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Updates for November 7th

20 Oct - Defend J20 Update

As trials approach, there is a lot going on with the J20 defendants, including new fundraisers and the release of Dane Powell(!).

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October 20th - The Prosecution of Inauguration-Day Protesters Is a Threat to Dissent

by Chip Gibbons (*The Nation*)

The government keeps expanding its efforts to prosecute J20 protesters, and this should alarm all of us.

Late next month, the first mass trial will be held for some of the roughly 200 people facing years—or even decades—in prison after being arrested during an anti-capitalist, anti-fascist protest that took place on the day of Donald Trump’s inauguration. The “J20” cases, as they are known, offer a glimpse at the treatment of dissent in this country, and the story they tell is one of overreach and criminalization. Defense lawyers have described the government’s approach as “unprecedented,” its indictments as “littered with fatal irremediable defects.” Sam Menefee-Libey of the DC Legal Posse, a group of activists who provide support to the defendants, was more blunt, criticizing the cases as “blatant political prosecutions” designed to “chill resistance.”

The story of the J20 protesters should frighten anyone concerned about the future of both free assembly and dissent in the United States. The charges—which include felony rioting, inciting or urging others to riot, conspiracy to riot, and property destruction—all stem from the same mass arrest, during which police indiscriminately swept up protesters, journalists, and legal observers. What makes the charges all the more troubling is that prosecutors then failed to allege that the bulk of defendants did anything specifically unlawful; rather, merely being at the protest was a crime.

A case in point: The prosecution charged all of the defendants (at one point numbering 214) with breaking the same windows. Prosecutors, of course, know that 200 people cannot break the same windows. But the logic of the case dictates that the defendants’ mere presence at a protest during which property damage occurred makes them guilty.

Meanwhile, compounding the concerns raised by the J20 prosecution are a series of parallel legal skirmishes that have been playing out around several warrants for information issued by the Department of Justice (DoJ). Lawyers and activists have charged that these warrants—which are part of the government’s attempt to prove that the protest was the result of planned riot—are dangerously overbroad and, as such, pose serious First Amendment challenges. Particularly in their initial forms, they have argued, the warrants could have resulted in a dragnet-style collection of electronic information related to political speech and organizing.

In the first of these warrants, the DoJ requested that the web-host provider DreamHost share all of the information associated with its customer DisruptJ20.org. DisruptJ20.org served as the information hub for protests during the inauguration, but the government has since sought to portray it as the organizer of a premeditated riot. To comply with the DoJ’s initial warrant, DreamHost argued, it would have needed to turn over the 1.3 million IP addresses of those who visited DisruptJ20.org—a move that would have amounted, essentially, to a list of individuals politically opposed to Trump.

While the DoJ subsequently amended its warrant to exclude the demand for IP addresses—thanks, largely, to widespread outrage—it continued to alarm activists and legal experts with its ongoing quest for a broad

range of information from the site, including e-mails from individuals, not suspected of any crime, who wrote to the site inquiring about protest activities or offering lodging for out-of-town protesters. Civil libertarians hoped the warrant would be thrown out, but Chief Judge Robert Morin of DC Superior Court declined to do so. Instead, he ruled that DreamHost was to redact the identities of individuals in order to safeguard their First Amendment rights; if, after reviewing the redacted information, the DoJ finds evidence of a crime, the court will un-redact the information.

Similarly, the DoJ has issued a warrant against Facebook that would have required the company to turn over the names of all 6,000 people who “liked” the DisruptJ20 page. At a hearing on October 13, the DoJ dropped this demand, although it maintains that it still needs to obtain information on “likes” in certain cases, as “liking” a specific post, such as “how to dress in black bloc for the riot,” while not a crime in and of itself, could be “probative of criminal intent.” In addition to asking for the information associated with the DisruptJ20 Facebook page, the DoJ is also demanding that Facebook turn over information from the personal accounts of two organizers who have not been charged with any crime.

“These cases are important because here we are at the beginning of the administration of a president many of us [fear will be] very repressive and intolerant of dissent,” says Paul Alan Levy, of the Public Citizen Litigation Group, which has intervened on behalf of unnamed Facebook and DisruptJ20.org users seeking to protect their right to anonymous speech in both cases. “How Chief Judge Morin treats their fishing expedition could set either a very good precedent or a very bad precedent about how they will use the criminal-justice system going forward.”

So what does all this mean? For protest? For dissent?

To understand how all the pieces fit together—the arrests and the prosecutions and the warrants—it helps to rewind the clock to January 20, when more than 200 protesters, journalists, and legal observers were arrested as they marched through the streets of the capital. The march was one of many actions that took place that day, part of an outpouring of outrage that included a permitted march and blockades of inauguration entrances. What made this protest distinctive was that it was a black-bloc action, powered by anarchists, anti-capitalists, and anti-fascists, among others.

Few people dispute that property destruction took place during the march. Some individuals smashed windows, including those of a Bank of America branch and a limousine; prosecutors allege that there was more than \$100,000 in property damage and that six police officers received minor injuries. Where things get thorny is that many of the people who have been charged did not commit property damage or violence but have been deemed guilty by their mere presence at the protest.

The problems began during the arrests themselves—arrests deemed so troubling that the ACLU has brought a lawsuit against the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) accusing its members of using excessive force, making unconstitutional arrests, and more.

