

Contra Costa County Gun Permit Corruption (or: The Rupf Follies)

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Introduction

[Sheriff Warren Rupf](#) of [Contra Costa County, California](#) has financed his re-election efforts with selective issuance of both "CCW" (Carry Concealed Weapons) permits and a "quasi law enforcement status" totally illegal and improper in it's own right.

To understand how this was done, one must review and analyze three separate sources of information:

- 1) Campaign contribution records available at the County Board of Elections;
- 2) "Raw data" on CCW permitholders available via Public Records Act and summarized in Appendix A of this document; and
- 3) A "Sheriff's Posse Of Contra Costa County" newsletter from mid-2001 plus other "Posse insider" documents such as the application forms. As a "bonus", I can also prove that Rupf distributed Posse info and materials through his county offices and employees in a fashion more or less identical to [what Gayle Bishop was jailed for](#).

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Part 1: The Posse

History

The Contra Costa Sheriff's Mounted Posse had existed as a reserve sworn deputy unit until approximately 30 years ago. Its primary function was horse-mounted search and rescue, no doubt necessary in it's day. As the county urbanized, it's membership of citizens who had to own their own horses necessarily meant that it's members tended to be wealthy.

That in turn made it a campaign contribution goldmine for past Sheriffs.

As the members aged, at some point it was reduced in function to a parade and ceremonial unit still formally associated with the Sheriff's office, while a more modern "mechanized" Search and Rescue team took over those functions.

Several Posse members have told me that somewhere between 25 and 30 years ago, during a parade, a child blew a whistle in a horse's ear and it bolted. It failed to hurdle a parked car, and an elderly Posse member was severely injured (broken neck, per one source). The Sheriff at that time disbanded the Posse as a law enforcement unit...but it remained constituted as a political and social club dedicated to the

support of the incumbent Sheriff. As you'll see, it's remaining "law enforcement status" is considerable — and illegal as hell.

The Posse Today

As preparation for my Federal court case in 2001, I had a friend from a wealthy part of the county attempt to gain Posse-related information from the Sheriff's office. Sure enough, he was able to obtain the following two-page Posse application form from the Sheriff's office secretary:

Dear Sheriff's Posse Applicant:

I am pleased you want to join our Posse of men and women dedicated to supporting the Sheriff and his public safety efforts. Mutual respect and support between law enforcement personnel and the public is essential to our success.

Please complete this application and forward it with your application fee to our Secretary-Treasurer. This fee of one-hundred dollars (\$100) will be returned if your application is rejected and for successful candidates covers the first year dues which are seventy-five dollars (\$75).

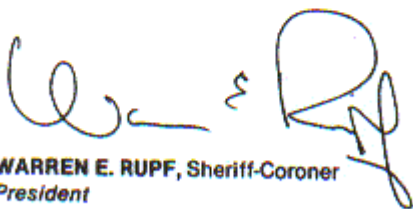
Your completed application will be presented to the Posse membership and our Board of Directors for their consideration. Pending their approval I will invite you and your sponsor to a swearing-in ceremony which is usually held in my office. This process usually takes 30 to 45 days, however, you are encouraged to participate in Posse activities that may occur during this processing period.

Membership is encouraged from any person over age 21 who shares the objectives of the Sheriff's Posse and is willing to contribute time, talent, and treasury to accomplish these objectives. Membership meetings are generally held on a quarterly basis and built around a theme or activity consistent with Posse objectives.

Members accepted by the membership committee and approved by the Board of Directors will receive: an identification card and may purchase, at their own expense, an approved star in gold and silver, showing "SHERIFF'S POSSE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY." *Members of the Sheriff's Posse are not law enforcement officers and by law are not allowed to represent themselves as peace officers.*

The Posse presently has several active sub-groups: A Mounted Posse which engages in many horsemanship activities, representing The Contra Costa County Sheriff in equine related events; an Air Posse is active in air and flying events; a Marine Posse serves in many capacities also. All sub-groups may be called upon to support the Sheriff or other law enforcement officials. There are many other avenues for the members of the Posse to offer their unique talents, and all members are encouraged to do so as their time and talents will allow. Our members take pride in their support and participation in public safety activities. These 300 men and women disprove the notion that public apathy will allow the criminals to prevail in the struggle to keep our neighborhoods safe.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask your sponsor or you may call me personally.



WARREN E. RUFF, Sheriff-Coroner
President

Let's add up the "police-like features" listed on the above-linked letter from the Sheriff: badges, gold stars, an "oath of office" in a "swearing-in ceremony" at the Sheriff's COUNTY offices? (We'll get to the uniforms, ranks such as Lieutenant and more later.)

Do also note that there is a \$100 fee and that it covers the first fee of "annual dues," payable yearly, at \$75. For people who live in states where \$20 will cover your CCW permit for four years, that might seem steep — a nice income stream for the Sheriff, no doubt.

Also, did you catch the part about how successful applicants must be "willing to contribute time, talent and **treasury**"? [emphasis mine] Golly, if you'll kick in some money, maybe you can exercise your right to self-defense without fear of getting busted and slapped with a felony — how generous. Now let's look at the actual application that came with the Sheriff's letter:

FOR OFFICE USE

Date Recd _____
Letter of Accept _____
Dues Recd \$ _____
Mbrship Fee \$ _____
Mbrship OK _____
BD Directors OK _____
Letter of Apprvl _____
Date Sworn In _____

THE SHERIFF'S POSSE OF CONTRA COSTA
Application for Membership



Mail to: Sheriff's Posse
P.O. Box 5
Martinez, CA 94553

1. Name _____
Last First Middle

2. Address _____
Number Street City Zip

3. Business Name _____ Occupation _____
Business Address _____
Number Street City Zip

4. Telephone: Residence: () _____ Business: () _____

5. Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____

6. Length of Time Lived in Contra Costa County? _____ California? _____

7. Marital Status _____ Spouse's Name _____

8. Any fine or prison sentences; been on court probation or paid a fine of more than \$500; or ever convicted by a military courtmartial?
No _____ Yes _____ When _____

9. Explanation _____

10. Please list any special skills, education or prior law enforcement experience you could share with Sheriff's Posse: Do you have access to:
 Airplane Horse Boat

11. State your reasons for wanting to join Sheriff's Posse:

12. List two Sponsors (Current Members of Sheriff's Posse)

Name _____ Telephone () _____
Address _____
Number Street City Zip

Name _____ Telephone () _____
Address _____
Number Street City Zip

(Read this statement carefully before signing). I hereby certify that all statements made on or in connection with this application are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief; and I understand and agree that any misstatements or omissions of material fact herein will cause forfeiture on my part of all rights as a Member of Sheriff's Posse of Contra Costa. I agree to abide by all laws of the U.S., the State of California, and area in which I reside, and the rules and regulations of this organization.

What the heck do members of a political club have to do with sharing "horses, boats or airplanes" with the Sheriff's office!? Note the middle of the application form page.

Also note the use of Rupf's official seal of office on this application form for something his attorneys described in court (twice) as a "private political club". Per the letter, they may be "called upon to support the Sheriff". They're supposed to give "time, talent and treasury" to the "goals of the Sheriff" (apparently

including re-election). They get "ID Cards" (not badges?), "Gold Stars", and have a swearing in ceremony (more on those later), yet they're not law enforcement of any sort?

Oh, and a lot of 'em seem to hold CCW permits — see also [Appendix A](#).

You may have noticed the reference to "gold stars" — let me quote a description of the one available in 2000 from an actual Posse member, from his Email to me:

"There was the 2000 'commemorative' badge that was full sized, what 3 inches, maybe bigger?? 7 points, just like the regular uniform badge, saying: 'Sheriff, Contra Costa County', differing from a uniform badge in that the Calif seal in the middle is gold plated, not full color enamel, center is not the seal of the county, but rather that of Calif."

The 7 points identify it to law enforcement as an actual law enforcement insignia, yet per Rupf's letter to prospective Posse, the members "are not law enforcement officers". Hint, wink, nudge...more evidence of law enforcement privileges and trappings for the Posse will become clear later when we look at their newsletter.

I decided to play rough.

The guy who got that set of Posse application materials lived in the wealthy enclave of Kensington, which is outside of any town Rupf has a "zero CCW agreement" with. I figured with that sort of upscale address, Rupf would just love him as a prospective Posse member.

So I had him call up Rupf's COUNTY offices, talk to his secretary, and get the date of the next Posse affair plus get more copies of the Posse application forms as above. (In fact, those forms above are copied from what he received). He then documented the results...for his privacy, his name has been deleted but you can contact my attorney David Beauvais who can confirm the authenticity of this two-page document. Following are the two pages of a signed declaration for my court case:

1 DAVID J. BEAUVAIS (SB# 84275)
1840 Woolsey Street
Berkeley, California 94703
Telephone: (510) 845-0504

2 Attorney for Plaintiffs
3 JAMES MARCH, DEREK WESTFALL
and RUSSELL MCDONALD
4

5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

7 JAMES MARCH, DEREK WESTFALL,
and RUSSELL MCDONALD,)

No. C 00 3360 WHA

8 Plaintiffs,
9

10 vs.

DECLARATION OF

Private - contact David Beauvais
Esq above for confirmation as to
the authenticity of this document

11 WARREN E. RUPF, individually and
in his capacity as Sheriff of the
County of Contra Costa; WAYNE
12 WILLETT, individually and in his
capacity as a Captain of the Contra
Costa County Sheriff's Department; the
13 COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA;
AARON BAKER, individually and in
14 his capacity as Chief of Police of
the City of Pittsburg; CITY OF
15 PITTSBURG; JOSEPH SAMUELS,
individually and in his capacity as
16 Chief of Police of the City of
Richmond; EDWARD DUNCAN,
17 individually and in his former capacity
as Chief of Police of the City of
18 Richmond; and CITY OF RICHMOND;

19 Defendants.
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21
22 I, Private, declare as follows:

23 1. I make this declaration of my own personal knowledge and if called as a witness, I
24 would competently testify to the facts set forth herein.

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26 On 4/12/2001 at 4:13 p.m. I placed a telephone call to Personnel and Administration,
27 Contra Costa County Sheriff's Dept., 925-335-1500. Someone who identified themselves as
28 "Diana" answered.

Declaration of: Private.....

1 I requested information on when the next dinner would be held for the Contra Costa
2 Sheriff's Posse. I also indicated that I would be interested in an application for the sheriff's
3 posse. Diana referred me to the Sheriff's secretary, who per Diana was on the phone at that
4 moment. Diana stated that the secretary would call me back.

