



## No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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### **Dear NPPA supporters:**

Arguably the most significant development in the Peltier matter since the run-up to the Clinton pardons in late 2000 was the unexpected death of Robert Robideau on February 16th. Robideau, as all NPPA supporters are aware, has been a subject of no less than eight editorial essays and mentioned in other sections of the NPPA website.

(Please see Editorial Essay #47

<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#robideau>)

There is a certain informal etiquette borrowed from ancient times that we not speak ill of the dead, and it would hold in this instance were it not for the fact that Robideau, in life, made it a practice of doing just the opposite. In correspondence with this writer, and personally at a gathering of extreme America-haters in New York City, and countless other times publicly and on websites he has demeaned the death and sacrifice of Special Agents Jack Coler and Ronald Williams.

He has been quoted widely and repeatedly saying (at his lowest point), that the agents "died like worms." A pretty horrible and demeaning statement considering he also claimed credit for killing the agents; although, his version of their deaths is skewed and riddled with fabrications and exaggerations. (Please see <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#self>) But one fact clearly remained; he placed himself and Peltier at the scene of the murders.

Robideau was a constant source of statements digging the hole of guilt deeper for Peltier; for that he will be missed, and Peltier must be somewhat relieved.

In a statement on February 22 Peltier was uncharacteristically honest in his eulogy for his departed cousin.

Peltier praised Robideau but added that he "...was sometimes my worst critic..." and that they "...had strong disagreements at times." (Robideau had been in and out of the Peltier network several times over the years and winding up in Spain as he did is still somewhat of a puzzle.) Peltier also hinted at Robideau's character, and despite any alleged good he may have accomplished in life, his final destination is in doubt in Peltier's mind. "Wherever he is at" and "wherever you are" seems to indicate that Robideau may not be meeting with Waken Tanka, The Great Spirit, after all. No, Robideau has some questions to answer...

Now that a continued source of ammunition supporting his own guilt is gone, Peltier does have an option to exercise; it would not be surprising to see him blame it all on Robideau. But even if he did it wouldn't matter; Peltier is in Lewisburg, for among other things, Aiding and Abetting, and that's one thing Robideau has certainly reinforced in the public's mind.

**Parole Hearing:** No date apparently has been set and it appears Peltier is keeping this close to the vest; and probably for good reasons and a smart move on his part not wanting to bring too much attention to himself as he attempts another futile effort to convince the new President he's worthy of consideration for clemency.

Please see "My Plea for Clemency, by Leonard Peltier"  
<http://www.noparolepeltier.com/plea.pdf>

The NPPA's letter to President Obama will be sent soon and posted to the website.

**Linking to Peltier:** It should come as no surprise that an active link on the NPPA home page existed from the first day the NPPA website was introduced on April 30, 2000; nor that the LPDOC (and the former LPDC's) continue to remove us from their email list. The question then is; What do they have to hide? Well, here's an example:

**Getting the facts straight:** On the LPDOC, website, whoisleonardpeltier.info in the "parole" section they have a sample letter for supporters to send to the U.S. Parole Commission which reads in part:

"Further, in a decision filed by the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals on December 18, 2002, Mr. Peltier's sentences "were imposed in violation of [Peltier's] due process rights because they were based on information that was false due to government misconduct..."

That's a pretty damning statement...if it were true...and if because of their inability to read and comprehend the decision (or even a simple declarative sentence), or a deliberate attempt by the LPDOC and Peltier to deceive their supporters, (in other words perpetuating the folklore), it's relevant to put this statement in the context of what the court said, and what it meant.

The sentence immediately preceding the LPDOC quote of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision is "We believe that Mr. Peltier's argument, **properly characterized**, is **not** that his sentences were themselves illegal." And then goes on to state "The **argument** is that his sentences were imposed in violation of his due process rights because they were based on information that was false due to government misconduct."

And, look at the words they (Solano and Peltier) deliberately left out of the very sentence they quoted "The argument is that his sentences were..."

In other words, to make it easy for the LPDOC and Peltier to understand, the Court was rephrasing Peltier's argument (one he's been making since 1975) more clearly than Peltier had in this appeal. They were repeating what Peltier has been saying for thirty-plus years; that he didn't get a fair trial because he alleged government misconduct.

The court was not saying anything of the sort, or making a definitive statement regarding the facts of Peltier's case, but only restating what Peltier's *argument* should have been in this appeal.

To clarify it a bit further, the LPDOC is playing a desperate game of taking a court statement completely out-of-context to deliberately deceive supporters who do not have the wherewithal (or interest) to research the matter further.

But this has been a common Peltier tactic since day one; which is the polite way of saying...they lied.

One other irony of this misquote is that included in the three judge panel of the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court was Judge Gerald Heaney. For more about this aspect of Peltier's legal history please see the section entitled Honorable Gerald W. Heaney in editorial essay #17 in the Debate Continues section: <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#birthday>.

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