

NECRO-BESTIALITY LEGAL IN WISCONSIN?

There is a nation of laws. There are many acts one can commit that are disturbing and disgusting, but are not necessarily against the law. Such is Wisconsin's law 944.17(2)(c), to wit, "Sexual Gratification with an Animal," but as always, the devil's in the details.

The facts are deceptively simple. According to the complaint, Bryan Hathaway was walking down a country road and saw a freshly road killed deer carcass. Hathaway dragged it off to the shoulder and began to 'ride herd' so to speak. Several disgusted drivers witnessed the act and phoned him in. A trooper soon arrived to interrupt and arrest him.

At issue is when does an animal cease to be an animal and commences becoming a carcass. The assistant public defender, Frederic Anderson, in a Motion to Dismiss, has argued that "According to the complaint, Mr. Hathaway had sex with a dead deer[sic]. The statute does not prohibit one from having sex with a carcass." In the same motion Anderson quotes Billy Crystal from the movie, "The Princess Bride," "There's a big difference between mostly dead and completely dead." Anderson is claiming that his client had sex with a completely dead deer carcass, hence broke no law.

Hathaway, not attempting to hide his necro-bestiality, arguing only that an animal is by definition a living organism, and thus he did not have sex with an animal. Incidentally his Motion to Dismiss was denied and things are progressing towards spring court date. If the court rules in favor of Hathaway, necro-bestiality could effectively become legal throughout the state of Wisconsin.



A mugshot from Bryan Hathaway's previous conviction for shooting a horse and trying to have sex with it.

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NUMBER OF
US SOLDIERS
that have died in the
war in Iraq:
2883

NUMBER OF US
SOLDIERS
wounded in the war
in Iraq:
46137

AVERAGE NUMBER
OF US TROOPS
killed daily in Iraq:
2

NUMBER OF
FEMALE US
SOLDIERS
that have died in the
war in Iraq:
62

NUMBER OF
COLORADOAN
SOLDIERS
that have died in the
war in Iraq:
35

NUMBER
OF PRIVATE
CONTRACTORS
killed in Iraq:
374

NUMBER OF DAYS
that America fought
in WWII:
1343

NUMBER OF DAYS
that America has
fought in this Iraq
War:
1426

NUMBER OF US
SOLDIERS
that have been killed
in Afghanistan:
350

NUMBER OF
MONTHS
since 9/11 that Bin
Laden has been on
the run:
62

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AN INTERVIEW FROM IRAQ

Kyle Felix, 23, a Grand Junction native, is stationed in Kirkuk. The following interview was conducted via e-mail. Editor's note: Minor typing errors were corrected, all other material is 'as is.'

The Red Pill: When did you join the army?
Kyle Felix: I entered the Delayed Entry Program sometime in July 04, but I didn't really swear in until 31MAY05. Ya know it's funny how good of a job they do making you think that you are locked in the DEP. All you really signed up for is a contract saying that you are in this program, not in the army yet, but they like to make ya think that some nasty shit would happen if ya backed out of the DEP.

TRP: Why did you join the army?

KF: I joined the army for lots of reasons. I guess the biggest reason was I'd didn't know what the fuck I was doing with my life at the time, and a recruiter called me up and told me about this "sweet" deal the army had for me. They would offer me training, experience, traveling, college money; I thought that when I got out it would look real good on a resume, and shit I didn't have any other plans after high school. I didn't have a girlfriend anymore and I'd been wanting to get the fuck out of Junction since I was like 12, and never put it together for myself. I just saw a whole bunch of long term achievements and opportunities by joining. And the recruiters made it real easy to minimize the bad parts in my head. I figured that 4 years couldn't be that long right? And actually I might be looking at getting stop-lossed so we can get deployed again.

TRP: Where are you stationed now?

KF: Well right now I'm in FOB Warrior in Iraq, but we're out of Hawaii with the 25th ID. I guess I'm stationed here for the year, but I can be moved around to the other FOBs depending on the mission. I have not left FOB Warrior yet though.

