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Updates for May 9<sup>th</sup>

### **27 Apr - Mumia Still at Mahanoy & Court Update!**

*Concern was heightened April 26 when word came from the prison that Mumia had asked someone to call out and tell people he was being moved.*

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Given the animosity of the administration and guards, and the recent deaths in custody, Mumia was worried and his family was worried regarding this abrupt transfer. It turns out that Mumia was moved to the infirmary and not told why. Today, the prison said it was in preparation for an outside medical appointment this morning, and in fact Mumia went to the hospital at 6 am and was returned to the prison at 11:45 am.

He was immediately brought to the visiting room to visit with his brother Keith Cook and Dr. Suzanne Ross. They came out of the prison at 4pm. For now, two weeks into his Hep C treatment, Mumia is on the road to recovering his health. Keith told us that Mumia wants to make sure you know that he "Thanks you and he loves everyone, and he knows how powerful the movement is, that stands behind him. And that the prison knows that people have his back, and that is very important".

#### **April 30<sup>th</sup> - Report From Visit with Mumia**

Ona Move! We did it again! Our swift and forceful response, got us what we wanted and what we were entitled to: information about where Mumia was and the opportunity to see him. As I said when we left the courtroom on Monday in Philly, we're on a roll. The immediacy of our pressure on the prison and the DOC regarding Mumia's disappearance from our radar, and the volume of that response, with calls to the prison starting last night, and continuing all day today, forced the prison to meet our demand: tell us where Mumia is and allow Keith Cook, Mumia's brother, and me to see Mumia. Within minutes of Mumia's return from Geisinger Hospital where he had tests done today, he was brought to the visiting room and waited for us.

On the medical: Mumia had an endoscopy to assess whether his esophagus had deteriorated in any way. You'll remember that the DOC's ridiculous Hep C protocol required careful monitoring but NO treatment. Thus they were trying to assess whether Mumia had the esophageal varicies (that is, bleeding of the esophagus which is tantamount to death and warrants, according to the DOC, careful assessment). The Kafkesque logic of refusing Mumia treatment, finally being forced to provide it, and yet now still following their "protocol" which Judge Mariani had called "unconstitutional" is in keeping with the irrationality of how the DOC tried to maintain its control. Then, too, they may be trying to show how carefully they are monitoring Mumia to lighten their defeat in the face our lawyers' pursuit of compensation for Mumia for their incompetence, inhumanity, and near killing of Mumia. Happily, Mumia's esophagus shows no sign of deterioration, and he has no varicies.

On the arrangements for the visit: I had called the infirmary at Mahanoy early this morning and spoke to Mr./Dr. Steinhart, the Director of the infirmary. He wouldn't give me any information, including as to whether or not Mumia was in the infirmary, as he said he could only give that to family members. I told him Mumia's brother and I would be at Mahanoy shortly and that we wanted to see Mumia and he could then give the information we wanted to Keith, clearly a family member. Steinhart said we probably couldn't see Mumia this morning but most likely would be able to see him in the afternoon. When I got to Mahanoy, a little before Keith did, and went to sign in, the people at the desk said Mumia was at Mahanoy and I should take a seat. Within minutes Jane Hinman, the assistant to the Superintendent, came out, greeted me graciously, and said the Superintendent had asked her to let us know that we would be able to visit with Mumia.

Soon after, the CO's at the desk, two of whom I've seen many times before, told us (by this time Keith was with me) that we would be processed within 20 minutes or so, after countdown, did not look at our ID, and literally rushed us in, assuring us that we would be the last to leave and that we would have at least a 2 1/2 hour visit. Given the usual prison milieu, our treatment felt regal.

Mumia was in great spirits, relieved that he did not have the varicies and that his esophagus had remained stable despite the cirrhosis. Again and again, he waxed poetic about the strength and power of our movement. We were all convinced that the "graciousness" of the prison staff, on all levels, came from a decision to not provoke us any further. They did not want trouble, and knew they would have it if they did not accommodate us.

The three of us celebrated over a lunch of organic spinach salad, tried to assess Monday's court hearing and where it would go, and ended with part of Assata's famous quote, the mantra of young fighters today, "It is our duty to fight for our freedom. It is our duty to win." We have sure had some significant victories. Onto more victories!

### **May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mumia Has 1<sup>st</sup> Win in New Legal Proceeding - granted discovery**

Just days after the DA's office argued Mumia's new legal challenge should be dismissed for not being "timely" and that the precedent setting case of Williams v Pennsylvania, that it is a violation of due process for a judge to rule in a case that he had previously had a significant personal involvement in a critical prosecutorial decision, does not apply to Mumia's case, Judge Leon Tucker ruled in favor of Mumia's demand for discovery of the DA's files.

