

Statement of the Outlaws MC Europe concerning the events on 12.06.2010 in Ehrendingen, canton Aargau, Switzerland.

On Saturday, 12.06.2010 a cowardly and insidious attack was conducted on the club house of the Outlaws MC Switzerland in Ehrendingen, canton Aargau, Switzerland.

The Outlaws MC has its origin in the USA and was founded already in 1935 in McCook, Illinois – just outside of Chicago. This means it is the oldest existing 1%-motorcycle club of the world

The Outlaws MC has a rich history and many traditions due to its 75 years of existence. One of these traditions is wearing a 1%-patch on our leather vests and our self-image as 1%-motorcycle club. In our case the 1%-patch expresses our mindset and dedication to our club motto „Biking and Brotherhood“. We drive our motorcycles every day, no matter whether the sun is shining or whether it is raining. We drive thousands of kilometres per year with our brothers in order to participate in parties, social events or funerals, respectively to simply spend time together. We have regular jobs, families and do everything our neighbours do too. The only difference is that we belong to an exceptional, worldwide brotherhood that we integrate firmly into our lives.

As biker and member of such a brotherhood we have our own ideas of personal freedom and live them. Freedom for us is among other things to give people of the same mindset the opportunity to join our international community. This is why there are people with Swiss nationality that have been members of Outlaws MC for years now. Because there is an increasing number of people in Switzerland that share our mindset towards motorcycles and brotherhood and they have found us, the decision was made to found an own official "branch office", a so-called chapter in Switzerland.

This foundation celebration was planned to take place on 12.06.2010 in Ehrendingen.

While already hundreds of Outlaws and invited guests from all over Europe were travelling to Switzerland, our Swiss brothers and their relatives (also wives and children) were busy with the last preparations. The attack took place during these preparations; between 100 and 200 not invited people with motorcycles and cars suddenly appeared on the club grounds and attacked the members and family members directly without prior warning. Shots were fired during this attack. Several cars and motorcycles of our members and uninvolved people were destroyed. Material damage amounting to over 100.000 CHF was caused.

Due to this event, but especially due to the associated reporting in the media and the public statements of an attorney ordered by another group, Outlaws MC Europe feels compelled to make the following statements:

1. A report in the online offer of the Basel newspaper dated 15.06.2010 says: „The Outlaws MC Switzerland newly founded on Saturday violated the unwritten laws and founded an MC without acquiring the permission of the Hells Angels in advance.“

Outlaws MC World, Europe and especially Switzerland will not ask anybody for permission about where and when to open a chapter in the future, as we have also not done in the past. This strongly contradicts our understanding of the term „Freedom“.

2. Another article in the Basel newspaper dated 14.06.2010 says: „Valentin Landmann, attorney of the Hells Angels recounts a completely different version of the event. Approximately 30 Swiss biker groups were participating in a motorbike excursion, among them also the Hells Angels. The bikers wanted to visit the Outlaws MC, which is common in the scene. «In this process, German Outlaws that were present opened fire without any warning.» Only after that, material damage was conducted on part of the bikers and Hells Angels.“

Outlaws MC Europe wonders why, according to this „depiction“ of Mr Landmann, 30 biker groups that are allegedly only participating in a biker excursion were carrying baseball bats, steel pipes, clubs, knives, and apparently also firearms. Or were these objects possibly intended as presents for the Outlaws MC during the „visit common in the scene“ of these other groups ? Should this be true, the entire situation was interpreted falsely. Other countries – other customs.

Beyond that Outlaws MC Europe states that at the time of the „visit“, members of Outlaws MC Germany were already on their way to Ehrendingen, but had not yet arrived on location in Switzerland at the time of the „visit“ and surely did not shoot at any "visitors".

3. Outlaws MC Europe does not participate in any public speculations about reasons and originators of this attack, as well as an earlier arson attack on the club house of Outlaws MC Switzerland. We leave this to the public media, so called insiders, attorneys contracted by other groups, and the investigative authorities.

4. Outlaws MC Europe supports the effort of the Swiss club comrades to open a club house and operate it permanently.

5. Outlaws MC Europe distances itself from all reports and public statements that associate the Outlaws MC with criminal activities, especially drug trade and the red light district business. The members of Outlaws MC Switzerland all hold honourable jobs, among others as mechanics, assemblymen or IT specialist. As Outlaws we do not necessarily live by the rules of society, but do live by its laws.

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