

Clarence "Butch" Crouch (33:42):

One in the hall was self defense, I felt, but anyway. Then there was one more, they got on my case at church in '74.

Mr. Short (33:51):

Now who was they if would.

Clarence "Butch" Crouch (33:52):

Intelligence, they started screaming, that I hadn't done anything me and another member. That we hadn't done anything towards the Outlaws. And they said they just going to have to do something. And I said, all right, well, I was ready to do something. So they told me to just wait and intelligence security would set something up. So in a few days they came by and said, here's a shot gun, cut her down. And I cut down the shotgun.

Mr. Short (34:22):

You sawed it off.

Clarence "Butch" Crouch (34:25):

Yes, cut down the barrel, cut down the stock and waited for a couple more days. They said, that they'd come by and pick me up. They had all the information in place. It was supposed to be an Outlaw meeting. And they came by and picked me up. And, I sitting in the front seat, one guy had a machine gun sitting in the back seat. The other guy had a .45 that was driving. And I never really thought it would go down. And we drove down there. They had already set it up and made it runs on it, I guess, and checked it all out. And they had a car stashed down there, another car. And we drove down there and it all just took place. Boom, just like that. They drove straight to it. And there was a bunch of people standing outside and it was dark. And we pulled up and stopped and machine gun opened up and I started shooting. And I shot a window out and shot a bike, and I shot up the driveway and I hit somebody. Which is more or less why I'm sitting here. Because it turned out to be a 17 year old kid. And that was the only killing I ever did.

Mr. Short (35:34):

So you arrested in conviction for that murder?

Clarence "Butch" Crouch (35:43):

Yes, I pleaded.

Strom Thurmond (35:43):

He's serving time for that now. You're serving time for that now?

Clarence "Butch" Crouch (35:45):

Yes. It was an unsolved murder till I confessed to it.

Strom Thurmond (35:50):

What is the goal in life of the Hell's Angels and why did you join Hell's Angels?

Clarence "Butch" Crouch (35:58):

I joined because of a brotherhood. We were one family, one big family, we're all brotherhood. We would all stay together and we would, all our kids would be Hell's Angels. And it was something that we'd all grow old and be proud of.

Jackee Taylor (36:40):

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Speaker 21 (36:43):

What we learned about Butch Crouch was not good news, as far as being a good witness.

Lawrence Whitney (36:51):

He was going to be an awful hard sell to a jury. If his word was all we had to go on.

Jackee Taylor (37:00):

My father comes face to face with his former Hell's Angels brothers in the courtroom.

Lawrence Whitney (37:05):

He was coming up with statement said it was people getting killed almost every day. You know, I'm jeez, come on.

Jackee Taylor (37:13):

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