On April 24, Mumia's 63<sup>rd</sup> birthday, the courtroom was filled with Mumia's supporters and demonstrators rallied outside and all day and into the evening demanding Mumia's freedom. The DA's office argued there was no evidence that PA Supreme Court Justice Ronald Castille, who ruled on all of Mumia's appeals from 1998-2008, had been involved in Mumia's case while he was the District Attorney from 1986-1991 or as a senior district attorney during Mumia's 1982 trial. Mumia's attorney, Christina Swarns of the the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) spoke to the exceptional circumstances of Mumia's case and that the Motion for Discovery should be granted to determine the particulars of Castille's personal involvement in Mumia's prosecution, including his appeals.

Judge Tucker did not rule for the prosecution and dismiss Mumia's petition. He granted discovery and ordered the DA's office to produce and turn over all records and memos regarding Castille's involvement in Mumia's case; pre-trial, trial, post-trial and direct appeal proceedings; communications between Castille and his staff and any public statements Castille made about Mumia's case during or after his tenure as District Attorney of Philadelphia. These records are to be turned over to Mumia's attorneys within 30 days, by May 30, 2017, and Mumia has fifteen days to file amendments to his post-conviction petition.

This is an unquestionable win for Mumia in the PA courts. It opens the prosecution files on Mumia's case to him, for the first time, ever. The DA's office will likely stall and appeal and we should be prepared for protestations that the records do not exist. This new legal proceeding is a path towards Mumia's freedom; we can win Mumia's freedom with mass international protest and publicity.

### **27 Apr - Urgent Request For Marius Mason**

*Marius reported last week that Carswell has removed soy milk from the commissary. Fortified soy milk is one of the few ways Marius is able to get the nutrients he needs while staying vegan in prison.*

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Soy milk is not only important to Marius but also for other prisoners who need access to dairy alternatives for their various individual dietary needs. We ask that friends and supporters call into Carswell at 817.782.4000 and ask that they make soy milk accessible again. Thank you for your call!

### **May 6<sup>th</sup> - Marius Is Being Moved**

We so are excited to announce that Marius received confirmation yesterday that he will be moving to general population at Carswell. As many know, this has been a long time coming and a request that Marius, his attorney, his family, and supporters have made repeatedly for him to be moved from the Admin Unit.

In general population Marius will be able to truly go outside for the first time in seven years, without the barriers of razor wire and concrete. He will also be able to participate in more educational programs and groups. Carswell's general population has a large sunny communal visiting room that Marius' family and friends will be able to see him in, rather than the small enclosed space with its own security detail. We are also eager to see if Marius will have better control over his own diet.

We are extremely excited for Marius but we will also not forget the 11 other people left on the Admin Unit, who will continue suffer from constant lock downs, social deprivation, and mental health neglect and indifference. We still strive to see a world without the admin unit, Carswell, and prisons. Free them all.

### **28 Apr - Barrett Brown re-arrested for participating in unsanctioned media activities**

*On April 27, Barrett Brown was re-arrested and taken into custody by Bureau of Prison officials, apparently for speaking to the media.*

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Last November, he had been released 6 months early on supervised release status while his official sentence still extends to May 25<sup>th</sup>. The BOP says that Barrett is now at FCI Seagoville in Texas.

Barrett's mother provided this information:

*Barrett was re-arrested during routine check-in this morning and is being transferred to a BOP facility that is unknown. He has not missed a check-in over the last five months of his early release. He has not failed any of the random drug tests administered. He has been on home confinement status since February and has been home each and every time they called the landline at 1:00 to 2:00 a.m. for "bed check."*

*He believes this is only because of his refusal to get "permission" from crews to film and interview him. He has had many interviews since his early release, on November 29, both by phone and in person. Last week VICE had a group in to film him for two days, and he was scheduled to be interviewed tomorrow by a group working on a documentary for PBS.*

*Ms. Luz Lujan, his BOP contact, refused to provide him with copies of program statement rules saying this is a requirement during halfway house and/or home confinement status. The forms that they finally came up with yesterday, after he had been requesting documentation for the past two weeks, are forms offered to media when requesting a visit with an inmate in a federal prison setting.*

*There was never any mention of these rules during the past four months of his federally approved employment at D Magazine when he was working with media and involved with a range of interviews.*

Back in November, Alex Winter and his crew filmed Barrett being transferred from prison to his halfway house for a short film called 'Relatively Free', and Barrett has given multiple film, radio and print interviews since, with no word of an issue from the BOP. We believe this is an egregious violation of free speech and he should be released immediately.