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6 At 5:04 p.m. 4/12/2001 Mary Fournau, Sheriff Rupf's secretary returned my call and
7 stated the Sheriff's Posse was having a BBQ on July 29th. She also understood I was
8 interested in an application for the Sheriff's Posse which she said that she would send to me.
9 She asked for my name and address which I supplied: private
10 (address deleted for privacy purposes...)

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12 On 4/14/01 I received an envelope containing a Posse application form; on the reverse
13 was a letter from Sheriff Rupf to all Posse applicants, with Sheriff Rupf's signature as
14 President. That envelope (postmarked 13 Apr. 2001) and its original contents are attached
15 to this declaration.

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17 The letter states in Paragraph Four: "Membership is encouraged from any person over
18 age 21 who shares the objectives of the Sheriff's Posse and is willing to contribute time,
19 talent, and treasury to accomplish these objectives."

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21 I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this
22 declaration was executed on May 16th, 2001 at Kensington, California.

23
24 private

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Declaration of: private 2 of 2

Busted!

If the Posse is a "private political club" in support of the Sheriff, then Rupf's personal secretary had no business knowing the date of their next social function, or how to route an application to the guy from Kensington.

This, ladies and gents, is called "misuse of county personnel and facilities for personal political ends". And it's exactly what former Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors member Gayle Bishop recently lost her job over, plus spent 30 days in the pokey. Sheriff Rupf's jail, come to think. And she was busted by DA Gary Yancey, who as we've seen is Rupf's close buddy. Yancey received campaign contributions from many of the same CCW permitholders who are also Posse as gave money to Rupf.

NOTE: Former Contra Costa County Supervisor Gayle Bishop's convictions for misuse of public funds were related to her use of her county-paid staff and resources for her private law practice and her unsuccessful re-election campaign. Also interesting is the fact that [Blackhawk Corp. was fined \\$26,000](#) by the Fair Political Practices Commission in connection with contributions to Bishop — and the owner of Blackhawk is a member of Sheriff Rupf's Posse by the name of Kenneth Behring, former owner of the Seattle Seahawks.

So Rupf figured nobody was going to investigate him to the same degree Ms. Bishop was looked into... 'cept he forgot about one extra investigator running around loose.

Me.

But he's got another problem too — one of the Posse is very much in favor of widespread self defense, and happened to pass me something quite interesting: a Posse newsletter dated April-June 2001. All six pages of that document follow, with commentary...



Sheriff's Posse of Contra Costa

Newsletter



April-June 2001

Guest Columnist

Joint projects help police, sheriff do their jobs more efficiently

By Chief Joseph Samuels Jr.
Richmond Police Department

Over the past 18 months, the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department and the Richmond Police Department have collaborated on a number of programs to enhance public safety in Richmond.

*The vision of
collaboration
is in place.'*

-- Chief Joe Samuels

For example, a program that has been very successful so far is the "Operation Twin Towers" Project which began on Jan. 29, 2001. The mission of the operation, still underway, is for the Richmond Police Department officers and Contra Costa Sheriff's deputies to join forces to reduce violence and the perception of violence within the city limits of Richmond and the unincorporated areas of North Richmond.

Since the beginning of the operation, the Police Department's Metro Team and Sheriff's "J" Team have been responsive to needs and creative approaches. Specifically, areas of firearms-related violence and chronic drug sales, identified through the Crime

analysis Unit Work ups and sharing of information by tenured, knowledgeable officers, have been targeted.

We have devised a deployment scheme to put "the cops and deputies where the dots
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sheriff Warren Rupf

Healthy, productive organizations are driven by good people.

We have some of the best community-minded citizens in the Contra Costa Sheriff's Posse.

They are energized by new members, counseled by more senior members, and learn from each other at our events designed to get us together in support of the greater causes involving

our communities.

We need to continue to look for folks who think in terms of community service and how their support for and involvement with law enforcement can contribute to the betterment of our neighborhoods.

Involvement between the community and law enforcement is the secret of safe communities.

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Page one: nothing too odd, except that PD Chief Samuels of Richmond is one of the Chiefs who has requested that Rupf not issue CCW permits in his town — and Samuels clearly knows of the Posse's existence. Whether he knows of the extreme favoritism Posse members receive in CCW is as yet an open question.

Both departments benefit from sharing of information

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are" in order to effectively keep predators within the community in jail or on the run, while we enhance the quality of life for law-abiding citizens.

To date, this specialized deployment has yielded 143 arrests, towed five vehicles that were involved in felony drug sales, and issued 22 moving violations with the targeted areas. Additionally, approximately \$16,000 in street-level narcotics was confiscated and eight weapons were seized.

Other collaborative efforts include, but are not limited to examining the possibility of share communi-

cations channels, shared crime analysis and geographic information systems and enhancement of the county's ACCJIN (All-County Criminal Justice Information Network) system. Planning and research on these initiatives are being done. The vision of collaboration is in place.

This is just a thumbnail view of the active, cooperative and collaborative relationship that has been developed and continued to grow between the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office and the Richmond Police Department. Law enforcement works best when it works together.

Sheriff's Posse's Next Event

Annual Barbecue and Summer Fun Fest

If you've been before, you'll be there again because this is our best event for getting together with old friends, meeting new ones, and having one heck of a meal, ranging from excellent local meats to freshly harvested fruits and vegetables from local farms, plus games and great door prizes!

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2001

County Fairgrounds, Antioch

Watch for details and registration flyer in the mail.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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We hold our members to the highest ethics. Our reputation and good works depend on good behavior. Without that, we become tainted and our good works and influence are lessened and less desired in the community.

We print the list of new members in each edition of the Newsletter so that you can get to know each other and help the newcomers get to know the organization.

We can always use volunteers for events, be it the scholarship golf tournament, the dinners, the summer barbecue and others. If you want to get more involved than just attending these events, don't hesitate to call the Sheriff's Posse number on the back page and let us know.

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Speaking of our senior members, we lost one of the best in January when Joe Vrankovich of Danville passed away. You will read more of that elsewhere in this newsletter, but I just want to say here that Joe's contributions to his community and to the Sheriff's Posse were numerous and exemplary.

No one could have done more than Joe did over the years to promote, as a citizen, the cause of law enforcement and the worth of the Sheriff's Posse. He helped make it the outstanding organization that it is.

Members new and old can look to his contributions as a model of how to contribute to your community.

Sheriff Warren Rupf

The recently deceased Joe Vrankovich was a CCW permitholder. Rupf asks for volunteers for, among other things, the "dinners" — Posse dinners directly benefited Rupf's campaign fund, as you'll see in the campaign finance statements in part two.

Annual Membership Meeting Brings Good Cheer!



Retired S.F. Police Chief Thomas Cahill ribbs The Sheriff as his wife looks on.



Jess Erickson, Sandee LaViolette and Mike Shimansky enjoy a friendly moment.



Jeff Straus gives Assemblywoman Lynne Leach some friendly advice.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

in December was made festive with the holiday decorations of the Pleasant Hill Community Center and a fine dinner catered by Scott's of Walnut Creek. Retired S.F. Police Chief Thomas Cahill gave a look at his historic career, complete with Irish wit.



Sheriff Rupf chats with Steve Mickich and Jim Kellogg.



Susan and Lawrence Beasley share season's greetings with their host.



George Egan, Bette Boatmun, Ron Rives and Anna Zeelen enjoyed the festivities.

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When I complained about the favoritism in CCW issuance being shown to Posse members to my elected representatives, I was ignored. In the case of Senator Rainey, this was to be expected, he was Sheriff before Rupf and ran the Posse then. Shown here is my other elected rep, Assemblywoman Lynne Leach, partying with 'em.

FEEDBACK: Our efforts are helping Contra Costa youth

One of our chief goals as the Sheriff's Posse is to help the youth of Contra Costa County, especially those at-risk from societal factors not conducive to healthy growth. We tell you from time to time how we spend the money we raise for such purposes. It is important to get feedback from the community to assure we are spending our funds wisely.

Here are two examples of recent letters we have received.

Juvenile Hall Auxiliary of Contra Costa County

Dear Sheriff Rupf and Our Friends
at the Sheriff's Posse,

We would like to take this opportunity to give you our sincerest thanks for selecting the Juvenile Hall Auxiliary as a co-recipient of your IV Annual Super Bowl "Beer and Brats" extravaganza. The event was a financial success and quite an enjoyable afternoon for all in attendance.

The event raised \$2,350 for the auxiliary, which will be used for our School Assistance Program. We are currently assisting 15 students. They are usually working one or more part-time jobs and struggling to cover all of their expenses.

Through this funding, our students are able to concentrate more on their studies and less on how they are going to be able to continue their education. The children attend a variety of institutions such as Knoxville College, Diablo Valley College, San Francisco State, University of Michigan and Menlo College. They invariably choose a major such as social work, teaching or law in an attempt to improve "the system."

Our primary goal continues to be assisting all the at-risk youth of Contra Costa County, in any way we are able, helping them become productive citizens in our community. Your

donation will surely aid our mission.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support of our organization. We look forward to working with you again next year.

Sincerely,
Shannon Grosenheider
Executive Administrative Assistant

Concord Youth Center

Dear Sheriff Rupf,

Thank you so very much for the Sheriff's Charities generous donation to the Concord Youth Center.

You and your group's tireless efforts and contributions to the youth of our area are truly inspiring and commendable. I do not say this lightly that I admire your "extra efforts" and "beyond the call of duty" work for the many children who need our help.

I also wanted to acknowledge your honest and caring public service career during a time when we so desperately need leadership and integrity.

It has been a privilege to work with you.

Best regards,
Mike Mastrangelo
CYC Administrator

Ethics issue: Posse Board dismisses a member

By Dennis Kahane

Ethics Chairman

The Posse's Board of Directors, at its recent meeting in Crockett, voted to dismiss a member following its determination that his "continued membership is not in the best interests" of the Posse.

The now former member, whose name is being withheld, was stopped by police out-of-state for a minor offense. While being questioned, he presented a badge case with the 150-year commemorative bear badge and made comments leading the officers to believe he was a sworn law enforcement officer.

The Police Officer who arrested him, and two Sheriff's Deputies at the county jail, each advised that the subject was very inebriated and entirely cooperative, but that he gave various conflicting accounts of his law enforcement status.

At one point, according to these officers, he said he was a CHP Officer, then a "Reserve Narc," and at still another time a "sworn member of the Contra Costa County Mounted Posse."

The member was provided with the opportunity to tell his side of the story, and a Posse Director interviewed him for an hour-and-a-half. The member denied all wrongdoing and denied the police accounts. He displayed his badge case and badge, and indicated that he kept his Driver's License in the badge case. His Posse ID was prominently displayed, and two dime-sized gold-colored stickers with imprints of the 7-point CHP badge were affixed to his Driver's License.

