

CORRECTIONS

I spoke about Perry Floyd's "inner circle" of close friends – most of whom also happened to be corrupt law enforcement personnel – in *Middle American Mafia: Organized Crime Families in Oklahoma and Beyond*.

I named four of the members of this "inner circle" of law enforcement corruption specifically: John and Donna Hardridge, and a man named Cleo and his wife, Paula. I stated that I thought John and Donna Hardridge, as well as the man named Cleo, work or had worked for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

After further thought and research, I must correct this statement. I am now unsure whether John Hardridge did indeed work for the O.S.B.I. I also witnessed John Hardridge's wife, Donna Hardridge, regularly updating Norma and Perry Floyd about various cases and issues that the O.S.B.I. was dealing with over the course of their decades-long friendship. Because of this, I may have incorrectly assumed that Donna Hardridge also worked for the O.S.B.I. as well.

However, Donna Hardridge may have been conveying the information related to her husband's work simply because her husband is very unintelligent and lacks sophisticated communication skills. John Hardridge is the type of person who, when engaged in professional or intellectual conversation, regularly says things so stupid that the people who hear him cringe with embarrassment for him. John Hardridge did not seem to understand quite how stupid he sounded whenever he spoke, even though his closest friends and cohorts would collectively roll their eyes and sigh exasperatedly whenever he opened his mouth during a serious conversation.

Donna Hardridge worked in the same multi-building facility as Norma Floyd when Norma Floyd was working for C.L.E.E.T., near the intersection of 36th Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Oklahoma City. I believe Donna Hardridge actually worked in the Director's office at the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. The D.P.S. oversees the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, as well as many civic administrative functions, like providing driver's licenses. Obviously, Donna Hardridge's job at the D.P.S. would be just as valuable to an organized crime ring as a job with the O.S.B.I.

I also described a red-headed man named Cleo as working at the O.S.B.I. After researching to find Cleo's last name, I have realized that he also may never have worked for the O.S.B.I. I know that Cleo worked for the Edmond Police Department, because Norma Floyd always introduced him as, "Cleo, the Edmond police officer who was the first man on the scene of the Edmond Post Office massacre" in 1986. I recall Cleo, John and Donna Hardridge, and Perry and Norma Floyd discussing at length the high likelihood that Cleo would be hired by the O.S.B.I., given his "first on the scene" status at the Edmond Post Office shooting. I may have wrongfully assumed that Cleo was hired by the O.S.B.I. after hearing this conversation.

<http://www.edmondsun.com/local/x36436764/Ammo-still-scarce-3-months-after-Sandyhook>

The article at the web address above refers to a retired Edmond Police officer named Cleo Land, who now works for a firearms and ammunition retailer. In the article, Cleo Land states that as a direct result of the Sandy Hook elementary school shooting in Connecticut, gun and ammo sales at his place of employment spiked. Cleo Land also laments the fact that his business cannot keep up with the demands

of customers after mass shootings and other violent social upheavals. Trust me when I say, this is absolutely the type of greedy, callous, and hypocritical attitude that would be held by Cleo, corrupt cop, organized crime ringleader, and “first on the scene” of what is considered one of the first mass shootings of this type in American history.

Cleo had a wife named Paula who was also in the inner circle of the Floyd family’s organized crime ring. Norma Floyd described Cleo and Paula as a “common-law” married couple, so I am not sure if Paula took Cleo Land’s last name. As best I can recall, in the 1980s and possibly the 1990s, Paula worked at the Oklahoma Sheriff’s Association, a “non-profit” organization that claims to help make Oklahoma safer by improving law enforcement “through training, education, developing laws, providing technical and informational support and policies[...]”, etc.

Needless to say, having a corrupt associate in the Oklahoma Sheriff’s Association would be just as valuable to an organized crime ring as having someone in the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Public Safety, and the Edmond Police department.

In previous documents, I have established connections between the Floyd family and their associates and many other Oklahoma law enforcement agencies, including the Oklahoma City Police Department, the Tulsa Police Department, the Norman Police Department, the Oklahoma National Guard, and the Oklahoma City office of the FBI. Throw in contacts at the Oklahoma Indigent Defense System, the State Medical Examiner’s Office/Health Department, and at least one judge who sits on Oklahoma County’s District Court (Hon. Judge Virgil Charles Black), and it becomes clear that the Floyd family and their associates wield a powerful influence over almost every facet of law enforcement, safety/security, and the justice system in Oklahoma.

And yet there are even more connections between Oklahoma law enforcement and this organized crime ring that I have not yet found the time to fully disclose in writing.

COMING SOON: “Runnin’ in the Family” – A further exploration of law enforcement corruption and some of the Oklahoma families who appear aligned with the Floyd family’s organized crime syndicate.