### **May 1<sup>st</sup> - Statement from Barrett Brown on being re-arrested**

Last week I was re-arrested by the U.S. Marshals Service on the orders of the Bureau of Prisons, which still technically holds sway over my life until May 25<sup>th</sup> when my sentence officially ends. Contrary to BOP policy, and indeed federal law, I was not provided a written infraction report, much less given the disciplinary hearing that normally precedes punishment. When one is taken back to prison or put in the hole, the institution has 24 hours to give you the infraction sheet detailing your offense. After 72 hours, I have still received nothing.

Luckily, in the days leading up to my arrest, I managed to make audio recordings of BOP regional chieftain Luz Lujan and two halfway house staffers threatening me with a “refusal” or “refusing an order” charge if I did any further media interviews without seeking Lujan’s prior approval; Lujan also demanded that outlets seeking interviews first fill out and submit to her a form which is in fact only required for news representatives seeking to actually enter a federal prison. As I explained to Lujan and the halfway house staffers in those recordings, there is nothing in the BOP media program statements that requires even actual inmates to seek permission to communicate with press, much less those like myself, who have already been released to home confinement; as the policy is publicly available, anyone may verify this for themselves.

Anywho, *D Magazine* publisher Wick Allison has been kind enough to enlist the services of David Siegal of the Haynes and Boone law firm for my defense; my attorneys Jay Leiderman and Marlo Cadeddu are also involved. In the meantime, I have agreed to briefly revive the Barrett Brown Review of Arts and Letters and Jail for *D Magazine*, and as *The Intercept* editor Roger Hodge has noted, I will have a column in to them presently, as well, IF ONLY I CAN THINK OF SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT.

### **May 1<sup>st</sup> - Barrett Brown is Home**

by Tim Rogers (*D Magazine*)

I just talked to Barrett Brown. He was fresh out of the bathtub and sounded no worse for his three days in prison. “I got to go back to Seagoville and see some of my old buddies,” Barrett said. “Then today, they came in and told me, ‘You won. Get your stuff ready.’ An assistant from the halfway house had to come and pick me up in his car.”

Barrett says they made him sign some documents at the halfway house that make no sense, given that he was ostensibly re-arrested for not getting permission to talk to the media. One of the forms he was asked to sign gives the BOP permission to talk to the media about him.

Major credit for freeing Barrett goes to David M. Siegal, a New York-based Haynes and Boone attorney who worked with our Dallas-based Haynes and Boone attorney, Jason Bloom. In a written statement, Siegal said: “The treatment of Barrett Brown by the Bureau of Prisons was unjustified and in violation of his First Amendment Free Speech Rights. Unfortunately, Barrett was forced to spend three days in a federal penitentiary when he should have been out living his life. We are happy we were able to work with Barrett and his family to achieve his return home today.”

Barrett said he’ll be along tomorrow on FrontBurner with a few words about what the last three days were like. Stay tuned.

### **28 Apr - Former Seattle Resident Arrested For Use Of ‘Molotov Cocktail’ At May Day 2016 Protest**

*Please keep in mind that the following is a Department of Justice press release and as such is full of lies and mischaracterizations.*

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A former Seattle resident was arrested in Wisconsin this morning in connection with an attack on Seattle Police at the May Day protest in 2016, announced U.S. Attorney Annette L. Hayes. WIL CASEY FLOYD, 32, will appear in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this afternoon. FLOYD was identified in a lengthy investigation as the member of the so-called 'Black Bloc' of protestors who threw unlit incendiary devices at police. FLOYD is charged by criminal complaint with unlawful possession of a destructive device — a felony punishable by up to ten years in prison.

“This case demonstrates our commitment to protecting our cherished First Amendment rights while holding those who abuse those rights to account,” said U.S. Attorney Annette L. Hayes. “I join city leaders in emphasizing that violence at May Day protests will not be tolerated, and commend Seattle Police and FBI’s dogged pursuit of this defendant who threw a Molotov cocktail at an SPD officer at last year’s May Day protests. His so-called “black bloc” disguise was useless in his effort to evade responsibility for his actions.”

“The FBI and Seattle Police Department worked tirelessly to uncover the faces under the black masks who chose to turn a peaceful protest into a violent confrontation,” said Special Agent in Charge Jay S. Tabb, Jr. “Our priority is keeping the people of this city safe, and we hope this arrest and prosecution will deter those who think they can stay anonymous while causing injury and destruction on the streets of Seattle.”