The Directors reviewed the facts of the case for approximately 45 minutes and thoroughly discussed and debated the appropriate decision. The vote in favor of dismissing the member was 4-1 (with 1 abstention).

The Board made it clear that members need to understand that the Posse is a civilian organization with no law enforcement powers, and that members cannot act in such a manner as to imply a peace officer status.

Sheriff Rupf has written to the Police Chief and the out-of-state Sheriff extending, on behalf of the Posse's entire membership, his "personal apology" for the former member's misbehavior.

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Let's see, they named a benefit event for juvenile hall inmates "Beer and Brats"? I wonder if the kids know?

More seriously, here we have a case of a Posse member trying to pass himself off as a cop. He failed because he was drunk off his rocker, and "gilded the lily" by adding CHP insignia. Except for that, it might have worked.

Marine Posse invites members looking for exciting job

The Sheriff's Marine Posse is recruiting men and women Posse members to help carry on the great traditions of this arm of the Posse.

The Marine Posse has always prided itself on being among the most active of the Sheriff's Posse members. Supporting the Sheriff and promoting the Office of the Sheriff have been our prime concern, together with active participation with the Marine Patrol.

The Marine Posse has raised thousands of dollars over the last 20 years, with the money going directly to the Sheriff's Marine Patrol for purchase of equipment that wasn't readily available from other budgets.

The unit has staffed six or seven marinas at the start of Safe Boating Week each summer, working the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron to promote safe boating and the Office of the Sheriff.

It has had a regular presence at such events as the Pittsburg Sea Food Festival and the Antioch Jamboree, working along Marine Patrol deputies to show people a Sheriff's Marine Patrol boat. It's a great public relations

effort, especially loved by the children.

The unit has attended boat launchings, funerals and other functions, wearing uniforms as directed by the Sheriff. It holds five dinners a year, with profits going to aid the Marine Patrol.

Old Father Time has caused numbers to dwindle as veterans of the Marine Posse leave the ranks. The most recent, and one who will be sorely missed, was Lt. Joe Vrankovich, who passed away in January.

We are looking for new members who are members of the Sheriff's Posse. Interested members don't need a boat or even a background in boating to be a member of the Marine Posse, just an interest in supporting law enforcement and the great job our Sheriff's Office does in patrolling the Delta.

Anyone interested in participating in a great outdoor activity that helps our Marine Patrol deputies and educates the public about safe boating is invited to call Marine Patrol President Mike Zeelen at (510) 232-1462 (business) or (510) 223-8098 (home), or the Posse office at (925) 372-0969.

Sheriff's Charity Ball moves to springtime

You will notice that the Sheriff's Charity Ball is not on the Posse calendar for this fall.

A decision has been made to move the ball to March beginning next year. This will move it away from October's golf tournament, making it easier for our volunteers to do the great job they do on organizing these events.

The date has already been set: March 9, 2002. Needless to say, you will get the proper notices in time for you to register for what will be another great event benefitting our community.

NEW MEMBERS

John Laye,	Gary Herren,
Orinda	Martinez
David Hogan,	Alexander Macdonald,
Bay Point	Walnut Creek
Wilfred O'Neill,	Daniel Speck,
Pleasant Hill	Walnut Creek
Michael Henry,	Paul Scannell,
San Ramon	Antioch
Charles Vitale,	Walnut Creek

Welcome!

Membership Information: (925) 372-0969

Posse will miss Joe Vrankovich longtime member, director

In January, the Sheriff's Posse lost one of its most stalwart members, Joe Vrankovich of San Ramon, at the age of 85.

Joseph Dominic Vrankovich was a veteran member who had served under a number of sheriffs. He was also a longtime member of the Posse Board of Directors and attended its meetings until recently.

A butcher with the Oakland Meat Co. until his retirement, the native of Oakland had lived in San Ramon for 24 years. His activities serving the Sheriff's Posse over the years were many and varied. He was co-founder of the annual DeVincenzi-Vrankovich Dinner, one of the most popular events of the year. He was a lieutenant in the Marine Posse.

Joe was also a member of Knights of Columbus and the Butchers Union. When not serving his community, he enjoyed hunting and fishing.

As is Posse policy, Joe's wife of 54 years, AnnaBelle, will be made a life member of the Posse. They raised two daughters, Joanne Hucik of Sacramento and Jute Joseph of Danville. He is also survived by four grandchildren.

Joe's energy and commitment to his community and to the support of law enforcement will not be forgotten.

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At age 85, Vrankovich's rank of "Lieutenant" couldn't have been as a reservist — that's a POSSE rank. Per the 1st article, the "Marine Posse" has uniforms in which they appear in public. So the Posse has ranks, uniforms, gold stars, ID cards ("badges"), swearing-in ceremonies, easy access to gun carry...and they're not cops? Mike Zeelen holds a CCW permit.

**Sheriff's Posse of Contra Costa
2001 Calendar of Events**

Sunday, July 29 -- Annual Barbecue,
County Fairgrounds, Antioch

Monday, Oct. 8 -- Charity Golf Tourney,
Discovery Bay

**Wednesday, Dec. 5 -- Fall General
Membership Dinner,**
Walnut Creek Arts Center

*Look for information and registration forms in
your mail but put these on you calendars NOW!
We don't want to miss you!*

**SHERIFF'S POSSE
OF CONTRA COSTA
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Sheriff Warren Rupp
President

Donna Irwin
Secretary-Treasurer
Martinez

Board Members

Jon Challoner
Clayton

Dennis Kahane
Danville

Louie Mangini
Pleasant Hill

Ed Menosse
El Sobrante

Jack Roddy
Brentwood

Walter Pastore
Alamo

Joe Vrankovich
San Ramon
In Memoriam

*We invite citizens who are
interested in promoting good Law
Enforcement to apply for
membership. Please call 372-0969
for more information.*

Sheriff's Posse of Contra Costa
P.O. Box 5
Martinez, CA 94553



"Community Policing Begins with YOU!" -- Sheriff Warren Rupp

Yo Rupp: give ME a uniform, rank, badge, gold star and legal gun carry and sure, I'll do as much "Community Policing" as you want! And apparently, all it takes is regular campaign contributions?

This is insane. Remember, Rupp keeps the Posse membership lists totally secret, not even the county has access. Yet they're some sort of "quasi cops"?

Of the Board of Directors members listed above, Challoner, Pastore, Kahane and the aforementioned (RIP) Vrankovich have (or had) CCW permits.

Now let's see how the Posse (and CCW permit holders) actually connect to Rupp's campaign finances.

Part Two: Campaign Contribution Data

Campaign Statement, Page 1:
[Horizontal \(for viewing online\)](#)

LONG FORM
CALIFORNIA
1991 FORM 490
A For Official Use Only

Type or Print In Ink.

Officeholder, Candidate, and Controlled Committee Campaign Statement — Long Form
(Government Code Sections 64200-64210.5)
 SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

Check one of the following boxes to indicate the type of statement being filed:
 Pre-election Statement
 Supplemental Pre-election Statement (Attach a completed Form 495 to this statement.)
 Serial annual Statement
 Termination Statement (Attach a completed Form 415 to this statement.)

I Officeholder, Candidate, and Controlled Committee Included in this Statement

NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER/CANDIDATE: RUBE WARRREN E
 OTHER SOURCE: SHERIFF COAGUIEZ CONTRA COSTA CA
OTHER SOURCE: FRENCH INCLUDE OCCUPATION (LINE); RESIDENT'S HOME (LINE); RESIDUAL OR SEVERAL ADDRESSES (NO AND STREET)

CITY: 651 PINE ST. STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94553 (510) 646-2231 MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: 923535
 COMMITTEE ADDRESS (NO AND STREET): MARTINEZ CITY: CA. STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94553 (510) 646-2231 TO RECEIVE: YES NO
 COMMITTEE NAME: COMMITTEE TO RETAIN SHERIFF RUBE TO RECEIVE: YES NO

NAME OF TREASURER: P.O. Box 221 CITY: DANVILLE STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94583 (510) 735-0107 MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: 923535
 COMMITTEE ADDRESS (NO AND STREET): MAYMAN RAYNAL T. CITY: DANVILLE STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94583 (510) 735-0107 TO RECEIVE: YES NO
 COMMITTEE NAME: 663 SILVER LAKE DR. CITY: DANVILLE STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94526 (510) 735-6944 MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: 923535
 COMMITTEE ADDRESS (NO AND STREET): DANVILLE CITY: CA. STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94526 (510) 735-6944 MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: 923535
 COMMITTEE NAME: DANVILLE CITY: CA. STATE: CA. ZIP CODE: 94526 (510) 735-6944 MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: 923535

II Other Committees Not Included in this Statement: List any other committees not included in this consolidated statement that are controlled by you and any committees of which you have knowledge that are primarily formed to receive contributions or to make expenditures on behalf of your candidacy.
 COMMITTEE NAME: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: _____ TO RECEIVE: YES NO

NAME OF TREASURER: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: _____ TO RECEIVE: YES NO
 COMMITTEE ADDRESS (NO AND STREET): _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: _____ TO RECEIVE: YES NO
 COMMITTEE NAME: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____ MAILING/ACCOUNTING PHONE: _____ TO RECEIVE: YES NO

Statement covers period: from 7/1/92 through 12/31/92
 Date of Election (If applicable): _____ (Month, Day, Year) _____
 COUNTY: STEPHEN L. WEIR, COUNTY CLERK
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
ELECTION DEPARTMENT
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

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 ELECTION DEPARTMENT

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III Verification

Treasurer:
 I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 1/26/93 at MARTINEZ CA.
 By: [Signature] SIGNATURE OF TREASURER
DANVILLE CITY AND STATE

Officeholder or Candidate:
 I have used all reasonable diligence and to the best of my knowledge the treasurer has used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed the statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in the attached schedules is true and complete. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 1-26-93 at DANVILLE CA.
 By: [Signature] SIGNATURE OF OFFICEHOLDER/CANDIDATE
DANVILLE CITY AND STATE

(FOR INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED BY YOU (PERSON) TO BE INFORMED ON PRACTICES ACT OF 1971, SEE REGULATION MANUAL ON CAMPAIGN DISCIPLINE PROVISIONS OF THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT)

This is a typical "cover page" to each filing made with the County Elections Board. All up through the last time I checked (late 1999) looked the same, with Raynal Mayman as treasurer of the "Committee To

Retain Sheriff Rupf". Even the phone numbers are probably current, except that 510 should be converted to 925.

