

Tom's news page
Help us for justice!

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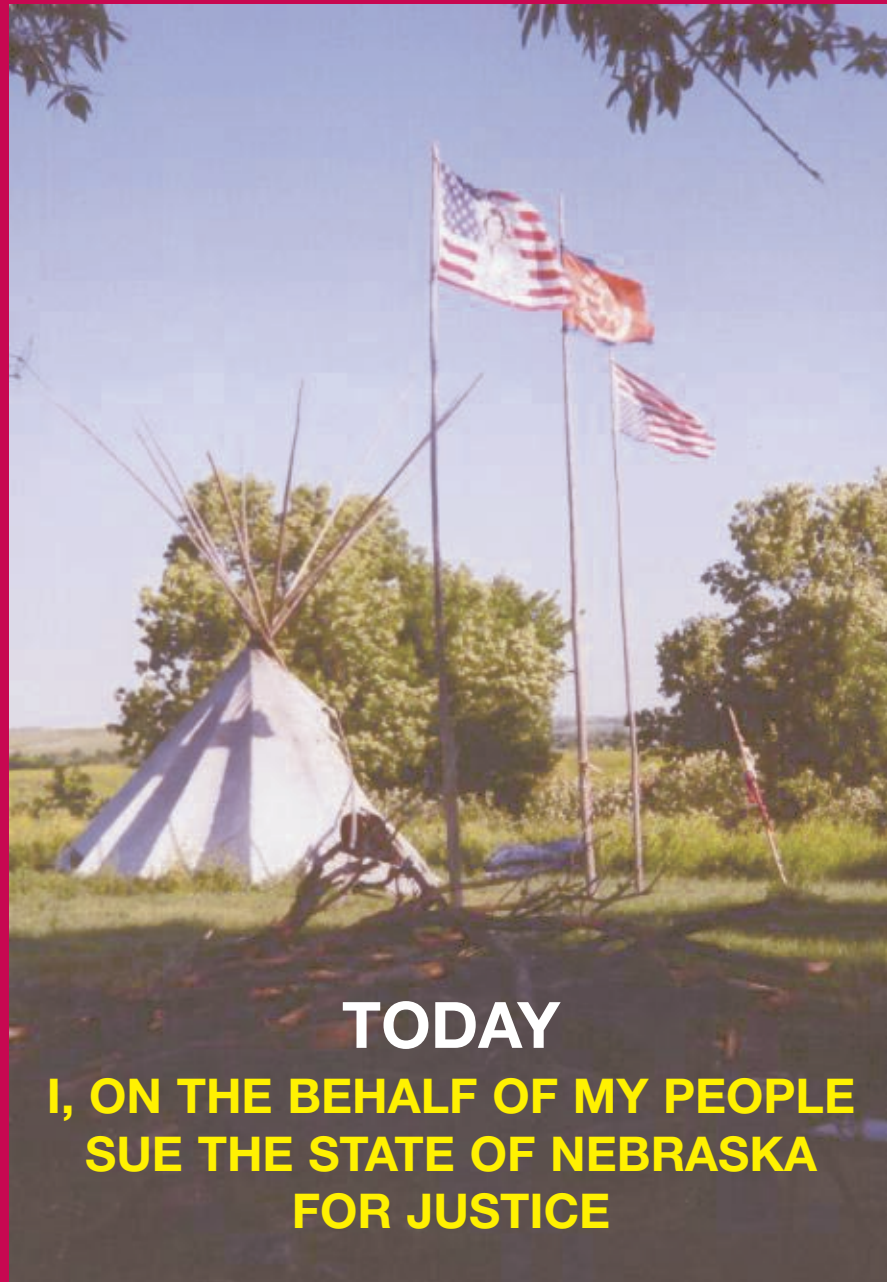
Someone killed Wilson Black Elk
and Ron Hard Heart.

Abandoned in a ditch between
Whiteclay, Nebraska
and my reservation in Pine Ridge,
South Dakota,
my brother and his friend
were found beaten and tortured
toward their death.

We put up a demonstration camp,
"Camp Justice",
we walked peacefully each sunday,
we prayed, we asked for the return
of Whiteclay to our tribe
in order to protect our people
from alcohol sales but by

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and 3 years after and a botched up
investigation, the killers are still free.



TODAY

**I, ON THE BEHALF OF MY PEOPLE
SUE THE STATE OF NEBRASKA
FOR JUSTICE**

We need your help.