“The actions of the accused put peaceful demonstrators and police officers at extreme risk. In this case and similar cases, we will continue to work relentlessly with the FBI and the U.S. Attorney’s Office to bring suspects to justice. I commend the exceptional work of our SPD detectives and our federal partners,” said Seattle Police Chief Kathleen O’Toole.

According to the criminal complaint in the case, on the evening of May 1, 2016, one of the Molotov cocktails thrown at police shattered at the feet of an officer and ignited his trousers when a flash-bang grenade went off. The officer suffered burns to his leg. Law enforcement gathered a variety of evidence at the scene on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South and South Seattle Boulevard, including other remains of bottles and a satchel with one unexploded incendiary device. The devices were all the same in construction: beer bottles with flammable liquid and a home-made stopper and cotton cloth. Law enforcement reviewed a variety of videos from the scene and ultimately identified FLOYD as a suspect. Law enforcement obtained a court authorized search warrant to collect evidence to determine whether FLOYD was linked to the satchel and the incendiary devices. Just last week law enforcement tracked FLOYD to a flight from San Diego, California to Wisconsin with a change of planes in Denver. Members of the Joint Terrorism Task Force intercepted FLOYD as he changed planes. FLOYD agreed to speak with investigators. FLOYD was arrested without incident this morning at his mother’s home in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin.

Unlawful possession of destructive devices is punishable by up to ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. This is the maximum penalty allowed by law. The actual sentence imposed in any case will reflect the specific facts of the crime, including the impact on any victims and the defendant.

The charges contained in the complaint are only allegations. A person is presumed innocent unless and until he or she is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

The case is being investigated by the FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force and the Seattle Police Department, both through its membership on the JTTF and with additional investigative groups. Today’s arrest was made with assistance from the FBI’s Milwaukee Field Office and the Elkhart Lake Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Todd Greenberg in consultation with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

### **28 Apr - An FYI from Walter Bond**

*New writing from Animal liberation prisoner Walter Bond!*

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For a few years now I have been a devout Muslim. I have learned much on this journey both about myself, others and a little something about human nature as well. But I cannot, in good faith (no pun intended) continue to represent, practice or even believe in Islam or any other world religion for that matter.

Animal/Earth liberation and Straight Edge have been my struggle for half of my life now and it is who I am and what I care about the most at my core, it's in my blood and it is my primary concern. Religion, for me, diverts and obscures that message both personally and publically, and I am not alright with that.

Furthermore, these years of prison have distilled my hatred of Animal abuse and abusers. I do not feel that the human race is superior or even equal to the community of life and the living planet on which we all reside. I believe and I feel in my heart that anybody that abuses, murders or in anyway intentionally harms, destroys or causes a situation in which harm or destruction is visited upon an Animal or the environment deserves to be harmed or destroyed themselves.

Along with this purging of religious thought I am also leaving behind the moralisms and unrealistic expectations of Vegan hardline as professed in the "hardline manifesto" of which I have been a proponent for two decades. Because I can no longer support it's stances against abortion and so-called 'sexual morality'. The problem on this planet is humanity in general and flesh eating humanity specifically. From this vantage point it is just incredibly obvious to me that ANY habits, practices, or philosophies that seek to slow or stop the reproduction of humans are of great importance to the life of the planet!

Abortion, birth control, homosexuality, sterilization, and non-reproductive sexual activity really should be championed as responsible, conscious and evolved decisions, lifestyles and choices. and not stigmatized or discriminated against by religious wing nuts that think one little flesh eating bastard is more important than the Earth and all life upon her!

So from here on out I am dropping the religious moniker Abdul Haqq. And going by my legal name of Walter Bond. And moving forward I will be writing more about what really matters to me. Animals, the Earth, and Straightedge. Until next time take care and I'll do the same. Animal Liberation, Whatever it may take!

### **29 Apr - Remembering Zayd Malik Shakur**

*Please read Sundiata Acoli's statement in tribute to Zayd Malik Shakur.*

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This is the type of speech i'm always happy to make: talking about comrades who've stood at the "Scratch line." In case you're not familiar with the term, "Standing at the Scratch line," it is a gritty book by Guy Johnson, son of the late great actress/poet, Maya Angelou. The book is a Black-favorite of revolutionaries, prisoners, gangsters, communities of color, etc., that tells of the lives, trials, tribulations and triumphs of a Black New Orleans family over three generations, somewhat similar to the "Empire" series on TV today.

"Scratch line" is also the name of an old game played by Black kids down South in which they draw a line on the ground and the pack tries to drag anyone who stands on the line off, by whatever means. The last one standing unchallenged on the scratch line is the winner.