Mayman holds a CCW permit.

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE		STATEMENT OF DATE PERIOD		SCHEDULE A	
NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR OR CAMPAIGN AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEE		from <u>1/1/93</u>		CALIFORNIA 1991 FORM 490	
		through <u>6/30/93</u>		Page <u>10</u> of <u>12</u>	
DATE RECEIVED	FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR (If committee, addition to committee name and address. Enter ID number if no ID number has been assigned. Enter treasurer's name & address)	OCCUPATION AND EMP. OTHER (If self-employed, list name of business)	AMOUNT RECEIVED THIS PERIOD	CALENDAR YEAR (JAN 1 - DEC 31)	CALENDAR YEAR OTHER (IF APPLICABLE)
3/31/93	VRANKOVICH, JOSEPH D. 620 BELETY CT. SAN RAMON CA. 94583	RETIRED	\$ 50 175 225		
4/27/93	YANCEY, GARY T. P.O. Box 670 MARTINEZ, CA 94553	DISTRICT ATTORNEY DAVIS COUNTY	\$ 225		
3/31/93	YOUNG, WALTER L. 35 SAN YSIDRO CT. DANVILLE, CA. 94522	VICE PRESIDENT - CONSTRUCTION CO. THE HOFFMAN CO.	\$ 120		
3/31/93	ZEELAN, MIKE M 11 GREENBRAE CT. EL SOBRANTE CH. 94803	SELF EMPLOYED OWNER BEAUTY INVESTMENTS	\$ 225		
SUBTOTAL \$			795		

Monetary Contributions Summary

1. Amount received this period — contributions of \$100 or more. (Include all Schedule A tabulars)..... \$ _____

2. Amount received this period — contributions of less than \$100. (Do not itemize)..... \$ _____

3. Total monetary contributions received this period. (Add Lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 1)..... **TOTAL \$** _____

Here we see money coming in to Rupf from Zeelen, who we know is Posse, and Vrankovich (RIP), ditto. Both on the same date, which was a Posse dinner. Also partying and contributing: DA Gary Yancey.

You're going to ask me how I know 3/31/93 was a Posse Dinner, right? See next page...

Campaign Statement, Page 3:
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Schedule C
Non-Monetary Contributions Received

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STATEMENT C
 CITIZEN'S
 1991 FORM
490
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 through 6/30/93
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE
 NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR OR CANDIDATE AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEE:

DATE RECEIVED	P.L. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR OR COMMITTEE, IN ADDITION TO CANDIDATE'S NAME AND ADDRESS, EXCEPT IN CASE OF P AND D MEMBER (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE FOR CANDIDATE'S NAME & ADDRESS)	OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS OR SERVICES	FAIR MARKET VALUE	CUMULATIVE TO DATE CALENDAR YEAR (JAN 1 - DEC 31)	CUMULATIVE TO DATE (IF APPLICABLE)
3/31/93	GENOVA DELICATESSEN 1105 So. CALIFORNIA WILMONT CREEK CALIFORNIA	DELICATESSEN	FOOD/BEVERAGE FOR SYMBIONESE POSSE DINNER	\$1,895.00		
	BY: JOHN DEVINCENZI, SR - OWNER JOHN DEVINCENZI, JR - OWNER DOMINIC DEVINCENZI - OWNER BARBARA DEVINCENZI - OWNER NANCY DEVINCENZI - OWNER REBECCA DEVINCENZI - OWNER MIKE CAVALLA - EMPLOYEE RIGO RAYON - EMPLOYEE TANY VIVIANI - EMPLOYEE					
SUBTOTAL \$ 1,895.00						

Non-Monetary Contributions Summary

1. Amount received this period — non-monetary contributions of \$100 or more.
 (Include all Schedule C subtotals.) \$ 1,895.00
2. Amount received this period — non-monetary contributions of less than \$100.
 (Do not itemize.) \$ _____
3. Total non-monetary contributions received this period.
 (Add Lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 4.) **TOTAL \$ 1,895.00**

Attach additional information on appropriate labeled contribution sheets.

This is how.

The DeVincenzi family owns a local chain of gourmet delicatessens (the Genova Delis). John Sr. (RIP) and John Jr. are CCW permitholders.

Now, according to the Posse newsletter's eulogy to Vrankovich ([page 5 of the Posse newsletter](#)), Vrankovich was one of the two co-sponsors of the long-running "Vrankovich/DeVincenzi Posse Dinners". Makes sense, as Vrankovich was an executive at a meat company and the DeVincenzi had the delis.

But after this one reference to the DeVincenzis financing a dinner back in 1993, there are NO other major contributions on this scale recorded in later campaign finance filings.

It would appear that the DeVincenzis and Vrankovich sponsored the dinners "for the Posse" as an organization, instead of recording it all as donations to Rupf as they did back in 1993.

I don't know if this violates campaign finance rules, but someone more qualified should certainly look into the possibility. A copy of this will go to the Fair Political Practices Commission.

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NAME OF OFFICER, HOLDER OR CANDIDATE AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEE		FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR OR COMMITTEE (IN ADDITION TO CONTRIBUTOR NAME AND ADDRESS, ENTERED NUMBER OR, IF NOT, 9 NUMBER PREFIX ASSIGNED ENTER THE CONTRIBUTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS)		OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER (IF SELF-EMPLOYED, ENTER NAME OF BUSINESS)	AMOUNT RECEIVED THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TO DATE (JAN 1 - DEC 31)	CUMULATIVE TO DATE (IF APPLICABLE)
<i>Committee to Retain Sheriff Rufe</i>							
DATE RECEIVED							
3/5/98		WYNN, MICHAEL L. M.D.	5601 NORRIS GYN. RD. SAN RAMON, CA. 94583	SELF EMPLOYED DOCTOR	250		250
2/21/98		YANCEY, GARY T.	33 VALLEY VIEW DR. ORINDA, CA. 94563	CONTRA COSTA CO. DISTRICT ATTORNEY	125		125
2/19/98		YANK, HERMAN V.	880 TERRA CALIFORNIA DR. WALNUT CREEK, CA. 94595	EGE INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT - STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING	125		125
2/17/98		YANK, RONALD	5598 LAUTON AVE ORLAND, CA. 94618	SELF EMPLOYED ATTORNEY	250		250
3/5/98		YOUNG, WALTER L.	35 SAN YSIROO CT. DANVILLE, CA. 94522	SELF EMPLOYED COMPUTER LUMBER PRODUCERS INC.	250		250
2/20/98		ZEELEN, MIKE H.	11 GREENBRAE CT. EL SOBRANTE, CA. 94803	BAITEL'S REALTAS REALTOR	500		500
SUBTOTAL \$					1500		

Schedule A (Continuation Sheet)
Monetary Contributions Received

Type or print in ink.
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Statement covers period
 from 1/1/98
 through 3/1/98

SCHEDULE A (cont.)
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More money from Zeelen and Yancey, in 1998.

Campaign Statement, Page 5:
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Schedule E
 Payments and Contributions
 (Other Than Loans) Made

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 to whole dollars.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE

NAME OF OFFICE-HOLDER OR CANDIDATE AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE TO RETRAIN SHERIFF RUPF

STATEMENT COVERS PERIOD
 from 7/1/98 through 12/31/98

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SCHEDULE E
 I.D. NUMBER
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If one of the following codes accurately describes the expenditure, you may enter the code and leave the "Description of Payment" column blank. Refer to the back of Schedule E-Continuation Sheet for detailed explanations of each category.

- *C - MONETARY AND IN-KIND (NON-MONETARY) CONTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER CANDIDATES AND COMMITTEES
- *D - INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES
- *E - LITERATURE
- *B - BROADCAST ADVERTISING
- *N - NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICAL ADVERTISING
- *O - OUTSIDE ADVERTISING
- *S - SURVEYS, SIGNATURE GATHERING, DOOR-TO-DOOR SOLICITATIONS
- *F - FUNDRAISING EVENTS
- *G - GENERAL OPERATIONS AND OVERHEAD, TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS (MUST BE DESCRIBED)
- *P - PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTING SERVICES

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE, CREDITOR, OR RECIPIENT OF CONTRIBUTION <small>(In Committee, in addition to committee name and address, include number on file with state secretary, entry tax identification number and address)</small>	CODE	OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
COSTCO 1021 ARNOLD DR. MARTINEZ, CA. 94553			PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 541
SHERIFF'S POSSE OF CONTRA COSTA P.O. Box 5 MARTINEZ, CA. 94553			CONTRIBUTION	700
CHARLES ENER 1038 PINE LAKE LAFAYETTE, CA. 94549			UNIFORM FOR SHERIFF'S BALL	536
SUBTOTAL \$				1,977

Important: Contributions and expenditures made out of campaign funds to or on behalf of other officeholders, candidates, committees, or ballot measures must also be entered on the Allocation Page, Part I.

Payments and Contributions Made Summary

1. Payments made this period of \$100 or more. (Include all Schedule E subtotals.)	\$ 3,009
2. Payments made this period of under \$100. (Do not itemize.)	\$ 555
3. Total interest paid this period on outstanding loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, Part II, Column (d).)	\$ -0-
4. Total accrued expenses paid this period. (Do not itemize. Enter amount from Schedule F, Line 4.)	\$ -0-
5. Total payments made this period. (Add lines 1, 2, 3, and 4. Enter here and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line 8)	TOTAL \$ 3,564

Here's money going from Rupf's campaign OUT to the Posse. Interesting. Note the Posse's mailing address, you'll see that again...

Campaign Statement, Page 6:
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Schedule E (Continuation Sheet) Payments and Contributions (Other Than Loans) Made		Type or Print in Ink. Amounts may be rounded to whole dollars.		Statement covers period from <u>1/1/99</u> through <u>6/30/99</u>		SCHEDULE E (cont.) CALIFORNIA 1997 FORM 490	
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE, CREDITOR OR BENEFICIARY OF CONTRIBUTION (IF COMMITTEE, IN ADDITION TO COMMITTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS, STATE ID NUMBER OR FED ID NUMBERING WHEN ASSIGNED, ENTER THE ADDRESS NAME & ADDRESS)				CODE	OR	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
COMMITTEE TO RETAIN SHERIFF RUPF CALIFORNIA WATER FOWL ASSOC 118 KENDALL RD. WALNUT CREEK CA. 94595-						CONTRIBUTION	\$ 195
VIC STEWART'S INC 850 S. BROADWAY WALNUT CREEK CA 94596						EXPENSES INCURRED HOSTING CANADIAN LAWMEN	120
U.S. ARMY 91 ST DIV/BAND 1740 NORRMAN CT. LODI CA. 95242 C.W.O. ROBERT GROSS						DONATION	200
PACIFIC BELL PAYMENT CENTER SACRAMENTO CA. 95887				9			103
SHERIFF'S CHARITIES INC. P.O. BOX 5 MARTINEZ CA. 94553						CONTRIBUTION	615
SUBTOTAL \$							1,243

Here's more Rupf campaign money going out the door. Note the address of the "Sheriff's Charities Inc." — same as the Posse's address, previous page.

