



## No Parole Peltier Association Newsletter

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### Dear NPPA supporters:

April 30<sup>th</sup> marks the NPPA's Ninth Anniversary.

Perhaps the most significant development over the past year was the unexpected death of one of the principal protagonists, Bob Robideau. His passing was no doubt met with some relief by Peltier and his network. Little positive can be said about a coward who claimed his victims "died like worms." Please see <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#robideau>

Peltier continues his efforts to court the new president on matters of pardon and clemency which has been answered with our own letter to President Obama setting forth the reasons why Peltier's petition should not be considered. Please see <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/obama.pdf>

As a follow-up to "Dear President Obama," an editorial essay entitled "Leonard Peltier: A Concise History of Guilt" was also distributed and placed on the NPPA website. This one document summarizes all the key elements, with appropriate sourcing, that clearly establish Peltier's guilt beyond any doubt. NPPA supporters are encouraged to review and print out this editorial essay and use it for discussions or debates concerning Peltier's unequivocal guilt. [http://www.noparolepeltier.com/final\\_guilt.pdf](http://www.noparolepeltier.com/final_guilt.pdf)

**Project Follow the Money:** Peltier's questionable and seemingly illegal fundraising activities continue without shame. Stand by...

**Taxing the (Indian) competition:** An interesting article appeared on Indianz.com relating that a Florida Senate committee passed a tobacco tax proposal that would outlaw cheaper and untaxed cigarettes from reservation stores such as the popular Seminole Smoke Shop on the grounds of the

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tampa. If the resolution finds its way into state law, it would make it a first-class misdemeanor with a fine of \$1,000 or more for any non-Indian to possess tobacco products sold there.

No, we're not making this up.

Florida wants a piece of the revenue from non-taxed Indian sold cigarettes by adding a \$1-a-pack tax, but, "under the Senate measure, the prohibition against Indian cigarettes would be lifted if the tribe agrees to pay the state an amount equal to the new tax on all its sales."

Viewed from another perspective, this could appear to trigger some of the elements of the federal extortion statute, or perhaps, and even worse, the way Native Americans had been historically treated. But this is about state revenues...right?

The reality is, however, the residents of Pine Ridge would welcome this kind of problem.

**Peltier Update:** Still no word about Peltier's next parole hearing. And, notwithstanding President Obama's comment in Ankara, Turkey on April 7, 2009 that the United States "still struggles with the legacies of slavery and segregation, (and) the past treatment of Native Americans," it is certain his opinion on individual Indian criminals would be something else again. Peltier should not get his hopes up too high in this venue. Besides, the president has many more important matters on his plate at the moment.

The LPDOC has introduced a new "plan" intended on bringing Leonard home by his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday this September. One of their tactics, as offered by Ben Carnes (advisory board member, national spokesperson and the National Branch Support Group Coordinator) is that if they "...haven't met with Obama by the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, (they) will escalate (their) activities," particularly by "Every Friday, jam(ing) the phones at the White House and ask(ing) Obama to grant clemency..." Certainly the President would not be thrilled if the White House phones were jammed by Peltier supporters, but gauging from previous efforts there may be a dozen or so calls, but realistically, less.

- ▶ It was interesting to see that Ben Carnes's MySpace page had a banner advertising; "Build your career in the FBI with an online intelligence degree" through the American Military University. No doubt that was unintended.
- ▶ A greater paradox is on the whoisleonardpeltier home page where visitors can watch the Robert Redford produced film, *Incident at Oglala*, as it continues to perpetuate one of Peltier's biggest lies. Towards the end of the film, watch and listen as Bob Robideau provides great detail about how the person they knew (Mr. X) killed the agents and drove off in the now infamous red pickup truck, and

as Peltier himself proclaims “This story is true. But I can’t and will not say anything about it. For me to testify against anybody or even mention—try to get somebody else in trouble, is wrong. And, I won’t do it.”

Yes, that’s exactly what he said, but he had to eat those words when Dino Butler called him a liar. <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/lie.html>

Lastly, It’s curious they haven’t attempted to edit out that portion of the movie so their supporters wouldn’t be forced to asked too many questions—but then, diehard Peltier supporters have never been interested in asking the tough questions of Peltier...like what’s he doing with the “tax-deductible” donations.