In Texas the same game is called "Downing Ground." It has the same purpose: to be the last one standing as the rest of the pack tries to knock you or anyone standing off their feet by any means necessary. Anything goes: flying tackles, blind siding, elbows, crack back-tripping or whatever. One must either get down on one knee or get knocked down.

There is a passage in the book in which a family character says: "City Hall's trying every way they can to kill us and all we're doing is trying to stand at the scratchline." Well that was Zayd Malik Shakur.

He was a fly young urban brother who stood at the scratchline day-in and day-out for his people, his family, his comrades and anyone who would stand with him. To him/us that was the Black Panther Party. Zayd was the Minister of Information for the Bronx NY, BPP. i was the Finance Officer for the Harlem NY BPP. Though we lived and operated in different boroughs, we regularly bumped into each other as we circulated thru out the City engaged in Panther activities.

Zayd Shakur was the blood brother of the late Lumumba Shakur, the Harlem NY BPP's Defense Captain, beloved and respected by all - and the main reason so many activists then and now are named Shakur, including his wife, the late Afeni Shakur, ( later mother of Tupac Shakur), Assata Shakur (Tupac's Comrade-Aunt), Mutulu Shakur (Tupac's step-father), his earlier wife, Saadia (not sure if name is spelled correctly) Shakur and her children - and many many other non-related Shakurs'.

Lumumba, Afeni, other Panthers and i were arrested in the "Panther 21" round-up. Sekou Odinga evaded arrest and went underground. Zayd Shakur was not charged and continued to provide leadership to the NY BPP. For the next 2 years while we were in jail and on trial Zayd and the replacement leadership held the NY BPP together and helped raise enough money to get Panther 21 members: Dhoruba bin Wahad, the late Michael Cetewayo Tabor, Afeni Shakur and Joan Bird, out on bail. The rest of us remained in jail and on trial for 2 years before all Panther 21 defendants were acquitted on all counts in less than 2 hours jury-deliberation.

Upon our release from jail the police quadrupled their surveillance, harassment and provocation campaign against us. i was not able to get a job in the professional computer field and was ultimately driven underground where i eventually met Zayd again along with other harried Panthers who had also been driven under. Zayd was his same old urban self whose light hearted ripostes or retorts kept everyone's spirited and on their toes. He was a master teacher who taught without actually "teaching." He also knew i was new to the underground lifestyle but never let on that he was mentoring me. He simply began dropping by my apartment almost daily, getting me out of the house and into hanging out with him all day. He was a great talker, easy going and fun but serious about struggle. My pre-school daughter loved him, so did her mom. Meanwhile i learned primarily by watching him and "keeping my eyes and ears open, and my mouth shut;" and then by "monkey see, monkey do." Soon i was moving among the people like a fish in the sea.

The last time i saw Zayd he had been hit by a bullet thru his lung, spleen and kidney that exited the muscle tissue of his back. He knew he was dying, but didn't panic and was lucent, at peace... and a teacher to the end.

Zayd Malik Shakur was the brother i didn't have but wished for and he answered the call. For that i am forever grateful. May he Rest in Peace and May his Spirit Live Forever. i thank you.

## **29 Apr - New Blanket Felony Charges Pressed Against J20 Arrestees**

*An unprecedented use of punitive charges as a tactic of mass intimidation.*

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On January 20, when downtown Washington, DC was crowded with massive protests against Trump's inauguration, police cordoned off an entire city block and mass arrested over two hundred people, slapping the same charge of felony riot indiscriminately on every one of them.

On April 27, the prosecution filed a superseding indictment adding several more felony charges to each of these defendants: inciting to riot, rioting, conspiracy to riot, and destruction of property. About half of the defendants are also charged with the same count of assault on a police officer. This is punitive charging: the intention is clearly to terrorize the defendants into taking plea deals so that these inflated charges will never come to trial.

Adding additional felony charges to hundreds of defendants rounded up in a mass arrest is unprecedented in the contemporary US legal system. It marks a dramatic escalation in the repression of protest in this country. Essentially, over two hundred people swept up for being in the vicinity of a confrontational protest are being accused of breaking the same handful of windows.

Imagine if everyone in the vicinity of an Occupy or Black Lives Matter demonstration at which a little property destruction took place had been charged with eight felonies. Thousands of people would have charges now. If the prosecution is able to set this precedent for blanket intimidation and collective punishment, it will mark a significant step in the rise of tyranny.

This case is of concern not only for the hundreds who face these charges, but to the tens of thousands who might face similarly indiscriminate prosecution if the prosecution is able to set this example.