Now, a cynic might ask whether the money is being properly separated between political org (the Posse) and charitable purposes...but it probably is, there are too many otherwise reasonable people in the Posse for something that ugly to go un-noticed.

The point is, the \$700 that went to the Posse by name went for political purposes, because if it had been intended for charity it would have gone to the Sheriff's own charity, instead.

In other words, it's further evidence of how deeply tied to the Sheriff's electoral politics the Posse is.

Campaign Statement, Page 7:
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SCHEDULE B
CALIFORNIA
1991 FORM 490

Schedule E
Payments and Contributions
(Other Than Loans) Made

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Statement covers period
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE
 NAME OF OFFICEHOLDER OR CANDIDATE AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE, CHECKOR, OR RECIPIENT OF CONTRIBUTION <small>IF COMMITTEE IN ADDITION TO COMMITTEE NAME AND ADDRESS, ENTER ID NUMBER OR IF NOT IN MEMBER LIST, ENTER ASSOCIATE, ENTER IN ADDRESSES PAGE 1 ADDRESS</small>	REPORT CODE <small>REPORT ONLY THE LUMP SUM OF SUCH PAYMENTS ON LINE 4 OF THE SUMMARY SECTION BELOW OR</small>	DESCRIPTION OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT PAID
PACIFIC BELL 651 PINE ST. MARTINEZ CA. 94553	G		\$ 271
SHERIFF'S POSSE 2936 NINEEAT ROAD CONCORD CA. 94518	F	REIMBURSEMENT FOR HALL RENTAL RELATED TO FUND RAISER	\$ 4,500
R.D. PRINTING 724 MARINA VISTA MARTINEZ CA. 94553	G		\$ 194
DAKLAND PRINTING & SUPPLY 5600 ETHOFF DR. CONCORD CA 94520	L		\$ 164 300 464
SUBTOTAL \$			3,429

Payments and Contributions Made Summary

1. Payments made this period of \$100 or more. (Include all Schedule E subtotals) \$ 3,429

2. Payments made this period of under \$100. (Do not itemize.) \$ 314

3. Total interest paid this period on outstanding loans. (Enter amount from Schedule B, Part II, Column(d).) \$ _____

4. Total accrued expenses paid this period. (Do not itemize. Enter amount from Schedule F, Line 4.) \$ _____

5. Total payments made this period. (Add lines 1, 2, 3 and 4. Enter item and on the Summary Page, Column A, Line K.) **TOTAL \$** 3,743

This is interesting — the Posse went and rented a hall specifically for a Rufp campaign fundraiser, and Rufp paid 'em back. Nothing wrong with that, but yet again it shows deep ties between Rufp's electoral politics and the Posse.

And that in turn raises harsh questions about why Rufp's secretary was able to provide the dates and times of Posse events to callers, and direct a Posse applications set to his mailbox.

Campaign Statement, Page 8:
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Schedule A (Continuation Sheet)
Monetary Contributions Received

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Statement covers period
 from _____
 through _____

SCHEDULE A (cont.)
 CALIFORNIA
 1991 FORM **490**
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DATE RECEIVED	NAME OF OFFEROR OR CANDIDATE AND CONTROLLED COMMITTEE	FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRIBUTOR (INCLUDE NUMBER & MAILING INSTRUCTIONS IF CONTRIBUTOR IS NOT KNOWN TO COMMITTEE) (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	OCCUPATION AND OTHER INFORMATION (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)	AMOUNT RECEIVED PER PERIOD	QUALIFYING TO DATE (JAN 1 - DEC 31)	QUALIFYING TO DATE (IF APPLICABLE)
12/29/92	RUPF, WARREN E. - COMMITTEE TO RETAIN SHERIFF RUPF	MAYMAN, JUDITH ANN 61 EVERSON ST. CA 94131 SAN FRANCISCO CA 94131	HOUSEWIFE	225-	225-	
12/29/92		MAYMAN, RAYNAL T. 663 SILVER LAKE DR DANVILLE CA. 94526	RETIRED	225-	225-	
12/28/92		MONGSENE, DOUGLAS H. 1445 FORD CT. CONCORD CA. 94521	SHERIFF'S DEPT CANTON COSTA CO.	225-	225-	
12/17/92		OLNEY, BOYD M. JR. P.O. Box 6750 CONCORD CA. 94524	SELF EMPLOYED OLNEY LAND & CATTLE CO.	225-	225-	
12/31/92		OLNEY, DAVID I. P.O. Box 6599 CONCORD CA. 94524	SELF EMPLOYED D.S. NATIONAL CONCORD CA.	225-	225-	
12/31/92		OLNEY, SHIRLEY GILL P.O. Box 6599 CONCORD CA. 94524	SELF EMPLOYED D.S. NATIONAL CONCORD CA.	225-	225-	
SUBTOTAL \$				1,350 -		

Mayman is a permitholder, and Posse.

Mongsene is now retired; at one point in the mid-1990s he was a Lt. In the Sheriff's department who Rupf assigned the task of "initial CCW screening"...later that went to Lt. Wayne Willett and now somebody name of Varady.

Approximately 1996 a business owner who lives in Lafayette called the Sheriff's office and asked about CCW issuance. Mongsene told the guy to join the Sheriff's Posse if he wanted any chance at all.

(Sidenote on campaign finance laws: per county rules, \$225 is the max donation in a non-election year. So Mayman got his wife to contribute too. As for Olney, a total of 8 or 9 different relatives and/or Olney employees all "contributed" in their names on this date — odds are it was really all the owner's money just creatively split. Just like the DeVincenzi contribution of almost \$1900 worth of chow — they ran out of relatives to split the total among, and used three employees...who I somehow doubt cared very much about Sheriff Rupf's political career. In other words, it's easy to make up these dumb rules, but it doesn't take much creativity to bypass 'em either.)

APPENDIX A: Rupf Permitholder Database, Circa Early 2000

Version 4.0, cleaned up, page numbers added plus endnotes with some legal technicalities.

Compiled 8/21/01 by James March

Names and case file info is derived from Rupf's response to Chuck Michel's PRAR request of early 2000. Rupf withheld this data in the Fed trial of 2001, we were forced to use the older data, consisting of over 750 pages of mildly redacted (by Rupf or his staff) original CCW application/renewal file info.

Methodology: each multi-page record in the Michel response was examined and the permitholder name compared to the rosters of permitholders dated 5/24/2001.

Their information is summarized in the table linked below. Therefore, this table will be incomplete in that it doesn't cover new permit issuance between the time of the Michel response and 5/24/01. This table is also limited purely to current (as of 5/24/2001) permitholders.

Note: the "first issued" date refers to the first date I can find in the file, and in many cases the oldest forms for that person are missing or incomplete. Permits may be older than as listed. If there's no first date on the file, I refer to the 5/24/2001 PRAR data.

City of residence generally isn't listed because it's wildly inaccurate in all Rupf sources. Somebody with an address of "Martinez" for example may live many miles outside the town borders.

"Numbering" refers to the page number where that applicant's file begins.

Permit types: 12027i refers to the shall-issue system for retired Fed agents. Standard/Std is the normal type, "Judge" is obvious, and "Reserves" mean a reserve deputy for the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office UNLESS some other department is noted.

Some pages were discarded as irrelevant; we have saved these and will make them available to defense counsel upon request. The pages set aside included shooting range qualification data, sign-off sheets showing that the applicant understands the process, and renewal applications where the renewal pages did not contain any "new information" beyond the contents of the original app and the current permit card itself. In some cases the renewal sheets were retained in the file because they were the only data available, or the renewal sheet expanded on info available in the app, or the renewal sheet showed a change in occupation (or "life circumstances") from the original application time. Examples of the types of pages set aside can be found in pages 743-747 — it is Plaintiff's firm belief that these pages are irrelevant to the charge of equal protection violations or it's defense.

Not one renewal form page ever contained revised "good cause data" from the original issuance.

APPENDIX A: Rupf Permitholder Database, Circa Early 2000

Page number	Name	First Issued	Permit Type	"Good Cause Summary"	Posse?	Misc Info/Notes
4	William	1975	Standard	Carries cash related to his	YES	He also had CCW in Ohio

	Bruce Plummer			photography business (owner).		based on a "special deputy status" with no actual law enforcement duties...very similar to the Posse.
10	Frank Edward Nunes Jr.	1996	Std	Needs to defend his cattle ranch, which he owns and resides at. Of course, being his "home and place of business", he already has carry rights. This same PRAR response in the "good cause" area for Steve Jacobsen was heavily redacted; not so for the Michel PRAR response of early '2000. In Rupf's 5/24/2001 permitholder database printout, occupation is "consultant".	YES	Nephew of Frank Pereira, known to be politically connected and a former UnderSheriff and current Posse member and permitholder. References included both Frank and John Pereira, Jack Roddy, Bob Chapman
14	Richard Earnest Tirrell	1975?	Std	"Night work, violent crime area", he is a doctor and a nurse was robbed in the hospital parking lot. Posse membership listed in the "good cause" statement!	YES	
19	Lois Haight	1995	Judge	Judge - modest good cause listed		Listed as reference by Thomas Van Voorhis, #23
23	Thomas Van Voorhis	1998	Std	This is somebody Willett denied in 1998 due to no good cause, so he appealed to Rupf by letter with very weak "good cause" and a long list of Judges and politicians as "character references" - classic "CCW by connections".		Thomas Van Voorhis was on a first-name basis with the staff of former state senator Rainey. I filed a complaint with Rainey's office about Rupf's CCW abuse, they mentioned "Thomas" as a frequent visitor. Related to attorney Dan Van Voorhis, attorney for Kenneth Eugene Behring entry #526
28	Frank Pereira	1964	Std	Unknown good cause - old permit, "good cause" papers long since lost, gets renewed anyways. He's a former UnderSheriff political appointee back in the '60s, but wasn't a sworn peace officer hence the need for CCW.	YES	Politically connected - note the pattern of "very old permit and renewals despite no "good cause on file". You'll see more of that.
32	William Albert Riley Jr.	1986 - but see notes	Std.	"My wife is in a wheelchair, we're old, we use ATMs" - accurate paraphrase of applicant's own handwritten "good cause statement".		This was a renewal; he had a permit while living in Kingsburg, CA 93631, Fresno County (which is highly restrictive) PRAR