TRP: What's a good day like?

KF: What's a good day? I guess ya kinda make your own good days, ya know. I like get out of the clinic when I can. Sunday was cool cuz I was hanging out with people from my company that I don't normally get to see all that often, and they're all pretty cool; plus it was cool for me to do some concrete work. When ya stick to something you can see the work you've done, put your hands on it, measure it, count it if ya want to. I don't really care about numbers or measurements, but it was nice to be able to look back and see what I accomplished for the day. As a mental health tech, I don't ever really get to see the fruits of my labor, other than the fuck'n stack of meaningless files and paper work that go

along with my job. If people are doing better than they stop coming in. Ya don't ever really know if ya did anything for anybody. I mean I believe in the work we do, and I'm sure we help some people, but it's all abstract. All I see in my work is people when they're hurting. All I ever hear about is the shittiest part of people's lives out here. And it's not like a medic who can see a wound and patch it up, or splint a broken leg and know for the most part that their patient will get better in x amount of days. Some people I talk to and I know damn well there's not a fuck'n thing I can do for 'em, other than be a good listener and let 'em vent. Some people are really fuck'n hurting and there's not a damn thing can be done for 'em, other than try and medicate 'em, and give 'em a shoulder to cry on. I guess that leads to the next question.

TRP: What's a bad day like?

KF: What's a bad day like? When people come in and dump shit on ya and hope for help, but ya got to tell 'em that ya can't help 'em. I get so fuck'n drained. And no matter how bad a day you have, ya still have paperwork to do, ya still have to go eat the same shitty food you eat every fuck'n day. Ya still have to wake up in a place where bombs go off all the fuck'n time, and ya just learn to drown out small arms fire, don't even care if it's a firefight or testfire. Doesn't matter till a guy comes in talking about how he got hit with a fuck'n IED again, only this time his buddy died. Bad ass mother fuckers who go out every day patrolling the city for only GOD knows why, just waiting to get hit by a suicide bomber, sitting in front of me spilling his guts out, telling me he's sick and tired of this shit and doesn't know what to do. Guys telling me they think their wives are cheating on 'em back at home. Guys telling me that if they don't get away from this shit, then they're gonna kill themselves. I think bad days sneak up on ya, they creep up for a few days till something gives. I'm lucky. I got a buddy who listens and jokes, lifts weights and runs with me. He gets sick and tired just like I do and we lean on each other. After a while we get sick of each other and do our own thing for a while. Somewhere in there somebody has a good day and that can spread too, but for the most part I think ya just got to remember to take care of yourself and make yourself laugh here and there. Whatever ya got to in order to keep your sanity, I guess.

TRP: Where do you get your news from?

KF: I don't really give a shit about the news most of the time. They always play CNN in the DEFAC but you can't ever really hear it. I mostly like the commercials that advertise visiting foreign countries. They do such a good job of making it look like Neverland. Anyways, I suppose if I gave

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a damn I could surf the net for news, or hit up somebody in a phone call or email. But there doesn't ever seem to be good news anymore. All it does is stir up rumors about what war we're gonna go fight next, and I don't want part in any of that, rumors or war. Didn't really care about the elections or the Democrats taking over the House and Senate, cuz it won't change what's really happening anywhere. They'll just do what politicians do. Talk. They won't change anything, not that I can see. I'll still be here, and I'll probably still come back and this will still be a fucked up country and there will still probably be a civil war when ever we leave. So I keep my head out of it. I'll believe I'm leaving this place when the plane takes off. I'll believe that I'm coming back or not, when that plane takes off, or doesn't. The news just bothers me for the most part, so I stay away for now.

TRP: The majority of Americans are opposed to the war, what are your thoughts about this?