## **30 Apr - On the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrest of the Cleveland 4**

*April 30, 2017. marks the fifth anniversary of the arrest of Brandon Baxter, Connor Stevens, Doug Wright, and Josh "Skelly" Stafford—the young men who came to be known as the Cleveland 4.*

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Their arrest was the culmination of an FBI-created plot to place (fake, government-supplied) explosives under the base of a bridge and brand Occupy activists as "terrorists." On this anniversary, we should pause. Take a moment to think about what was done to the Cleveland 4, the consequences they continue to suffer and the support they need, and how their case is a reflection of the bigger political moment in which we are living—and what that requires of us.

The plot to blow up a bridge was the result of months of coercion by a paid government informant and elaborate orchestration by the FBI. In a common pattern since 9/11, the FBI created a terrorism plot, entrapped vulnerable people in it, supplied the materials, and then supposedly heroically captured the made up "terrorists"—reassuring the public that the government would protect them...from a threat that never really existed. In addition to being used against the Cleveland 4 as anarchists in the Occupy movement in an attempt to quell it, this pattern has repeatedly been used to entrap young Muslim men and manufacture Islamophobia. And the pattern will surely continue to be used and adapted. As long as the FBI issues press releases that smear people across the media as "terrorists," the State will continue to use the crafted narrative to justify its Orwellian surveillance and COINTELPRO tactics that tear apart individuals, communities, and movements.

We have a responsibility to see through the smoke and mirrors, to criticize and expose how the State uses so-called “terrorism” to suit its interests by stirring up fears—and recognize that this political landscape is not an accident, but a State power that our organizing must take into consideration. And we have to not let Brandon, Connor, Doug, and Skelly be lost in the smoke and mirrors; rather, our support of them should be a beautiful showing of resistance through taking care of each other. When the State tries to take our loved ones from us, we have to still hold on in all the ways that we can through the walls of prison.

Through the narrative that the States creates in terrorism prosecutions, it seeks to tell a certain story. In doing so in the case of the Cleveland 4, the government succeeded in putting Brandon, Connor, Doug, and Skelly in prison, but that does not mean that it gets to write the rest of this story. That’s for us to do—to turn a government-crafted plot into a setting that’s lighted by an unwavering commitment to making sure that every anniversary of the arrest of the Cleveland 4 marks another year of tangible acts of solidarity.

### **31 Apr - Krow Has Arrived at Wisconsin’s Iron County Jail**

*On April 12, Krow turned herself into the custody of North Dakota law enforcement to await extradition to Wisconsin to face charges of violating felony probation.*

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For the next three weeks, friends and supporters weren’t sure of Krow’s whereabouts as she was transferred across states. Now we finally have confirmation that she is in Wisconsin’s Iron County Jail—the same jail where she previously served nine months for defending Wisconsin’s Penoque Hills from mining in 2013.

Krow needs funds to allow her to make calls regarding legal support, as well as to keep in touch with friends and family while she’s inside. But the phone system in Iron County is archaic and extremely expensive, so she needs your support! The ability to make calls while in prison is paramount to maintaining a sense of support, balance, and positive mental health. Please donate if you can at [supportkrow.org/donate](http://supportkrow.org/donate). Every little bit helps.

While awaiting further legal hearings, Krow is drawing from her experiences and working on a zine about prisoner support and transportation.

### **2 May - Anarchists targeting high end cars and properties in Philly, Two Arrested**

*Another corporate news article, to be critically read, along with how to support other comrades arrested on May Day.*

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by David Chang and Dan Stamm (*NBC10*)

Two people were charged after a large group of vandals who police described as “anarchists” damaged high-end cars and newly developed buildings and left behind an anti-gentrification message in Philadelphia’s Kensington neighborhood Monday night.

Investigators told NBC10 around 20 high-end vehicles and several properties were vandalized in the area of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Jefferson streets — a few blocks from Northern Liberties. Several witnesses said a group of at least 30 people smashed the windows, spray painted anarchy symbols and caused other types of damage to newly developed properties and cars in the area around 9 p.m.

“I was just inside watching TV with my girlfriend and [I heard] a really loud pop and the sound of glass breaking,” said victim Jeremy Mackey, whose home was damaged. “I saw at least 10 of them in the back kind of turning around the corner.”

Police say a man and a woman were both taken into custody in connection to the vandalism. Both suspects had masks and spray paint in their possession, according to officials.

On Tuesday, police announced criminal mischief, conspiracy, risking a catastrophe and related counts against Geoffrey Suchocki, 45, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania and Patricia Monahan, 28, of Philadelphia.

A banner which read, “Gentrification is Death, Revolt is Life,” was also left behind at the scene of the vandalism.