						response printout lists him starting in 1995
37	Walter Joseph Pastore	?	Std	"I have to be in SF and other high crime areas at night" - accurate paraphrase.	YES	Pastore is prominently mentioned in Rupf's campaign fund records.
40	John Lee Pereira	?	Std	None listed. Former "special deputy Sheriff"	YES	Son of Frank Pereira, Posse, related to Frank Nunes Jr, Posse
42	Joseph Randall Mass	1984	Std	None listed - forms are present, good cause statement area is blank!		
46	Kim Fang (RIP)	1989	Std	None listed. When he died, media reports listed his "good cause" as being related to telephone death threats however he had switched both residence and career since initial permit issuance. Media reports of his death widely mentioned Posse membership.	YES	The PRAR response to Michel was done before Fang died. Fang donated at least \$700 in recorded campaign donations to Rupf and more than that to Rainey when he was Sheriff and approved Fang's permit.
48	Robert Henry Martinez	1990	Std	He's a "Sr. VP of Marketing" for "Eagle Food Service". Good cause (paraphrased) adds up to "on the road late at night, takes his daughter to sporting events across the state (horse-related)". Wealth involved in issuance?		
56	Owen McNiel Schafer	1982	Std	The entire "good cause" section reads: "Self Protection". (He may be a former reservist, see also entry page 66 (Christopher Young) below for what may be a similar case.)		
60	Jamieson Bitzer Bates	1999	Std.	Turned down by Willett for lack of good cause, writes four-page rant on the general state of crime plus constitutional rights, and is personally approved by Rupf. I don't disagree, point is Rupf would never have issued to a peon on that basis.		Mike Haas met this gent at a political event where Haas was speaking; Bates had much praise for Rupf's CCW policies. This and Van Voorhis establish Willett's involvement in bias.
66	Christopher Young	1995	Reserve	Good cause listed as "Self Protection". That may be standard for reservists?		As long as they're still IN the reserves this makes at least some sense. But we have cases on record where they keep the permit even after leaving reserves.
69	Alex Clyde Smith	1981	Reserve	None - it says "issued pursuant to reserve policy"		

				and "will be revoked on leaving the reserves". Well if that's the case, and numbers 56 and 66 above were reservists from the same period, #56 kept his permit post-reserve.		
73	Michael Stephen Telfer	1995	Std	"Travel, including through violent areas with young daughter and luxury car". Accurate paraphrase. Owner of "Telfer/Sheldon Oil Company".		Rupf probably saw big potential for campaign money.
78	Ernest Terry	1968	Std	Good cause not present (forms missing, typical of older permits). Occupation: owns a cocktail lounge.		Permit expired...he may have died or moved?
81	Frank Joseph Thelen	1970	Std	Here's a good one. He was manager of a slaughterhouse, and had a permit for "personal protection and handling bank deposits". OK, fine...but he's still being reissued, even though he's now a teacher at a community college?		
83	John Peter Toth MD	1970	Std	Good cause: "self defense" - that's the whole text		
86	Wayne Roy Tulnage	1978	Std	Some kind of HazMat specialist - had a brief encounter with two guys who he thought was watching him take money away from a safe.		
91	Joseph Lewis Venturino	1994	Std	Gunsmith transporting guns/money		
95	Ernest C. Voight	1994	Std	Real estate person of some sort, drives alone to properties in Nevada.		
99	James Von Waldegg	1961	Std	Mortgage Banker - no good cause listed.		
101	Joseph Domenic Vrankovich	1976	Std	VP of the Oakland Meat Company needs general protection, I guess due to wealth? He has a sense of humor - on the old form asking for "prior criminal problems that make you seek a permit" he hand-wrote "not yet".	YES	This gent just died, per the Posse newsletter. Also per that document (page 5) he had held the rank of "Lieutenant" in the Posse, but at age 85 he clearly wasn't a reservist.
107	Denis M. Weigand	1987	Std	Owens a vending company, carries money		

111	Claude Samuel Whitson	1968	Std	Physician - no good cause listed (forms missing)		
114	Donald Aubrey Williamson	1959!	Std	Rancher - good cause is "self protection" (entire text)		
117	Michael Lee Wynn	1994	Std	Physician - moderate good cause relating to control of drug supplies, prescriptions, disability signoffs.		
121	Raymond Frank Zaharis	1968	Std	Owner of the Oakland Meat Company, Vrankovich's boss (#101 above). Other than that, no good cause listed...forms missing, lost in the mists of time.	#101 was.	
124	John Domenic Devincenzi	1989	Std	Transports money relating to family chain of Delis.	YES	There's always been at least one member of this family with a permit at any one time, for many years. This family has given over \$3,000 to Rupf's campaign funds, and caters Posse dinners.
128	George Robert Martin	1993	Std	Owens business, ex-employee threatened to go postal, plus he responds to the alarm late sometimes.		
132	Dennis Robert Ladd	1993	Std	Business owner, three parts stores, two in bad neighborhoods. He had a pretty good list of police reports relating to vandalism, robbery, break-ins.		Decent good cause - but being a business owner helps...
137	Eugene Reyes Abuan	1974	Reserve	Seems to have scored CCW before joining reserves. No good cause statements of any sort in file.		
139	Ralph John Alvarado	1994	Std	Manages a welfare fraud investigations unit for the county social services department. Has very strong good cause related to a psycho ex-employee, documented very well.		We have no way of knowing how many "regular folks" in circumstances just as dire were denied...esp. if they lived in a town with it's own PD.
146	Joseph John Ambrosino	1985	Std	Geologist by trade, also has rental properties, claims tenants being thrown out threaten to kill him.		
150	Armand Albert Annereau	1972	Std	Owens an auto upholstery shop in a "dark secluded area", carries cash.		This is specifically the type of good cause Varadv said was

							inadequate to the Contra Costa Times.
152	Leonard Lewis Battaglia	1971	Std	Owns a liquor store			
154	Roger Lee Becker	1973	Std	Originally he was the asst. manager of a sporting goods store and took money to the bank. He has switched to some unspecified "self employed", no details.			
156	Robert William Betti	1974	Std	Originally got permit restricted to the times he was carrying money relating to his plumbing business. That restriction has been lifted some time since. He's still in that trade.			
158	Guy Henry Black	1969	Std	Contractor, something to do with radio/TV broadcast antennae, works in remote areas. Weak.			
161	Ernest W. Blee	1965	Std	Civil engineer, no good cause listed.			
163	Robert Hayden Chapman	1974	Std	Rancher - no good cause listed, forms missing.	YES		Chapman was a reference on the Nunes application, alongside the Pereiras.
165	Francis J. Castle Jr.	1993	Std	Owns "Castle Fine Arts" in SF, other than that no good cause is in the file (the forms that would have it are gone).			
167	Salvatore Cardinale	1980	Std.	Farmer - "for protection of large sums of money".			
170	William Allen Davis	1997	Std	Owns some sort of business, can't make out the name. Paperwork is particularly sketchy for a Rupf-era initial permit, all forms that would have good cause on 'em are gone. Yet there's been at least three renewals, the latest early in '99.			
172	Gail Anthony DeMartini (male)	1984	Std	A stockbroker whose stated "good cause" was for protection while at a remote ranch in Calaveras County. There was a more detailed letter, now missing.			Note that the permit was NOT geographically or otherwise restricted.
177	Angelo Dimaggio	1974	Std	Owner of a business called "Elegant Floors", no good cause statement papers, as normal for files this old.			

180	Michael Edward Donnelly	1997	Std.	Same as #170 - business owner, sketchy paperwork, multiple renewals since. ALL original papers gone, along with good cause, not common for Rupf-initial-issued permit..		Very odd. Steve Jacobsen filed a PRAR on Rupf in 1997 - it's possible Rupf's people started realizing there was damaging stuff in these files around that time, and purged 'em?
182	Lawrence Delmore Durbin	1975	Std	Sketchy papers, no good cause info, he used to be the head custodian for a local school district, and as of 1998 he was retired and still being renewed.		Some sort of connections involved.
185	Robert August Edelman	1995	Std	Business owner, was dealing with petty crimes near his warehouse, and when he made contracting housecalls he dealt with criminal-class people (he referred to a house as having guns and drugs exposed in the living room).		
187	William Ellis	1999	Std	Doctor, runs multiple offices, deposits cash.		
189	Giovanni N. Epifani	1978	Std	Owns a Ferarri dealership/repair shop, travels with race cars.		
194	Michael Geary Farrell	1972	Reserve	He's been a reservist the whole time he's held CCW.		As usual with reserves, no "good cause"
196	Douglas Lovejoy Faulkner	1977	Std	He's a sales engineer for "steam specialties", and travels to Richmond, where "punks" of some sort threw rotten veggies at his car four years ago. Weak.		
200	David Allen Flori	1971	Std	No good cause records. When he first obtained CCW, he was a frozen foods salesman, now he's in sheet metal somehow.		
202	Dale Allen Frost	1992	Std	Real estate investor, goes to "low rent" areas.		
206	Barton Jay Gilbert	1997	Std	He's a Brigadier General in the US Army Reserves, and is sometimes connected with drug task force operations. Not bad as far as "good cause".		
210	Frank Wendel Greer	1971	Std	Masonry contract estimator, carries large sums of cash for banking and payroll? Which		

				doesn't make much sense...that's not what you'd expect an estimator to do.		
213	Joel H. Golub	1993	Judge	Court commissioner, good cause relates to that.		
217	George James Grover Jr.	1990	Std	Good cause is "we live in a remote area of Orinda, have lots of money, art and valuables, and we travel to art shows".		
221	Roger Marion Gorrell Sr.	1975	Std	Employed originally as a PI for an investigative agency, now "self employed", job title not specified.		
227	George Charles Heitman	1990	Std	Attorney, does family law practice and had specific threats. Strong good cause case.		
233	Roger Dale Henderson	1973	Std	Owens auto parts store, takes cash to the bank.		
236	Andrew Claude Higgins	1994	Std	Internal security and executive protection, employed by Bank of America		
240	Joseph Hisquierdo	1998	Std	Private Investigator/bodyguard/POST course instructor		
243	William Albert Howard	1994	Std	Construction foreman, takes payroll to remote sites.		
247	Deborah Michael Jacob	1997	Std	Senior security manager for Bechtel, internal corporate bodyguard.		
250	Wayne Edward Jackson	1985	Std	Gun shop owner, sells full-auto machine guns to PDs. Needs to be able to defend same from being stolen.		
254	Alexander Williams Jason	1985	Std	PI, plus carries cash to sporting events he manages.		
259	Kenneth Allen Krohn	1991	Std	Other than occupation listed as "reposessor", no good cause statement, very skimpy file.		
261	Michael Patrick Keenan	1983	Std	Corporate security, loss prevention for Ross stores. Originally scored CCW while doing the same for Macy's.		
266	Richard Jacob Karnes	1970	Std	Something to do with an auto wreckers - owner? Most of the old paperwork and good cause data missing.		