KF: They should be. Far as I can see it's costing America more than it's paying off. The army tells us that our mission here is to build up the Iraqi Army and the Iraqi Police. Now I've never worked with either so I don't know them from the fuck'n Amazons or Nazis, but the guys I work with have plenty to say about 'em. Most of 'em don't trust 'em. I've heard plenty of stories about the Iraqi Police either not doing their job, and the result would be our boys getting blown up, or actually doing shit to set us up for it. Other than that I've heard tons about their jobs. I've rarely heard much that is even decent about most of it, other than the Kurdish Iraqis. The Kurds fuck'n love us here and want a modern Iraq, and from what I've heard are willing to fight for it. All the guys have good shit to say about the Kurdish forces. But ultimately it seems to most of us that this is a fuck'n costly can of worms that we are nowhere near sorting out. Our boys go out for no reason, and everytime they do they risk their lives, for what? They don't know. I can't tell 'em. I'm not saying fuck the Iraqis. I've met some of 'em, and they seem like good people just like you or me. But sooner or later we're gonna have to leave and these people are gonna have to deal with their own shit. Until then I think the longer we stay here the higher the death toll will be until we leave. And really I don't think that it'll be that much better for Iraq if we stick around longer. I think shit'll hit the fan when we leave either way.

TRP: What is ptsd, and do you see it?

KF: PTSD is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and it's a DSM-IV diagnosis. Pretty much it is where somebody has been through some traumatic shit and it fucks 'em up. Some of the symptoms are nightmares, flashbacks, hyperaltness, irritability, anxiety especially when encountering something that reminds them of the event or events, insomnia, psychomotor agitation, mood swings, and a bunch of other shit that I can't remember right now. It is often accompanied with an anxiety disorder or a depressive disorder. Somebody can have symptoms for just a few weeks or the rest of their life. It can be a minor disturbance to some people and absolutely devastate others. And yes, I do see it. I see it all the time. Mostly from the guys who were here in OIF I back in 2003-04. Most of them went through some shit and it fucked with 'em. Then they come

back out here and it just gets worse or happens all over again. It's harder for them cuz we don't just kill everybody like they did back then. The ROE has changed quite a bit but for them it's still that same fuck'n war zone they were in before. Most of the guys don't want to admit that they have it or that anything bothers 'em. And really out here there's not a whole lot that you can do to combat it. Sleep meds are probably most common, and anti-depressants if they work. Some guys just want somebody to talk to, cuz they refuse to talk to anybody else about what's going on. Alot of guys use the Chaplins for that. Your not crazy if ya see the Chaplin, but you probably are if ya go to mental health.

TRP: When are you due to come home?

KF: I'm supposed to get 2 weeks of leave while we're out here. I'm sure they'll give me a few days notice before hand, which isn't really a lot of time to set shit up with family and friends, but ya'd have to be insane to turn down leave from this place. As far as re-deployment goes, I've heard all sorts of rumors about when the next unit is supposed to come replace us. For the most part units pull year long deployments and I keep hearing July of '06. Like anything else, with the army, I'll believe I'm really going come when the plane takes off.

TRP: Will you be reenlisting?

KF: FUCK NO!!!!!! Well actually I've thought it through pretty seriously. If the army would be willing to give me a \$1,000,000 reenlistment bonus, duty station of choice, train me for a different MOS of my choosing like X-ray tech, and only have 2-3 additional years, including the training (Which is a year long and all X-ray techs sign on for 6 years from the get go cuz of the training and how much they can make in the civilian world) and have it put in my contract that I do the college program where I go to school for 4 days a week for my job, then I'd probably sign such a contract. But since no such contract could possibly exist, even if you took out the million dollar, I will not be reenlisting.

TRP: What is something everybody back home should know about this war?