***Join our fight
against the axis
of indifference***



***Pour Tom Poor Bear
envoyez vos dons à***

***Jeannot Mayr
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Suisse***



Why do we need your support?

Who I am.

My name is Tom Poor Bear. I am an Oglala Lakota. What you folks would call a "Sioux". I live on a reservation located in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

The damages generated by the sale of alcohol to our people have been dramatic since this land was arbitrarily taken from us. Today, I am not going to go back into our history. This is well known or may be easily discovered by those with any interest. I am not going to complain over and again regarding the way our people have been treated to date. Some good has come about that has helped to address some of the injustices that originated from this era. However the most important of these injustices have yet to be resolved.

This is why your support is important.

We Native Americans barely survived the ethnic cleansing you call colonisation. Now we simply ask for the same rights to a decent living and equal protection as any other American citizen. We want our children to be able to grow up in a safe, clean and sane environment. We want them to be able to go to school and to participate in the national effort. With our specific knowledge of the environment and our values, we contribute the best of our culture to our National table for a better world. Like you, we feel concerned by pollution, social developments and the world wide economic systems influence on human beings. We do not want our children to be left behind because of archaic illegal legislations; now a century or more old.

The facts.

In order to protect our people, alcohol is forbidden on all the reservations of the United States. Every locality in the U.S., their inhabitants, businesses and commercial public efforts are subject to the local zoning ordinances as determined by their duly elected constituencies.

With one exception: Pine Ridge.

By a Congress decision, Whiteclay (2,5 miles from Pine Ridge) belongs to the Pine Ridge reservation. Whiteclay is in fact owned only by Americans whose business is only sales of alcohol to Oglala Lakota! My people is sick and dying from ravages from alcohol. Domestic violence, foetal alcoholism don't give our children a chance to live their life of children, and even less a chance to be happy today or tomorrow.

What hope do they have?

What kind of life is waiting for them?

We want the return of Whiteclay to our tribal government in order to shut down definitively those alcohol shops and for this I on the behalf on my people, the Oglala Lakota and to make an example for other Native American to fight for their survey, I sue the state of Nebraska.

What can you do to help us?

We need you to sign up our petition below to present it before the judge and we need funds to pay the lawyer.

There are 200 millions peoples in the states more than 160 in Europe, if only 5000 of each of you give us a minimum of 2 dollars we have a chance to win against the state of Nebraska and to stop the criminal activities of Whiteclay.

→ Preliminary statment of the case



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

THOMAS R. POOR BEAR,
Plaintiff,

vs.

TOM NESBITT, in his official capacity as Superintendent of The Nebraska State Patrol,
TERRY E. ROBBINS, in his official capacity as Sheriff of Sheridan County, Nebraska,
ROBERT LOGSDON, in his official capacity as Chairman of the Nebraska Liquor Commission,
RICHARD COYNE, in his official capacity as a member of the Nebraska Liquor Commission,
RHONDA FLOWER, in her official capacity as a member of the Nebraska Liquor Commission,
Defendants,

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This is a civil rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. ainea 1983 by Thomas R. Poor Bear, a Native American Oglala Lakota, requesting damages, declaratory and injunctive relief from a pattern and practice engaged in by the Defendants of depriving Plaintiff of his constitutional rights to speech, assembly, association and the free exercise of his Lakota religious practices under the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitutions, Plaintiff claims that the Defendants have violated his right to travel freely between the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and Nebraska as secured by the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; and the right of the Plaintiff and his family and extended family to be safe and secure in their persons by the equal enforcement of the criminal and regulatory laws of the State of Nebraska, as afforded by the First, Fourth and Fourteens Amendments to the United States Constitution. Plaintiff seek to have his liberty interests protected under the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment and not to be discriminated against because of his status as a Native American Oglala Lakota in violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourneth Amendment. Finally, Plaintiff as an Oglala Lakota seeks for the enforcement of those Executive Orders of the United States ' President and the Acts of the COngress which created and dedicated the fifty (on) mile of land in Nebraska known as the Whiteclay Extension as a part of the Pine Ridge Reservation for the buffer zone to protect the 15,000 Lakota on the reservation from the sale of alcohol. Plaintiff further seeks just compensation under the Fith and Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution from the past and continued denial and refusal to return the Whiteclay Extension to the Lakota for a buffer zone for the Pine Ridge Reservation and the failure of the defendants to protect the Plaintiff and the Lakota from the sale of alcohol within the Whiteclay Extension.