## Agreement to settle Hunter Thompson DWAI

- 1. HST and Lawson Wills to sign the 7 point agreement between HST and the Aspen Police Department:
- Hunter S. Thompson and the Aspen Police Department agree to the following:
- 1. That driving while one's ability is impaired by alcohol is dangerous to the health and safety of the public and must be avoided at all costs.
- 2. That statements by police officers which are inaccurate or untruthful are dangerous to the administration of justice and must be avoided at all costs.
- 3. That it is an important function of police officers to enforce Colorado law prohibiting alcohol impaired driving and that failure to enforce those laws vigorously would comprise a serious breach of duty and violation of public trust on the part of police.
- 4. That it is an essential quality of police officers to be free of enmity or bias against any individual or group of individuals in the community they serve and that for any officer to act or even appear to act out of any such enmity or bias would constitute an abuse of power and a violation of public trust.
- 5. That although Colorado law does not prohibit driving after drinking anything, clearly the wisest choice is not to drive after having had anything alcoholic to drink, including after drinking a sufficient amount to obtain a blood alcohol concentration of .08.
- 6. Decency, security, and liberty alike demand that government officials shall be subjected to the same rules of conduct that are commands to the citizen. In a government of laws, existence of the government will be imperiled if it fails to observe the law scrupulously. Our government is the potent, the omnipresent teacher. For good or for ill, it teaches the whole people by its example. Crime is contagious. If the government becomes a lawbreaker, it breeds contempt for law; it invites every man to become a law unto himself; it invites anarchy. To declare that in the administration of the criminal law the end justifies the means to declare that the government may commit crimes in order to secure the conviction of a private criminal would bring terrible retribution.
- 7. The parties agree mistakes and/or errors in judgment have been made by all parties, that each party will strive to avoid any such errors in the future, and that it is in the best interest of justice to go forward with the tendered agreement.
- 2. HST to do 24 month deferred prosecution in DWAI case nunc pro tunc to Nov. 7, 1995.

## Deferred Prosecution will end on Nov. 7, 1996.

Conditions of deferred pros are:

- 1. Signing the 7 point agreement.
- 2. Pleading nolo under a separate case number to speed to fast for conditions, a three point violation.
  - 3. Home study of the outline for Level I education.
- 4. HST will not be convicted of any criminal offense other than traffic infractions or petty offenses during period of deferral.
- 5. DA and police department will not object to the sealing of records in the DWAI case upon completion of the deferred prosecution.

6. AVH and Lawson Wills appear in court on or before April 1, 1997 to enter the deal.

Lawson Wills

Abraham V Hutt

Hunter S. Thompson