KF: This is probably the hardest question of all. I don't know really. I mean they should know that it sucks being here, but they probably already know that. I guess that I could toss out that the way the army is running alot of people that are just waiting to do their time and get out, and not just the people that are whiners or vusses, but all sorts of cats that are kick ass soldiers who'd do great fucking things for the army if shit wasn't running the way it is. For the most part, the army treats its soldiers like crap. And not just the standard crap that a good army will produce to keep its soldiers tough and disciplined, but stupid shit that would put good people out of the army when the army need to keep people most. As far as the war is concerned this is my take: If you're gonna have a war, and send your young men and women to another country to go and die, then you should have a damn good reason for sacrificing such lives. What's the reason? I'm not saying that there isn't a reason for it, but is it worth it? Has it made my family's life so much better because of what I've done here? I don't see how I've made anyone I love safer, or richer, or given more purpose to their life. •

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JOHN OTTO'S ROCK OF AGES

A 6,000 pound block of rock cut out of the cliffs of the Colorado National Monument sits in the alley behind the Museum of Western Colorado. Carved into the stone are multiple symbols, words, and two swastikas. The swastikas are of the eastern style, predating the Nazi's use of the symbol. The arms bend to the left and it usually meant good luck.

According to local historian Dave Fishell, John Otto, the first caretaker and "father" of the monument, had the rock carved in 1915 to celebrate his trip to the National Park Service's first convention and the world fair in San Francisco. He was an atheist, women's suffrage supporter, a patriotic American, and he saw the beauty in the Monument and preserved it.

W. W. at the top stands for World Welfare. Otto supported the working class. THLJ within the links of a chain stands for truth, honor, love and justice, the same words that were printed on the ground in crushed white quartz at his wedding. He said obey was not included because women should not be subservient to their husbands. His only marriage lasted 12 weeks in 1911.

Otto had an idea for a new calendar system in which he wanted everyone to follow. Monday would be the first day of the week and 1915 would be "Year 1". He wanted the whole world to adopt his "New Count," hence the globe and the days and numbers of the week beneath the swastika. No one adopted it.

The large swastika has stars in each quadrant, similar to the Hindu swastika with dots in each quadrant. Other symbols and words have unclear meanings.

The original location of the rock was 4th and Main. It remained downtown until just before World War II, when it was moved to an intersection on Broadway. It sat there for 30 years, and then was moved to the Museum of Western Colorado in 1965, where it still remains. The back sides of the rock face the street to avoid vandalism.

Otto was a suspect to the assassination

Colorado Gov. Peabody, who was anti-union. Peabody illegally used the National Guard and other state militia against striking miners. The State Militia bombed miner's homes in New Castle and the militia was illegally sent to Cripple Creek during a strike. Otto wrote Peabody many letters ordering the violence be stopped. Once, Otto was to meet with Peabody in Denver, but was set up. The man who introduced himself as the governor was only a worker for Peabody, and five officers in hiding ambushed and arrested him. They realized Otto meant only business and was not trying to assassinate Peabody. He was trying to broker a peace. Otto was not charged for the later assassination of Peabody. Peabody called Otto "nothingbutaharmlesscrank," according to Fishell. •



A Charcoal Rubbing of The Rock of Ages. In the Alley Behind the Whitman Educational Center. Between 4th and 5th St. and between Ute Ave. and Colorado Ave.

THE SUPREME COURT AND SINGULAR POSSESSIVE NOUNS THAT END IN "S"

The Supreme Court, the highest court in the land, often has to wade through important cases and make hard decisions. In one of its final actions of last session, the Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision in *Kansas v. Marsh* ruling Kansas's death penalty statute was constitutional, but the 5-4 decision exposed a deeper rift in the court and the nation—between those who feel that possessive forms of a singular noun ending in "S" requires another "S" after the apostrophe, and those who don't.

On the Court, Justice Souter takes the position that an additional "S" is always required. Souter in the dissenting opinion refers to "Kansas's...Statute."

Justice Thomas' takes the other side, in the majority opinion, always using Kansas' rather than Kansas's.

Always the wildcard, Justice Scalia, in his separate *Kansas v. Marsh* opinion, referred to the law as "Kansas's Statute," and he adds the "S" to witness's. But in the same opinion Scalia uses the apostrophe only on Stevens', Adams', and Tibbbs'.

Currently, Scalia and Souter are in the minority which supports the extra "S" after the apostrophe. Modern American usage would tend to agree with Souter and Scalia in that the extra "S" is required. But as we know the Court is always about ten-years behind the people. •