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### **Civil Lawsuits Pending Against Roger, Donald and/or Barbara Barnett**

*Ronald G. Morales, et. al. v. Roger Barnett, Barbara Barnett and Donald Barnett.*  
Case No. CV200400779. Filed Friday, November 26, 2004

On October 20, 2004 Ron, Art, Venese (age 11) and Angelique (9) Morales and Emma English (11) were deer hunting outside Douglas, AZ where they were confronted by Roger Barnett. Barnett began screaming at the family, including telling them that they were "just like your ignorant Mexican brothers." Roger Barnett reached into his pick up truck and pulled out a loaded AR-15 and proceeded to point it at the three children and two men. The girls were crying and shaking. The plaintiff's feared for their life. The civil suit charges the Barnett's with assault, battery, false imprisonment, negligence, gross negligence and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

*Donald J. Mackenzie v. Roger Barnett, Barbara Barnett and Donald Barnett.*  
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On October 11, 2003 Mr. Mackenzie found a group of approximately thirty migrant men and women at a well located on his ranch. When Mr. Mackenzie asked if anyone spoke English, a man wearing a U.S. Border Patrol hat spoke up and said that he had "rounded up the Mexicans." Because of the man's hat, overall appearance including a side arm and demeanor, Mr. Mackenzie assumed the man and the two others with him worked for the U.S. Border Patrol. When Mr. Mackenzie discovered that the individuals were the Barnett's he became scared for the safety of the migrants as well as for himself due to his sympathy for migrants and opposition to vigilante activities. Mr. Mackenzie's civil suit charges the Barnett's with trespass and impersonating a police officer.

\*A similar suit was originally filed on December 11, 2003—International Human Rights Day in federal court with Mr. Mackenzie and Border Action Network as plaintiffs. The plaintiff's attorney Jesus Romo dismissed that suit and refiled it in state court without Border Action as a plaintiff.

*Jose Rodrigo Quiroz Acosta v. Roger Barnett*  
Case No. CIV04 367TUCFRZ. Filed July 16, 2004

On January 19, 2003 Mr. Quiroz decided to seek help after spending several days in the Arizona desert waiting for friends to bring him and others water and food. After walking for seven or eight hours, Mr. Quiroz came to a paved, public highway where he waived down an approaching pick up truck. The truck that pulled over was driven by Roger Barnett who promptly released his dogs on Mr. Quiroz. Afraid of the growling dogs, Mr. Quiroz began to run and was chased by the dogs who eventually caught up with and attacked him. As the dogs attacked him, Barnett beat and kicked Mr. Quiroz. The civil suit charges Barnett with battery, false imprisonment, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

*Ana Maria Vicente, Gerardo Gonzalez, et. al v. Roger, Barbara and Donald Barnett, Larry Dever in his individual capacity as Sheriff of Cochise County and 10 undisclosed defendants*  
Case No. CIV 05-157TUC-JMR Filed March 4, 2005

This civil suit was filed by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund in federal court in Tucson, Arizona on behalf of a group of five women and 11 men migrants from Michoacan who allege they were violently assaulted, battered, detained, and threatened with death by members of vigilante groups operating along the Arizona-Mexico border. The lawsuit charges Roger Barnett, his wife Barbara Barnett, his brother Donald Barnett, Cochise County Sheriff Larry Dever, and unknown co-conspirators with conspiring to violate the travelers' civil rights.

*Petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States Submitted by the Border Action Network in relation to Victims of Anti-Immigrant Activities and Vigilante violence in Southern Arizona against The United States of America  
Case No. SG/IACHR/CIDH Filed April 28, 2005*

An international human rights complaint was filed against the U.S. government for failing to uphold local, state, federal and international law in regards to violent, unlawful vigilante activities along the Arizona-Sonora border. The petition includes the names of nearly 1,000 victims of vigilante detentions and violence, both US citizens and migrants as well as explains the ways in which unlawful vigilante activities have gone ignored by public officials.