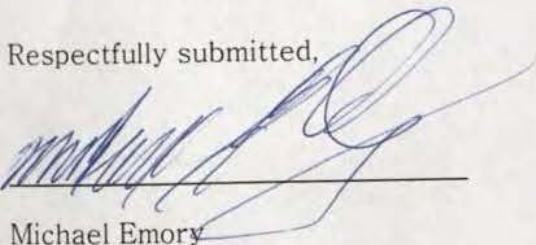
SWORN STATEMENT OF MICHAEL EMORY

My name is Michael Emory and I live at [REDACTED] My phone number is [REDACTED] I am an independent journalist, accredited by the State of Idaho.

I hereby declare, certify, and attest, under oath, to the following facts. I swear, under penalties of perjury, that:

1. As a journalist covering the so-called Bundy demonstrators, I was present on and off at the Malheur Refuge since December 29th, 2015.
2. I was an embedded reporter with The Three Percent of Idaho at the Refuge.
3. At all times, especially beginning around January 4, 2016, I visited the Malheur Wildlife Refuge along with fifty other journalists who were there to cover the goings-on there.
4. The place was crawling with news teams. At least 20 huge satellite vans were there. Many news vans were driving around inside the Refuge. Parking spaces were sparse.
5. I observed that no one was prevented from coming onto the Refuge area. Some news teams stayed there overnight for days at a time.
6. Journalists shared meals with the Bundy's and other so-called 'militia' guys.
7. Even protesters and people openly hostile were there all the time. Government workers were there all the time.
8. Ammon Bundy was so surrounded by reporters at all times that I was not even able to approach him for an interview during the 41-day 'occupation.'
9. The 'occupation' undoubtedly brought millions of dollars into Burns businesses.
10. The only violence and threats that I observed during the period came from the FBI itself, or perhaps from low-level 'squirrels' not associated with the Bundy group.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael Emory

Dated 3/28/16

DECLARATION OF ROBERT JOE CAIN

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3/26/16

My Name is Robert Joe Cain
 I live at [REDACTED] Howell Butte OR
 97753. For the past 2.5 years and the first 23
 years of my life I have lived here on my family's
 Ranch. Prior to moving back to my family's Ranch
 I lived in New NV. from June of 1984 to Nov 2013

On Jan 26 2016 I visited the Malheur Wild Life
 Refuge to see what was going on and the following
 is what I saw.

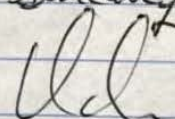
I arrived onsite at approximately 11:30 am on Tuesday
 Jan 26th. I was a little apprehensive as I didn't know
 what to expect, in regards to Police, FBI, Sheriff.
 Those concerns were diminished when I pulled up to
 the main entrance to the Refuge and was met by
 a ~~young~~ young man in his early 30's, I told
 him why I was there, and he told me that he
 would have someone come up and escort me
 down to the building, after a short wait someone
 came up and I followed them down. One arriving
 at the "Kitchen" we got out and went in, both
 men clearing their weapons and commenting that
 they were supposed to not bring weapons into the
 building. Once inside I noticed that ~~the~~ it was
 very neat and tidy, I would call it "spick and span"
~~but~~ it looked lived in but neat. I then met Victoria
 Sharp and her family where they invited me to stay

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and have lunch, I did and while I and others ate they sang several Gospel Songs. at this point I met Amos Bundy, shook hands and talked for a moment. a few minutes later one of the men who brought me in asked me if I'd like to take a short tour around the facilities and I agreed. we didn't go into any other building, but when we came to one building in particular he commented that the "indian artifacts" are in there, "we don't go in there, but can look inside if you'd like" I said that wasn't necessary as I could see from the general appearance of the facilities that they were taking care and not causing any damage, aside from normal, winter conditions with mud and mud on the roads.

after being onsite for about four hours I left about 3:30 PM for my return to Powell Butte

I swear under oath the above facts are true

Sincerely


DECLARATION OF CHRIS BRIELS

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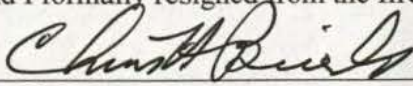
I, the undersigned, do solemnly swear and affirm, under oath, under penalties of perjury, that the following facts are true and within my personal knowledge:

1. My name is Chris Briels and I was the Burns, Oregon Fire Chief from 1984 to 2006 and the Harney County, Oregon Fire Chief from 1984 till 2016.
2. During my time in the Burns area, I visited the Malheur Wildlife Refuge many dozens of times. I am quite familiar with its conditions and history throughout the years.
3. As a fire chief I have also been a building inspector, and I inspect facilities to estimate and evaluate fire damage and hazards.
4. During the so-called 'occupation' of the Refuge of January and February 2016, I visited the Refuge on seven (7) occasions. I met with many of the people who later became federal criminal defendants, including Ammon Bundy, Shauna Cox, LaVoy Finicum, Ryan Bundy, Ryan Payne and others.
5. I had many conversations with these individuals. None of them appeared threatening or intimidating. Never did I see or witness any brandishing of guns or hear any remarks that sounded threatening or which made anyone visibly uncomfortable.
6. I also observed that the facilities at the Malheur Refuge were in excellent condition. I was surprised at how clean the place was. It was never so clean in all the years I had visited the place.