“They left us some messages that said that they weren’t happy with our gentrification and they weren’t happy with us building,” Amberlynn Kabana, the property manager of one of the damaged buildings, told NBC10. “That was their overall intention from what I gather.”

The property manager said the vandals only targeted high-end vehicles.

“They only attacked the Mercedes, the BMWs, the higher end cars,” she said. “Their message was pretty clear.”

Kabana said several newly developed properties are located in the area where the vandalism took place.

“About 100 properties here and I’m also part of the new construction so their overall attack is they know that there is a large group of builders that is rebuilding in the area,” she said. “So they knew by whatever source because they hit all of my properties. So I think it was very intentional. Very well aimed.”

While no injuries were reported, Kabana said residents in the area could have easily been hurt if they had confronted the vandals.

“When you have 50 people coming down a block and their intention is to cause harm, their intention is to cause a message,” she said. “When they emptied their pockets there were dangerous weapons. They were caught with hammers. They were caught with very intimidating objects and their intention is to instill fear.”

Both the property manager and another victim told NBC10 they believe at least some of the culprits had participated in a rally earlier in the day in the city, though police have not yet confirmed this and are looking into whether the vandals were part of a larger group.

“It looks like it was from the anti-Trump rally,” the property manager said. “They came and I guess their intention was to break windows to entice them to come outside.”

Police looked at surveillance video from a nearby store owner. They continued to investigate Tuesday as neighbors cleaned up debris.

## **2 May - PNW: Solidarity with the Arrested!**

*For the fifth consecutive year, the Pacific Northwest showed up and threw down in the streets for May Day.*

**MORE:**

A cursory glance shows that Seattle had a bangin' block party in front of the juvenile detention center, Olympia went off in the downtown streets with police clashes and multiple businesses getting attacked, and Portland threw the fuck down with fires and at least one damaged police vehicle. Keep an eye out for report backs on here and over at [itsgoingdown.org](http://itsgoingdown.org).

What also happened was a slew of arrests in both Olympia and Portland. In Olympia, 9 people were arrested, primarily queer and trans people of color (QTPOC) from the Olympia community. There were also arrests in Portland. Please donate to these support links and share them widely in your networks.

Support at [fundrazr.com/01EZgf](https://fundrazr.com/01EZgf)

[youcaring.com/olymaydayaresstees-814096](https://youcaring.com/olymaydayaresstees-814096)

[fundedjustice.com/maydayarrestees](https://fundedjustice.com/maydayarrestees)

### **3 May - Heads Up: The FBI is Harassing an Activist's Friends and Family in Asheville, North Carolina**

*In early April, Federal Bureau of Investigation agents began contacting friends, acquaintances, and the family of an activist and Earth First!er in Asheville, North Carolina.*

#### **MORE:**

Beginning on April 4, the agents—specifically an agent named Miriam Oviedo-Clark—started contacting people in the activist's personal life. When those being questioned asked what the questions were about, the FBI agent vaguely responded that it was about an investigation and encouraged them to pressure the activist to contact the FBI. Upon hearing this, the activist contacted their lawyer, informed people close to them about what was happening and that they should never talk to the police or federal agents. The FBI then started harassing the activist's family, calling their parents' home persistently to try and get information out of them. The activist's lawyer then called the FBI and told them that the activist is not going to cooperate and is going to remain silent.

The activist being targeted has refused to speak with law enforcement throughout this process, and will continue to do so.

Remember, if an FBI agent contacts you, you do not have to speak to them—and you never should. They are trained to lie to you, and to try to trick you, and any information you give them, no matter how seemingly innocent, could cause serious harm to you, your friends, your comrades, and any movement of resistance of which you are a part. If an agent knocks, do not answer the door, as them to leave their card at the door and to leave, then contact an attorney immediately.

### **7 May - TAKE ACTION for Anti-Imperialist Political Prisoner Jaan Laaman**

*Jaan has been locked in solitary confinement and is facing repression for speaking out for human rights.*

#### **MORE:**

Jaan K. Laaman, long-time anti-imperialist political prisoner, is currently solitary confinement ("the hole"). Jaan has been in solitary confinement since his birthday on March 21, 2017 simply for issuing two political statements, a clear violation of free speech and human rights.

#### **Write and call the Warden and ask him to end the repression against Jaan.**

Please write and call the Warden at USP Tucson and ask that Jaan be released from solitary confinement and that he not be punished for expressing his support for women's rights and for writing a statement mourning the passing of his friend, Lynne Stewart. Remind the Warden that Jaan is an elder prisoner, and

you're concerned about his health in solitary confinement and you would be concerned about his safety if he is moved to another prison.

