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MISTRIAL!

• Protesters get off but FBI informant convicted

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LAS VEGAS, Nevada—In the three-part, landmark case that arose from the 2014 standoff near Bunkerville, Nev. between multiple federal agencies and supporters of rancher Cliven Bundy, the jury deadlocked on April 24, forcing U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro to declare a mistrial. Federal prosecutors were unable to secure convictions for four of the six defendants in the first of three trials. Shockingly, one of the two men convicted had been an FBI informant for years. His cover was blown during trial testimony.

The four defendants who escaped conviction were Richard Lovelien, Eric Parker, O. Scott Drexler, and Steven Stewart. The 12-member jury fell far short of convicting these four, according to defense lawyers.

The jury found two defendants in the opening trial—Todd Engel and Gregory Burleson—guilty of some charges, with Burleson bearing the brunt. During testimony, FBI agents revealed Burleson was an informant.



Above, supporters and critics of the six men who were on trial for defending Cliven Bundy from overzealous federal agents gathered in front of the courthouse in Las Vegas in February. Without ever firing a shot, the defendants face life in prison because they had the audacity to stand up to the Bureau of Land Management.

Engel was charged with obstruction of justice and using interstate commerce to commit extortion. Engel could possibly be sentenced to two years in prison, though it's likely he'll get considerable credit for time already served.

The jury found Burleson guilty of multiple charges, including using a firearm to assault federal officers, in-

terfering with federal officers, and extortion. *The New American* reports that Burleson, of Phoenix, Ariz., has been a paid informant for the FBI for years, so don't expect the provocateur to see the inside of a jail cell.

It is standard operating procedure for the FBI to send in informants to escalate violence in an effort to trump up conspiracy charges.

Since some of the defendants in the Nevada cases were cleared earlier this year in Portland federal court of any wrongdoing for their part in the Oregon occupation-protest that ended in early 2016, the federal government is determined to secure convictions in a future trial. A staffer in the dockets department of the U.S.

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