7. During this 'occupation' I observed that the town of Burns was filled with government law enforcement personnel. The law enforcement presence was everywhere, and was very aggressive.
8. During the 'occupation,' the Harney County Courthouse became a fortress of law enforcement security and surveillance. The Courthouse was surrounded by chain link fence. I saw armed snipers on the roof of the courthouse and the school.
9. The town of Burns was filled with paramilitary troops, with military-type vehicles parked and moving throughout the town.
10. On January 19, 2016, I was at Mike Choate's shop (C & C Auto) in Burns, getting my vehicle worked on. Mike repeated a rumor that there were hostile 'militia' guys scaring people or misbehaving near the armory in Burns. I drove over to the armory to look into the matter.
11. When I got to the armory, I saw a black SUV, which drove away as I approached. There were also two white smaller cars. The Ford SUV had Washington plates AUV1344.
12. I followed the black SUV approximately a mile to 'Big R' on Highway 20.
13. The black SUV turned without signaling, and went into the Big R parking lot, where the SUV circled around the parking lot. The white cars went another direction.
14. When the people in the black SUV stopped near McDonalds, I got out of my vehicle and approached the SUV's driver side. Both the passenger and the driver got out of the SUV. I stated my name and shook the men's hands.
15. I explained there were odd things going on around Burns and I was looking into the men's behavior.
16. The men would not give me their last names. The men said they were investigating a place to start a business.
17. I asked the 2 men if they were affiliated with the Oathkeepers, the militia, the 3 percenters, or the FBI. The men denied any such affiliation.
18. Immediately after, I went to see the sheriff. The sheriff refused to see me. I then called the sheriff's dispatch (Jennifer). Jennifer took down my information, including my information regarding the vehicle.
19. Then I drove back to the armory. I saw two local men I know, Newt Skunkcap (Burns Police Chief) and Chris Nisbet (Harney County Sheriff's Deputy).
20. I was standing between their two vehicles when Chris Nisbet received a phone call from dispatch. Nisbet said the phone call (from Jennifer) had said the two cars are FBI and the black SUV was undercover FBI.
21. Nesbet was also told that we were supposed to keep that information secret.
22. That evening there was a public meeting at the high school. Steve Grasty, the Harney County judge, spoke.
23. Grasty demonized the militia and the Harney County Committee of Safety. Grasty said the Bundy and militia groups were causing the city and county to run up a bill of \$70,000 to \$80,000 per day for added security.
24. I spoke up and addressed Grasty's remarks. I mentioned my experiences of earlier in the day.
25. The next morning, Grasty called. I went into Grasty's office. There were four cops in close proximity. I again raised the subject of the undercover FBI agents operating in the town.

26. Grasty told me to go home and leave the situation to himself and the FBI. We then got into an argument, and I formally resigned from the fire chief position in his office.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated March 27, 2016

Chris Briels

PHONE



AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH JAY

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT OF
OREGON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Versus

AMMON BUNDY, et al.

AFFIDAVIT OF DEBORAH JAY

My name is Deborah Jay and I have lived in Burns, Oregon for 15 years.
My phone number is [REDACTED]

During January 2016 I observed that local Burns law enforcement officials, joined by federal officials, exploited and wildly exaggerated claims regarding constitutionalists camping at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge area. I witnessed that the town of Burns became a Soviet-style police state. Government agents seemed to be everywhere. Chain-link fencing was erected at the courthouse and the school.

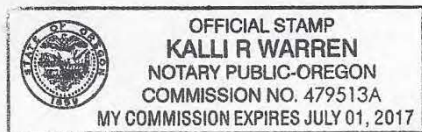
Nonetheless, the town of Burns was obviously prospering from the presence of the Bundy supporters. The restaurants, stores and gas stations were all doing great business.

I observed that government vehicles—some of which were unmarked—followed people around. I was followed by strange vehicles at least 4 or 5 times just while driving to and from stores.

Around January 15, 2016, I needed to go into the Harney County Courthouse to pay my taxes. As I walked into the building (which was heavily fortified and guarded), I was actually frisked and patted down by law enforcement agents, as other agents stood and watched. I was not wearing any loose clothing and it was obvious to anyone looking at me that I could not have been armed. The pat-down seemed to be intended to violate my privacy and humiliate me.

The law enforcement agents were pointing and brandishing guns, and were not very friendly.

Signed under penalty of perjury Deborah Jay Dated 4-8-16



Kalli R Warren
my commission expires 07/01/2017