270	Dennis Spencer Kahane	1996	Reserve	Good cause mentions working late with "most unsavory" (his words) people hanging out in the parking lot - he's an attorney.		Kahane in an official in the Posse.
273	Robert Denny Laurence	1992	Reserve	Good cause relates to being a reservist.		
278	Christian August Lauritzen III	1985	Reserve	Original CCW issued because the guy runs a yacht harbor.		I wonder if Rupf judges wealth purely by the applicant's name?
282	Lowell Stanley Lawrence	1979	Std	Security and executive protection for PG&E (his employer).		Considering PG&E's current popularity, I'd assume he's pretty busy.
286	James Donald Lee	1972	Std	Sells guns and tear gas to police departments, at least back in '72. Current permit lists occupation as "sales".		
289	James Robert Lobb	1996	Std	Occupation on most recent permit is "salesman", ALL original papers missing including "good cause".		
292	David Arthur Long	1972	Std	Attorney in his original papers...no other good cause, and he's now retired.		Especially interesting. Original papers are marked "transfer", good cause left blank. The guy has had continuous renewals since, and at NO time has the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office ever had a good cause statement for him on file. And now post-retirement, CCW is STILL being treated as a "tenured position". Equal protection violation.
294	Michael James Lorenzo	1998	Std	All original "good cause" papers and documents from the original 1998 application are missing, odd for something so recent. lang=FR style='font-size: 10.0pt; font-family: Verdana; '>Occupation: P.I.		
296	Walter Lloyd Lyall	See note!	Std	Runs a security company now; back in 1970 was involved in a home/apartment maintenance company.		The oldest papers from 1970 are for a renewal. As with #80, Rupf never had good cause data for this guy, ever?

299	Michael George McDermott	1972	Std	Owns small business, carries cash to bank.		
302	David John McIntyre	1992	Std	Employed in corporate security, department director.		
306	David Ewing Maclellan	1979	Std	Owns a construction company, carries cash to \$8k, and had death threats from a violent ex-employee.		
311	George Kevin Mallett	1993	Std	Attorney, also a Judge Pro-Tem and Superior Court arbitrator.		
316	William E. March	1971	Std	Originally a county animal control officer, now retired.		I'm not related to him so far as I'm aware.
318	Ronald Pete Massei	1998	Std	He owns a restaurant and a vending machine company, works late and transports cash.		
320	Raynal James Mayman	1978	Std	He's a financial manager with Bechtel, described as "a major multinational firm that does business in "world hot-spots" such as Iran, South Africa, the middle east, etc and the company is a target of anti-nuke people, environmentalists, etc." (paraphrased) and therefore he's at risk. As a financial specialist, he probably never leaves this area on business, if Bechtel gets targeted it'll be overseas.	YES	Mayman is treasurer of Rupf's campaign fund, and seems to have held that position throughout Rupf's tenure as Sheriff.
325	Paul Euper Meadors	1968	Std	Owns a restaurant chain.		
328	Jack Mattew Metez	1961	Std	Former building contractor, now retired, no good cause papers in the file.		Another case of "tenure", no good cause needed.
331	Louis Maximillian Meunier	1994	Std	President of Macy's West(!). Claims to be well-known for pushing prosecution of rioters in SF that were active after the Rodney King verdicts.		What are the odds this gent's wealth and social status had something to do with permit issuance?
335	Frank Louis Middleton	1988	Std	Owns a welding supply business, carries cash, etc.		
340	John D. Milano	1985	Std	Chiropractor, gave story about his mother's house getting broken into and her purse stolen, so despite not living with her, somehow his gun is going to help her.		Rupf should have issued the CCW to granny!
344	Sandra	1994	Std	Attorney. received threats		

	Ford Mock			related to a case		
348	John Andrew Montagh	1974	Reserve	No good cause data; this gent is Rupf's Rangemaster and from what I've heard separately, very competent at it.		He doesn't appear to be a "roadblock" in the CCW process. Probably generally pro-CCW. How much he knows about bias/elitism/etc is another question, might be interesting to get him into depositions?
350	Charles James Morehouse	1973	Std	Attorney, "needs to be on the street with his police clients".		He's now with a different law firm, it's unlikely he has the same needs as in '73.
353	Robert Anthony Nadol Jr.	1970	Std	Originally a truck dispatcher (with the Teamsters Union?), now in construction - the only "good cause" statement was "self protection".		No "good cause" details ever on file with this guy. I smell a politically connected individual.
357	Tarchieso Joe Piastrelli	1969	Std	Now retired, was in sheet metal, good cause missing from file.		
360	David Pearsall Platter	1969	Std	Current permit has occupation as "Finance", back in '69 he was a stockbroker for Merrill Lynch, still works for that company in some capacity. No good cause on file.		
363	Calvin Vincent Porter	1968	Std	In '68, he was into carpet sales and was a full-time fireman. Occupation today is "Sales", and no good cause data is in the file.		
366	Garry Joseph Russello	1994	Std	Owns Pacific Electrical Supply Inc, claims to have to fire people sometimes, and they get disgruntled.		
371	Walter Rosenkranz	1988	Std	Dentist does 24hour emergency care, and has access to drugs.		
375	Joseph Petere Remiti	1979	Std	Carries money to buy Corvette parts and cars as part of his hobby.		Sounds politically connected.
380	Jack J. Sarver	1995	Std	Retired; as of 1995 he was doing some estate jewelry sales on the side, claimed an undocumented attempted robbery. Don't know if he still does this as a retiree.		Compare this to Derek Westfall's case - Derek couldn't get full documentation out of Orinda PD so he gets shot down.
383	Leo Saunders	1991	Std	Real estate, and does rent collection for property management purposes. so		

				carries cash.		
387	Darrell Santos	1998	Std	Works in investigations for PacBell, coordinated wiretaps and testifies in state and Fed court. Claims to have received threats for that stuff.		Transferred from Alameda Sheriff's Office.
390	Maurice Herbert Rose	1991	Std	Self employed coin and precious metals dealer at shows, transporting valuables.		
395	Thomas Michael Powers	1978	Std	Live one! Scored CCW while a member of the CC County Board of Supes, talked about having to go mix with his constituents(!). Also an attorney who handles estate sales, etc.	YES	This guy was known for his strongly anti-gun ways while in office(!) as was his wife who was on the Richmond city council. Hypocrites!
400	Edward Gerow Symmons	1997	Std	Business owner, carries cash, business not named - odd		Most list businesses owned.
403	Thomas Andrew Satak	1982	Std	VP of a security company, does executive protection		
408	John Dean Shipley	1961	Std	Retiree today; at time of issuance, was a machinist and did some gunsmithing and shooting instruction. No good cause statement on file.		
411	Joseph Siino	1971	Std	Attorney (still practices). Statement in 1971: "Carry large sums, also represent different types of people" (exact quote). Now, to my knowledge, there's just one type of people on the planet, now that Neanderthals are extinct...		
414	Gary Allen Smith	1972	Std	Owens an auto body shop, good cause: "self protection and large sums of money" (exact quote).		
417	Harold Bernard Smith Jr.	1964	Std	Owens retail stores - no good cause data on record.		
420	Ronald L. Smith	1997	12027i	Former cop, deputy and FBI said he wanted to break into executive protection.		
422	Timothy Charles Smith	1993	Std	Runs retail insurance biz, takes cash to bank.		
426	William H. Smits Jr.	1994	12027i	Former FBI, 23 years, "to protect myself from the		

				people I busted" (paraphrase).		
430	Roy Douglas Snelson	1973	Std	In '73 he was a "garage foreman", no good cause is listed anywhere, and his latest renewal has the "occupation" area deliberately masked out.		
433	Michael Stephen Stone	1977	Std	PI/bodyguard.		
439	Robert Warren Nagle	1984	Std	CPA, transports cash for one accounting client.		Does he still have that client?
445	Erik Strand	1993	Reserve	Reserves is sole good cause.		
460	Roger L. Draper	1999	Reserve	Good cause relates to reserves, he does some work as a jailer in Martinez, worries about revenge by ex-inmates.		
463	Stanley Edwin Gutman	1996	Std	Wealthy corporate attorney, travels through SF, poor delicate flower.		
467	Richard Charles Dubruille	198?	12027	Retired FBI, now a PI.		This is the guy that put "Walnut Creek PD doesn't issue any permits" in his application. He had no reason to lie.
471	John Walter Challoner	1999	Std	This one's important. No good cause data. Thing is, this guy transferred in from Clayton PD, approved by Lt. Willett 2/2/99. Clayton PD told a different applicant that they don't issue at all, in 1996. And this guy is a VP in Seeno Construction - Mr. Seeno holds a CCW, and Seeno is definitely Posse.	99.9% certain	Seeno is deeply connected to DA Gary Yancey, now retiring due to cancer.
473	Tom Butterfield	1992	Std	Union district representative when issued, good cause was "Do business and attend social functions with my wife and sometimes my children in high crime areas of Contra Costa County" (verbatim!). Now he's retired, and a pathetic effort was made to cover that up (see the Michel file record pages 473-478).		Politically connected!
479	Phillip Eugene Bradshaw	1962	Std	No good cause data in file. Original occupation was as a salesman for International		Another "tenure case"

