

**August 23, 2010**

**I Thought You Knew Already!**

While my computer was out of commission, I had received emails on a topic about the stand-off in Turtle Mountain. I was going to blog about it, but it was already on the news up here, TV and radio, so I assumed you all already knew about it.

Clearly, there is more of a selective omission on news from Indian Country than I had thought, as I am still getting emails about the stabbing, standoff. So, better late than never:

***From the Rez:***

*I just found out about a Police Officer from the Turtle Mountains named of Gunnville.*

*He tried to kill his wife and then escaped. He was followed back to the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Reservation and a SWAT team from Minot was sent to arrest him.*

*This was last week and no one said anything about it? Usually things that involve Indians are on the news every fifteen minutes, this was broadcast and then silence about it??*

*This guy was married to Burton and Audrey Robertson's daughter, I don't know her name but know that she had several children before he married her. She is an alcoholic and so is the guy she was drinking with, when he stabbed her twice.*

*Did anyone write you about this? it seems like the people from here would be upset about this kind of behavior from a Police Officer that supposedly came here to serve and protect? No wonder the people here are afraid of the Police Dept there is no one here to protect them from the Police.*

*Like NLO's son who was taking out a high school senior and now lives with her in the open, no charges were ever filed on*

*him and there were no consequences to that kind of behavior because he is a Police Officer.*

*I wonder what will happen next to one of the Spirit Lake people at the hands of these so called Peace Officers?? It is an incident that makes it sound like he was from here and that the Police from Spirit Lake are as dangerous as the people they from whom they are supposed to protect us!*

*Where do the people go when there is a problem when the Police are the ones causing the problem? Or it is one of their relatives causing the problem?*

*Who has the authority to keep the Police in line or are they no more than Gestapo from the BIA sent here to terrorize us? Anyhow that is what I thought of when they first told me about it.*

And yes, I had heard about it the before:

*Aug 10, 2010*

*Hello there Cat,*

*Did you hear any news on the Duane Gunville incident? If not this is what I heard.*

*Lorraine Robertson, who is married to Duane for maybe 5 months ( got married in las vegas) or so caught him in bed with Tara Dauphinais at their trailer in Devils Lake on Saturday afternoon. (\*Afternoon Delight, playing in the background?)*

*She went crazy! Tara jumped out the back window and Lorraine was trying to leave to chase her down and Duane decided to pick a fight with her.*

*So he grabbed a knife and stabbed her once by the right side of her breast bone which probably saved her from doing more*

*damage. (\*actually, the reports I heard say he stabbed her 2x. Which brings to mind a song by The Doors: Love Me Two Times, I'm Goin' Away...)*

*Duane saw blood and left cuz he is the type to stay away from any accident that deals with blood. (\*Accident???)*

*So he fled the scene to Belcourt where he was in a stand off for 3 hrs and they had him surrounded in a field trying to talk him out of killing himself. In the end he gave up and ended being brought back to Devils Lake where he will probably go to State Court.*

*He was released from his duties in Fort Totten where he was assigned duty for the past maybe 3 years or so.*

So, anyone still wonder why I call them "Badgers"? No screening, no training, and no consequences. Look at Glenn DeLorme's record of abuses while he had a badge! And SLN had rehired him??? Good thing you all made a noise about it.

No one is safe as long as the Police, who are supposed to protect you, are the abusers. Losers and abusers do not a good Police Department make. Got it? Now go make some noise!

Seriously, as much as it made news up here, I really thought it had been played at least as much, if not more, out there. But, like everything else in Indian Country... Let's not let anyone know what is really going on!

And, until you have full and complete access to the information you need, information that is relevant to you, your family, your tribe and your community, this blog is all there is.

Inform yourself, your community. Send information to this blog.

Even if it is late, as this was, eventually, you will have what you need to make informed decisions.

**Morsel:**

With all the political garbage flying high and low out there and everywhere, here is something to remember when you are watching what is supposed to be 'News' or "Informative Media":

**Opinions** are based on facts. If an Opinion cannot be supported by real facts (i.e., qualified sources, agencies, reports, etc.) it is not in fact, and "Opinion", it is a "**Bias**". Biases are supported only by resentments, vague fears and prejudices.

Too many media outlets: Newspapers, Magazines, TV, Radio and Blogs, present raging Biases as "Opinions" and as "Facts" when in truth, they are neither.

Get educated and be able to know the difference. Inform yourself with research. Always look for facts.

You know where to find me.

~Cat

PS: More on Wayne in upcoming blogs. Not done with the school out there, not by a long shot.