### **Warden**

**United States Penitentiary – Tucson**

**9300 South Wilmot Road**

**Tucson, Arizona 85756**

Email: TCP/ExecAssistant@bop.gov

Phone: 520.663.5000

Fax: 520.663.5024

You can also contact:

**Mary M. Mitchell, Regional Director**

**BOP Regional Office**

**7338 Shoreline Drive**

**Stockton, California 95219**

Regional email: wxro/execassistant@bop.gov

**Thomas R. Kane, Director**

**Federal Bureau of Prisons**

**Central Office HQ**

**320 First Street, NW**

**Washington, District of Columbia 20534**

### **Background Information**

Jaen is imprisoned at United States Penitentiary (USP) Tucson in Arizona, and is one of the last two remaining Ohio-7 political prisoners still locked up. The Ohio-7 were convicted in 1986 of direct actions to protest U.S. support for the white-supremacist apartheid regime in South Africa, illegal U.S. attacks on Nicaragua, and repression against advocates for Puerto Rican self-determination.

Jaen was placed into solitary confinement because of two short messages: one in support of the “Day Without a Woman Strike” (International Women’s Day, March 8, 2017) which was printed in the NYC Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) update, and his “Farewell Thoughts to My Friend, Lynne Stewart” which was broadcast on Prison Radio. Lynne Stewart, revolutionary peoples’ lawyer passed away on March 8, 2017. When the NYC ABC magazine arrived by mail to the prison, Jaen was promptly placed in solitary confinement. Prison officials charged Jaen with “threatening the security of the prison” because of these First Amendment protected statements.

No one should be punished for exercising their First Amendment Rights. The United States District Court in Pennsylvania recently ruled in a case involving efforts to censure Mumia Abu-Jamal: “A past criminal offense does not extinguish a person’s constitutional right to free expression. The First Amendment does not disappear at the prison gate.”

### **Pattern of Increasing Repression**

Being placed in solitary confinement is the latest act of repression by the prison administration, following increasing actions against Jaen. Over a year ago, the prison shut down Jaen’s access to email, and they have been censoring him in various ways since then, including withholding his mail and limiting access to his lawyer.

Jaan was placed in solitary confinement on his birthday and has been there ever since. There is a growing consensus as to the psychological harm caused by solitary confinement. In 2011 the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture concluded that solitary confinement for more than 15 days constitutes torture and can cause irreversible harmful psychological effects.

Jaan previously wrote about the increasing censorship he has been facing, here. Jaan has been writing reflections about global events since he was first captured in 1984, so this level of censorship is certainly something new and different.

### **13-14 May - NYC Anarchist Book Fair**

**WHAT:** Book Fair/Cultural Festival/Meet Up

**WHEN:** 11:00am Saturday, May 13-7:00pm Sunday, May 14

**WHERE:** Various Locations (See below)

**COST:** FREE!

#### **MORE:**

Come celebrate the 11th NYC Anarchist Book Fair at Judson Memorial Church (55 Washington Square South, New York, New York 10012). The book fair will bring publishers, designers, writers, artists, musicians, and activists from all over North America to this historic location in Greenwich Village—the neighborhood that is one of the birthplaces of the anarchist movement in the United States.

The NYC Anarchist Book Fair is free to the public. It provides a safe space for activists to meet and organize and where the anarcho-curious can get informed about a movement against capitalism and the State that is central to many of the most important political and cultural currents of our time. Besides exhibits by anarchist publishers, artisans, and organizers, the book fair will feature panels, workshops and skill shares on a wide range of topics, from anarchist history, theory, and politics to economics, culture, social movements, and art.

A city-wide anarchist meeting will take place the following day (May 14) starting around noon at The Base (1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221).

The Anarchist Music Festival (May 14) will be held in conjunction with the book fair, starting at 5:30pm at Starr Bar (214 Starr Street, Brooklyn, New York 11237). Performers include Ni Dios Ni Amo, Rebuschaos, Under some bridges, Seagulls & Crows, and more.

### **14 May - Black and Pink Letter-writing**

**WHAT:** Letter-writing to LGBTQ prisoners

**WHEN:** 2:00-4:00pm, Sunday, May 14

**WHERE:** Bluestockings - 172 Allen Street New York, New York 10002

**COST:** FREE!

#### **MORE:**

NYC Black & Pink & the Queer Detainee Empowerment Project would like to invite you to our afternoon letter writing. What can you bring? Writing materials, stamps if you want! We can always use more postage.

Help us in alleviating the isolation of prison!