				Harvester - now retired.		
482	Leonard Raymond Orr	1967	Std	No good cause on file, continuous renewals, he's a GOLF PRO?		
485	Roger Denton Working	1994	Std	"Protection while traveling in high crime areas ie: Richmond, West Oakland, East San Jose" (verbatim!).		Remember, Richmond is a specific zero-CCW zone - if you live there! Richmond was blocked by agreement between Rupf and all the PDs in the county, where Rupf wouldn't issue in towns plus Richmond's Chiefs have always been anti-CCW.
488	Norbert Young	199	Std	Specific claimed threats that add up to fairly strong good cause, no documentation on it.		He may be a Richmond resident, uncertain without knowing the street address.
490	Marinus Zeelen	1994	Std	Realtor; claim of a specific criminal threat plus "carries cash" (business related?).	YES	
495	John Maitland Lauderdale	1961	Std	Retired as of 1998; original good cause missing, as of 1971 he was an "account executive" for an electrical sign company.		Another "tenure case"
498	Edward L. Kronick	1969	Std	Doctor; no good cause statement, records missing.		
502	Steven Mark Elefant	1991	Std	Occupation on current permit is "Executive", good cause statement is missing...there was an attached letter that he referred to in his 1991 application, now missing.		
508	Paul Thomas DiGaudio	1971	Std	Occupation: psychiatrist; good cause related to carrying of money?		How many people pay shrinks in cash?
511	Barton Randy Blumberg	1990	Std	Oral Surgeon. His good cause statement talked about bad areas, and protecting drug supplies, however...		His personal letter to Rainey talks about what a good shot he is, and mentions his shooting buddies: John Montagh (the rangemaster), John Dashner(?) and - WARREN RUPF prior to his election to Sheriff. Very Connected.
518	Edward Joseph Amarant	1967	Std	Occupation is "sales", all good cause data missing from sketchy file. Oldest doc in the file is a 1971 renewal, the "1967" date comes from		

				Rupf's database printout.		
521	Donald A. Stewart	1983	Std	Currently retired; all original good cause papers missing. Don't even know what his original occupation was.		
524	Bradford True Prescott	1992	Std	Physician - no original permit app forms in the file, no good cause, no nuthin'.		
526	Kenneth Eugene Behring	1992	Std	Occupation is "investor", the complete good cause statement is "high profile...need protection". Works for "Blackhawk Corp" in CCW application file...		Scratch "works for" - Ken Behring not only owns "Blackhawk Investments", he also owned the Seattle Seahawks NFL team fairly recently, owns the Behring auto museum, and he personally built the city of Blackhawk. During the political wars surrounding the Blackhawk development, his attorney was Dan Van Voorhis, related to current permitholder and crony Thomas Van Voorhis. Ken Behring is a multi-billionaire, one of the richest men in Contra Costa County, and it's interesting that the phrasing of the application sought to mask this.
531	Nelson Buck McAfee	1989	Std	CEO of the Oakland Meat Company, originally scored CCW because he was the Chief Financial Officer and did bank deposits but with the job title change, that "good cause" is gone now. Doesn't matter, he's an aristocrat, right?		We know of two other permitholders (#101 and #121) connected with that corp. Permit application was witnessed by Vrankovich, #101, who's known Posse.
539	Gregory Allen Reese	1997	Std	This guy works for his parent's political consulting business; he leads teams of canvassers into "bad areas" and many of his team members are women.		Think about this: wouldn't it be greatly to Rupf's benefit to have THIS sort of person "owe him one"? And of course, people who LIVE in the bad areas are blanket-denied.
542	James P. Muglie	1998	Std	Occupation is blank. Original application form is present, but good cause is BLANK.		This one is really odd...Rupf renewed him on 5/7/99, not long after I sued him. Rupf had to be at least nerinherally

						thinking about "good cause" and equal protection? Yet he signs off on this?
545	Ann B. Moriarty	?	Std	Property Manager; there's no good cause statements, no original applications paperwork, and she's not in the database that covers original dates of issuance.		
547	Stephen James Mikich	1999	Std	Business manager, lame good cause involving "contact with large sums of money" and "travel through high crime areas".		Application was witnessed by Frank Pereira, known Posse.
549	Melvin D. McCollough	1972	Std	Now retired; used to be a warehouse foreman, original 1972 form is present but with "Good cause" was BLANK		
552	Donald Lee McCulley	1972	Std	Originally he was VP and sales manager of a manufacturing company. He now runs his own manufacturer's rep sales firm; good cause involves business cash. His 1972 letter to the Sheriff lists the UnderSheriff as a personal character reference.		Definitely a connected individual.
556	Robert Leon Hawkins	1978	Std	Former cop, now a PI.		If he retired, it would be a 12027-type permit? (12027 is a shall-issue system).
561	Stanley Joseph Hennessey	1993	12027i	Retired FBI		
566	John James Jonopulos	1993	Reserve	Good cause relates to reserves.		
571	Stephen J. Limrite	1993	Reserves	Reserves		
576	Ilir Nushi	1996	Reserves	Reserves		
579	Robert William Parkins	1993	?	Originally reserves, obtained CCW purely on that basis, but now he's NOT and still has a permit!?		
584	Dennis Ray Prasch	1996	12027i	Former FBI		
586	John Parker Roland	1994	12027i	Former FBI, now PI		
591	Gene Edgar Ross	1998	Reserves	Reserves		

593	John T. Rotolo	1988	Reserves	Reserves		
598	Lowell Edwin Richards	1995	Std	Attorney, Judge Pro-Tem and does security(?).		
601	William Arthur Rice	1995	Reserves	Reserves (Alameda County SO).		
606	Carl N. Reynolds	1998	12027i	Former FBI		
608	Robert Randolph Rockwell	1974	12027i	Odd case - he first obtained CCW off from the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office as a private security guard, then went into the FBI for a long time, and on coming out applied under 12027i. Doesn't matter much, just odd.		
611	Kevin Blair Thomas	1998	Std	Prosecutor, Alameda County DA's office.		
613	Bobby Dwain Thomson	1999	Std	Internal security and executive protection for Bank of America.		
615	Benedict James Tisa	1996	12027i	Former FBI		
618	David Jon Travers	1995	Reserves	Reserves		
621	William C. Vencill	1993	Std	Attorney, former cop with Concord PD, "runs into people he busted" (paraphrase). Had a letter of support from the CPD Chief, now missing.		
625	John R. Verducci	1969	Std	Barber shop owner - good cause statement not present.		
627	Albert Kaye Watts	1983	Reserves	Reserves		
632	Walter Mills Welti	1988	Reserves	Reserves		
637	Vincent Joseph Weltz	1998	12027i	Retired FBI		
639	Dirk Peter Walzien	1999	Std	Restaurant owner, takes money to bank, threats from violent/crazy ex-employees.		
641	Ronald A. Witney	1995	12027i	Retired FBI		
645	James D. Wilson Jr.	1998	12027i	Retired FBI		
647	Owen Kieth Yeager	1971	Std	Originally scores CCW as reserve. retained CCW after		

				leaving reserves. Occupation is blanked out on latest permit.		
650	Richard Albert Zarzana	1990	12027i	Retired Fed Secret Service		
658	Robert Allen Fink	1989	Std	Trauma room neurosurgeon; has testified as to the nature of injuries inflicted by criminals and is not popular in certain low-rent circles as a result.		Decent good cause statement
664	Edgar Leon Aitken	1999	Std	Financial consultant and auditor, claims that this makes him unpopular at times. Also claims to carry money.		Moved in from Napa, where he had CCW for 15 years. Mentioned that the Napa Sheriff would act as a reference.
667	James Hugh Anderson	1978	Std	Assistant DA, deals with gang prosecution.		
673	Stephen Keith April	1988	Std	Fire/arson investigator, local fire district.		Decent good cause
679	M. Donald Bellew	1978	Std	Former cop in New Jersey; employed as internal security and executive protection for World Airways, which if I recall right, is now defunct? Current occupation is listed as "security mgr."		
685	John Felix Bessols	1998	Std	Owens 100 apartment units, collects rent, takes cash to bank.		
687	Edward George Borden	1996	Reserves	Reserves - Berkeley PD.		
690	Wilfred Carnell Broom	1994	Reserves	Marin probation officer and has deputy powers somehow connected with the Marin Sheriff.		
693	Robert Duran Burke	1994	Std	Deputy DA assigned to a gang task force.		
700	Bruce Murray Croskey	1984	12027i	Former Deputy US Marshal, now getting threats.		
705	Carl Herrick Critz	1999	Std	Pathologist, testifies about cases, had letter of reference from the San Joachin County Sheriff - who mentioned Critz as being Contra Costa Sheriff's Posse.	YES	Remember, Rupf's lawyer was on record in court on 12/22/99 saying that the Posse is a private political club whose membership lists

						should be sealed.
708	Janet Candis Collins	1999	Reserves	Reserves		
710	Ernest A. Clausen	?	Reserves	Reserves - paperwork particularly sketchy.		
712	Paul L. Cianciarulo	1999	Std	Occupation is "estimator manager", good cause is "I'm a former cop, I may run into people I busted" (paraphrased).		
716	John Robert Davison	1971	Std	Original good cause: "hardware salesman on the road a lot with valuables", occupation today is listed as "sales".		
719	Gerald B. Diedrich	1996	12027i	Retired FBI		
724	Fred T. Fiedler	1994	12027i	Retired FBI		
729	Michael Abram Garduno	1996	12027i	Retired FBI		
731	Grady Lee Goldman	1990	Std	Criminology lab technician/manager, testifies in court, needs protection.		
735	Thomas Lewis Hauschild	1999	Reserves	Reserves - former full-time deputy, now a firefighter.		
737	Michael Chance	1983	Std	Retail gun shop owner.		
743-747				These are examples of pages from the file Rupf supplied Chuck Michel that Plaintiffs and counsel have set aside as being not relevant to the subject of equal protection.		

Additional Notes

The 12027-based permits shouldn't even be in here. That's a separate system for former law enforcement of various types — 12027i covers former Feds. Now, I'm not ready to call 12027 an equal protection violation, because to do so, I'd have to challenge the idea that cops get armaments and carry rights beyond what "us peons" get. A purist might say that, and with some constitutional backing but that's a complexity beyond what I need to deal with.

By including 12027 cases, Rupf gains by "watering down" the percentage of "cronies" listed. Let's say there's a total of 100 Posse members with CCW (which is very conservative!). If there's 244 permits total active today, then the Posse percentage is bad, but possibly survivable. But if out of 244 total, 50 or more are 12027, then the REAL Posse percentage is higher — 100 is a higher percentage of 190 than it is 244.

Problem: it's not at all clear that records under 12027 are public! They weren't covered under CBS vs. Block, and with their shall-issue status, equal protection is less of an issue. I'm not at all harmed if I'm denied info on them.

Last, this file is very incomplete. There were over 230 permits outstanding at the time this PRAR was answered, over a dozen of these in the above database are expired, so there were at least 40 or so files totally missing when this was answered!!! Where the hell are the rest!? I'm going to have to carefully sort out who's missing. There's been some added since, a bit over a dozen. Kim Fang died, of course.

SEE ALSO THE "CONTRA COSTA CRONIES ROSTER" AT:
<http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/cccr.pdf> (for examples of the CCW application files mentioned)

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