

Testimony ends in Hells Angels drug trial

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VANCOUVER, British Columbia - Testimony has concluded in a major Canadian trial for a leading member of the Hells Angels accused of cocaine trafficking. The trial was conducted without publicity because Justice Anne MacKenzie of the British Columbia Supreme Court barred news media from reporting on it, the Vancouver Sun reported. The ban was partly lifted after a challenge by the Sun and other media companies. David Francis Giles, 58, a member of the motorcycle gang, is charged with trafficking "for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal organization, to wit: the East End chapter of the Hells Angels." The testimony still cannot be published. MacKenzie imposed the ban to protect the rights of other Hells Angels members scheduled for later trials. A two-year police investigation included infiltrating a nightclub bouncer, Michael Plante, into the organization. Plante was promised \$1 million Canadian (\$994,000) for his efforts.

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