

IS HE A REPORTER, CRIME FIGHTER OR PEELED APPLE? PAUL DEMAIN AND THE FBI

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"I have met FBI agents over the years who are just human beings doing their jobs".
~~Paul DeMain

Paul DeMain, (Oneida/Ojibwa), editor of News From Indian Country, (NFIC) stated in 2001 he no longer believed Leonard Peltier was innocent of killing two FBI agents. About the same time he extended a friendly welcome to the FBI in 1995. Why did DeMain decide to join the FBI in targeting Leonard Peltier through the Anna Mae case after some years of allegedly defending Peltier's innocence?

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In the Mid August 1995 issue of News From Indian Country, in defense and justification for their support of the FBI, under "Recruiting FBI agents, informers, and national security secrets", wrote, **"The editorial staff and board of directors of Indian Country Communications Inc., believe the FBI has every right and duty to recruit Native Americans. They can use more diversity, and maybe twenty years ago they could have saved the lives of two young, white and inexperienced agents at Pine Ridge if there had been more native agents."**

Never mind the more than 60 murdered Oglala Lakota native people as a result of FBI activities on the Pine Ridge Reservation from 1973-1976; and Joe Stuntz, a young Indian man of 23 who also was shot in the head by a cowardly, never unidentified government agent's sniper bullet, the same day as DeMain's **"two white and inexperienced agents were shot in the head by a still unidentified native person (s)**. Substantiated by government admissions it does not know who shot the agents; and that it does not have sufficient evidence to show that Leonard Peltier was the "trigger man." (**Lynn Crooks, 1995 parole hearing of Leonard Peltier.**) Joe Stuntz had been shot in the head by a government sniper before the bodies of the dead agents had been discovered, strongly suggesting that this was, as indicated by numerous FOIA documents, a U.S. Government planned action. These agents, 28 years old, were much older than our "Dog soldier" group of 4 teenage boys, 15 and 16, who fought like warriors, as did the three young women warriors. Only Leonard, Dino, and myself, were the same ages as these agents. These agents were not only well trained in Special Weapons and tactics ((SWAT) and paramilitary tactics, and had experience in the field, but more importantly knew that they were being backed up by more than hundred fifty other SWAT FBI agents. We were forced to engage in a war of their making. The United States Federal Government had ordered "paramilitary" actions to be used to destroy the American Indian Movement and anyone that supported us. It is miraculous that only one of us was killed that day as they

had come prepared to massacre us. It was because of the widespread community support for us on Pine Ridge and the Creator that we were protected that day. (See **FBI Memo: http://www.freepeltier.org/aim_deaths.htm#may1973_memo**)

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