

Changing Dothan & Houston County

IS THEIR A PLAN FOR NEGOTIATION

By Hamm

(Note: late U.S. Senator Robert Byrd and Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black. Both supported civil right decisions. They were former member of the Ku Klux Klan)

I've been a member of the NAACP since being discharge honorably from the WWII and Peacetime U.S. Navy in 1949 and settling in Washington D.C. and becoming a member of the Washington, D.C. Branch under the leadership of Eugene Davidson, an intelligent man who lead the branch purposely on behalf of black citizens.

He would always say if you demonstrate always have a well laid out plan in your back pocket for implementation if what you seek; "be ready to negotiate and compromise for a successful conclusion to what you seek."

He would always say most people are good

and often have to be shown their mistakes in a calm and persuasive way, and if that approach does not get results we march or file legal action for change. His words of the early fifties still ring in my ears today. He also said factual evidence is crucial if a particular harm has occurred and is occurring be prepared to back it up with facts not hearsay which may be expressive, but not with facts and will not help in getting the decision you seek. Facts of wrong done can bring quietness to a room.

In the talk about Dothan Police Parrish, having been a member of a racist organization, so was Late Senator Robert Byrd who admitted he was a former member of the Ku Klux Klan, yet he came to support democratic legislation and was wheeled into the senate chamber, though seriously ill to

vote for the legislation that supports over 19 million in obtaining Affordable Health Care.

Alabamian Hugo Black was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and served for 34 years.

He had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He was also a former U.S. Congressman representing Alabama. His Supreme Court record show he supported several decisions on civil right.

We feel Chief Parrish will be instrumental in supporting and putting in place many of the national programs, now being implemented, to improve and update police community relations nationally and in the city of Dothan and hope citizen meet with him to explore what is being done in that regards. That should be a plan that would benefit us all.

Who is Ambrosia Starling? Roy Moore blames 'transvestite' for gay marriage controversy

By Leada Gore



Ambrosia Starling speaking at an anti-Roy Moore rally.

A Dothan entertainer has found herself in Roy Moore's crosshairs after the state's Chief Justice was suspended Friday night on charges he instructed probate judges throughout Alabama to ignore high court rulings legalizing same-sex marriage.

Ambrosia Starling, "a professed transvestite" and "other gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals, as well as organizations that support their agenda," are behind the efforts to have him removed from office, Moore said.

Moore was suspended

Friday night following an Alabama Judicial Inquiry Commission investigation into whether he violated judicial ethics by ordering probate judges throughout the state not to issue same-sex marriage licenses despite a U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The suit was filed by the Southern Poverty Law Center, People for the American Way, the Human Rights Campaign, Starling and other LGBT rights activists.

Moore now faces a hearing before the Alabama Court of the Judiciary and potential removal from office.

Who is Ambrosia Starling?

In her Facebook profile, Starling describes herself as an "entertainer, an advocate for equality, a defender of my community and a damned good cook!"

A resident of Dothan, Starling has participated in and hosted anti-Moore protests.

"The message that I would personally like to send to Roy Moore today is that bullying and discrimination are not ministerial duties. Taking people's civil rights is not a

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Two Kansas Men Charged with Attacking Somali Men Because of Their Race and National Origin



WICHITA, KAN. – Omar Cantero Martinez, 31, and Armando Sotelo, 24, both of Dodge City, Kan., were charged with federal hate crimes for attacking three Somali men because of their race and national origin. Acting U.S. Attorney Tom Beall of the District of Kansas and Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Vanita Gupta, head of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, made the announcement.

The indictment, which was unsealed today, charges Martinez and Sotelo with three counts of causing bodily injury to a victim because of actual

and perceived race and national origin. The charges are filed under the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which criminalizes willfully causing bodily injury to any person because of that person's actual or perceived race, color, religion or national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

The indictment alleges that on June 19, 2015, Martinez and Sotelo caused bodily injury to three Somali men who were lawfully present in the United States and residing in Dodge City.

The attackers are alleged to have used a bro-

ken glass bottle in the assault against two of the Somali men.

Each charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and a fine up to \$250,000.

Indictments are merely allegations of criminal conduct, and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

The case is being investigated by the FBI and the Dodge City Police. The case is being prosecuted by Trial Attorney Risa Berkower of the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mona Furst of the District of Kansas.

Alabama State NAACP targets Dothan, Alabama on Racism Issues

Patricia Mokolo, Alabama NAACP Communications Chair

DOOTHAN, ALABAMA – Today, The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP, Dothan for Justice Now and other local community activists have planned a march and rally in the city of Dothan, Alabama for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The plan is to start by invoking the presence of God and petitioning His guidance with a prayer and spiritual service on Friday, May 13, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the United New Jerusalem Church located at 1970 Reeves Street, Suite 217, Dothan AL 36303.

"The purpose of the March and Rally is to bring awareness to the state and nation of the horrendously oppressive law enforcement tactics that the citizens of Dothan have endured for many years. We are hoping that this will lead to the City of Dothan and Houston County making changes in policing tactics", said Benard Simelton, President AL NAACP. "We further hope that Law Enforcement will meet with the community to discuss working together for a better community."

In December 2015, the Alabama NAACP learned from Dothan citizens that they were being denied constitutional protections, racially profiled, illegally arrested and that guns and drugs were being planted on them.

Reports of extreme

disparity in sentencing of African Americans, as many were convicted and sentenced to jail without evidence. Other reports detail young males being shot, killed, and justified by the local authorities and law enforcement.

The NAACP was informed that citizens in Dothan have been living in fear for decades of retribution and retaliation for speaking out against these longtime Dothan and Houston County law enforcement practices.

The NAACP initial investigation widened and provided additional justification to look further into these Civil Rights violations. It was soon apparent that the injustices were not confined to people of color and extended to white whistleblowers as well as those involved in interracial relationships.

Our exploratory interviews and analysis further support the narrative of years of severe and unwarranted beatings, planted evidence, and murders perpetrated on Blacks by the Dothan police department. Our inquiry has revealed a criminal justice system that is just that, criminal. Coerced pleas, excessive bonds, extreme and excessive sentencing, kangaroo courts, prosecutorial misconduct, and judicial misconduct, all permeate the Houston County criminal justice system.

It is apparent that the

systemic corruption is so ingrained that no real effort is made to hide it; that there is a blanket of protection that gives the players an unshakeable confidence that nothing can be done to change the situation.

The fact that Dothan Police Chief Steve Parrish, Lt. Commander and self-proclaimed founder and member of the Henry Light Infantry Camp #1968, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, is charged with the responsibility of protecting and serving ALL of the citizens of Dothan is positively ridiculous and insults the intelligence of anyone cognizant of the historical background of the organization.

The Southern Poverty Law Center labels this Neoconfederate organization as "racial extremists." This group has advocated for blacks to "return" to Africa, published the theory that the civil rights movement is really a Jewish conspiracy, and propounded the belief that Blacks have lower IQ's.

Parrish admitted in December of 2015, that he both founded the Confederate Chapter and recruited members from the Dothan Police Department to serve as members. We gained access to a photo depicting an 11-member group, where 10 of the 11 are identified as current or former Dothan police officers. We believe that this explains

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Breaking News

The U.S. economy added 160,000 jobs in April, as employers eased up on hiring.

The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5%.

The latest government reading departs from a string of strong reports on jobs. At the same time, workers' hourly wages continued to grow because of a tightening job market.