“**The Plan**” If we consider all the issues Ben Carnes and the LPDOC could have enumerated, it’s odd that they narrowed the “talking points” list down to the following:

1. “Leonard’s served over 33 years in prison.”

Yes, he has, as a result of two consecutive life sentences and the additional seven year consecutive sentence he still owes for his armed escape from Lompoc Penitentiary.

2. “The government has conceded that it does not know who shot the agents.”

This is vintage Peltier folklore and was resolved many years ago when the court of appeals said Peltier’s arguments failed because they were “fatally flawed.” Perhaps Mr. Carnes should read the decision himself <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/response.html#5> For Carnes to continue to offer this completely disproved statement, it is disingenuous.

3. “The government is still fighting vigorously to prevent the release of thousands and thousands of documents under FOIPA—documents that should have been turned over to defense attorneys’ years ago.”

Perhaps Mr. Carnes needs to understand the requirements of the discovery process in criminal proceedings. The FOIPA requirements and provisions are complex, but if Peltier believes there’s a smoking gun within those pages, then so be it. However, as the NPPA has stated from the beginning, Peltier should receive every document he’s entitled to so this aspect of the Peltier saga can be put to rest.

4. “Leonard will turn 65 on September 12<sup>th</sup> and he is not in the best of health.”

Jack Coler would have been sixty-two on January 12<sup>th</sup>, Ron Williams would have been sixty-two this July 30<sup>th</sup>. Their good health ended on June 26, 1975.

5. "Leonard was brutally attacked on January 13, 2009 by two other inmates and prison officials did nothing to prevent the attack from happening."

So, do Ben Carnes and the LPDOC believe this is part of an ongoing government conspiracy? Is Ben Carnes accusing the prison officials at USP Canaan of some culpability in this assault? Perhaps the young inmates didn't know about the Peltier myth, or didn't care, and wanted some bragging rights. The prison officials are not Peltier's personal bodyguards, but they did take action by promptly transferring him back to Lewisburg.

The "Plan" also suggests in *sample* letters that Peltier "...has been nominated for the Nobel prize five times for his humanitarian works from behind prison walls."

The Peltier Nobel Prize nomination is an ongoing joke, and anyone who spends just a few moments to understand how superficial the nomination process is, would easily understand this. Being nominated for a Nobel Prize is nearly meaningless; winning the prize, however, is something else again. Please see the following editorial essay for a complete review of the Peltier-Nobel Prize scam. <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#peace> And, as for the alleged "humanitarian works," please see the following: <http://www.noparolepeltier.com/debate.html#fraud>

They suggest too that "The Leonard Peltier Defense Offense Committee will be issuing a challenge to those interested agents to engage in a public debate, moderated by respected Journalists and Jurists. It is expected the agents will not be able to prove anything."

Not so fast. This is a little different twist for the Peltier network, albeit, a shallow attempt at bravado. This is the same group that for the past nine years has systematically removed this writer's email address from their list, every time. We have to ask the question, what do they have to hide? Why is it then, if they have nothing to hide and are so ready to have a debate on the facts, that they haven't linked their site to the NPPA? From the very first day the NPPA and its website were launched, April 30, 2000, there has been a link on the homepage to the LPDC/LPDOC. And every time their website or link has changed, the NPPA homepage has been updated to direct "concerned readers and researchers" to Peltier's website. If they have nothing to hide, and are paying just slightly more than lip service to the debate challenge, why wouldn't they link to the NPPA? Why not show the other side's arguments as we have done for the past nine years?

As for a meaningful debate, the NPPA website was created with a "Debate Continues" section where ongoing dialogues have been posted so anyone can explore both sides of the Peltier issue. Peltier, the LPDC, and the new LPDOC have never done so.

It's within the details that Peltier and his supporters fail. When emotion and extremism are removed from their arguments, Peltier and his supporters fall short when it comes down to specifics. But, a good place to start would be [http://www.noparolepeltier.com/final\\_guilt.pdf](http://www.noparolepeltier.com/final_guilt.pdf)

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