

Who is Byron Shane Chubbuck?

Byron Shane Chubbuck (also known as Oso Blanco) is an indigenous activist from the Wolf Clan Cherokee/Choctaw. He is currently serving an 80-year prison sentence for a series of bank expropriations throughout the southwest.

Chubbuck was known by the FBI as 'Robin the Hood' because he informed the bank tellers he was expropriating funds to assist the poor and indigenous people fighting for independence in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas. Chubbuck began his campaign in



Chubbuck, Peltier, Tom Manning

1998 until his capture in August of 1999.

In August 13, 1999, two FBI agents investigating the series of bank expropriations came to Chubbuck's apartment. The agents were interviewing Chubbuck's wife when he entered. A shootout between the agents and Chubbuck erupted and he was able to flee. During the shootout no one was injured.

Chubbuck was found a little while later in an adjacent apartment with family members. The FBI surrounded the apartment and within a half hour, Chubbuck allowed the family members to leave unharmed. Chubbuck, however, bashed through the walls in the building to slip into adjacent apartments in an effort to escape. He went through two or three apartments before emerging more than two hours later. Chubbuck tried to run but captured after being shot with several beanbags and attacked by a police dog.

He was charged with the robbery of 13 banks and the attempted robbery of a fourteenth. In addition to the robberies, he was also charged with two counts of assaulting a peace officer, two counts of possessing and discharging a firearm,



Chubbuck with Friend

and one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, all charges connected to the standoff.

Prison Break

On December 21, 2000, Byron Chubbuck, was being transported by the US Marshall's service from Albuquerque Federal Court to Santa Fe County Jail, when, after unlocking his handcuffs, he kicked out the back window of the prison transport van. According to statement made by Chubbuck on a radio interview, the key to the handcuffs was purchased from a prison guard.

During his escape, Chubbuck continued to expropriate funds to send to Chiapas, Mexico. Authorities believe he expropriated funds from about eight banks after his self-lib-

eration. He was placed in the "15 most wanted" fugitive list by the Marshals Service.

On February 6, 2001, Chubbuck was seen getting into the passenger's seat of a vehicle by an undercover Albuquerque police detective and FBI agents. A police cruiser rammed into the car carrying Chubbuck so it couldn't speed away. One officer also fired at the tires to disable the vehicle. Chubbuck ran from the car and was struck in the chest when police opened fire. He was rushed to the hospital where he recovered from his wounds.

Police captured Chubbuck after a friend delivered a note on his behalf to a local radio station. They were able to identify the man, which led to Chubbuck's capture.

In the end, Chubbuck was accused of expropriating funds from about 20-22 banks. He was convicted on 14 of those charges. It is estimated that he expropriated at least \$165,000. He was sentenced to two 40-year terms with a release date of 2070.

Free Oso Blanco

If you wish to write to Chubbuck, write to him at:

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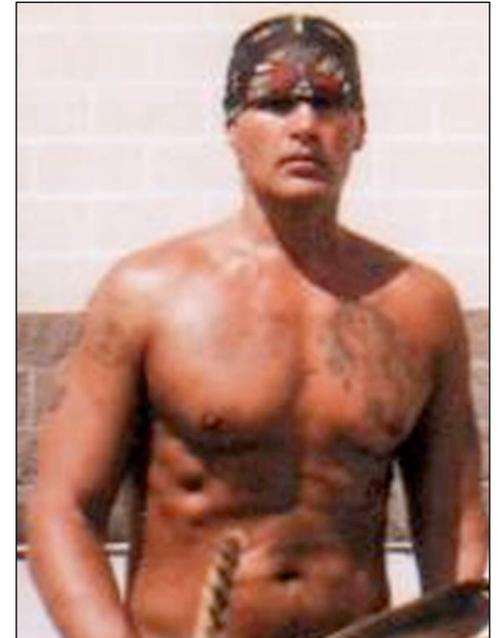
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**Indigenous Activist
Serving 80-years for
Actions in Support of
the Zapatistas**