Among the controversial practices police engaged in that day, lawyers and observers say, was a tactic called “kettling.” Kettling is a form of indiscriminate mass arrest, wherein police block off a given area and arrest everyone within it. To be lawful, an arrest requires probable cause based on individual suspicion. Yet, inevitably, this heavy-handed tactic often sweeps up other protesters and bystanders whose only offense was their physical proximity to the alleged crime. Indeed, a report on the inauguration by the DC Office of Police Complaints noted that “it seems that proximity to the area where property damage occurred was a primary factor” in the arrests.

Arrests made through kettling are problematic not only because of their indiscriminate nature but also because they ultimately deprive individuals of their right to free assembly. As the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and of association explained in a 2016 statement on the policing of protests in the United States: “Acts of violence by a few do not make an entire protest violent; nor do they strip other individuals of their right to continue the assembly.”

In the case of the January 20 protests, the use of kettling was a surprise, as it broke with standard police protocol in DC. After facing criticism for wrongfully arresting individuals during IMF/World Bank protests in 2002, DC passed legislation to protect free assembly. The use of kettling during Trump’s inauguration constitutes the first mass arrest of protesters since these reforms.

A spokesperson for MPD declined to comment on the arrests because of pending litigation, but did offer a statement saying, “Each year, the men and women of MPD protect the rights and ensure the safety of thousands of First Amendment assemblies, demonstrations and protests,” including during Trump’s inauguration. “Unfortunately,” the statement continued, “there was [a] group of individuals who chose to engage in criminal acts, destroying property and hurling projectiles, injuring at least six officers.” The statement concluded with a promise that “all instances of use of force by officers and allegations of misconduct will be fully investigated.”

The mass arrests gave birth to the next government overreach, mass “felony riot” charges against those arrested. Felony rioting carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine, and applies when the alleged riot results in more than \$5,000 in property damage. This is opposed to misdemeanor rioting, which can get you only 180 days in jail.

Attorneys who have long represented protesters in DC report never having encountered mass felony charges stemming from a protest before. Not the least of the reasons is that it’s difficult to produce enough evidence to sustain felony charges against dozens—or in this case, some 200—people. Yet, rather than backing down, prosecutors expanded the case by filing additional charges, and, in April, a grand jury returned a superseding indictment that added inciting or urging to riot and conspiracy to riot to the list of crimes. These new charges brought the number of felony counts up from one to eight and the amount of time defendants could face from 10 years to more than 70 years in prison.

In a sign of just how wide a net the government has cast, many of the defendants have not even been named as having committed specific acts in the indictment. Instead, actions are attributed to the amorphous “rioting defendants” or “individuals participating in the black bloc.”

Moreover, some of the actions recounted in the indictment—such as chanting, “Whose streets? Our streets!” or “Fuck capitalism!”—are hallmark elements of a political demonstration, yet prosecutors are claiming these acts are elements of a felony. As troubling, one of the superseding indictments “accuses the undifferentiated ‘Rioting Defendants’ of merely walking in certain directions, wearing certain clothing, observing law enforcement, and not dispersing,” according to a motion filed by defense counsel for some of the defendants.

The government’s overarching theory, then, seems to be one of guilt by association. Or that, as Assistant US Attorney Jennifer Kerkhoff asserted during a hearing about dismissing the charges, it is “the group that is the danger, the group that is criminal.” Thus one need not have committed an act of vandalism as an individual; just being present at the protest makes one guilty. (The DoJ declined to comment for this story, as the cases are currently pending.)

Among those swept up in this overbroad approach was a group of at least seven journalists who were covering the J20 protests. While prosecutors ultimately dismissed the felony rioting charges against the bulk of the journalists nearly as quickly as they were filed, two journalists remain in the crosshairs: Aaron Cantú, then a freelancer who has published with *The Nation* and *The Intercept*, and Alexei Wood, who livestreamed the event. In April a grand jury brought a superseding indictment of eight felony charges against both reporters along with the other defendants. They face as many as 70 years in prison, possibly more.

The indictment against Cantú deploys the same guilt-by-association approach that mars the entire case. Per prosecutors, Cantú moved in proximity to the march—something that would be necessary in order for him to do his job as a journalist. But prosecutors have additional evidence against Cantú: He wore the color black.

It is this nine-month chain of events that gives such a troubling twist to the warrants for information targeting both Facebook and DreamHost. In the case of the DreamHost warrant, the government claimed during an August hearing that it was only seeking evidence of planning a riot, such as a listserv discussion of “who was bringing crowbars to the riot.” But given the conduct of the government from the time of the arrest to the indictments, this was hardly reassuring. Moreover, while Chief Judge Morin has since placed some protective restraints on the information DOJ is allowed to collect, the fact that the underlying prosecution conflates political and criminal activity means that no amount of safeguards can alter the chilling nature of the search.

Indeed, as we’ve already begun to see, the problem with these types of political witch hunts is that, once begun, they continue to expand and grow based on their own twisted logic. The illegal mass arrests of protesters, journalists, and legal observers during the inauguration produced the unconstitutional prosecutions of around 200 defendants. Those unconstitutional prosecutions have, in turn, produced a chilling search request.

No one knows what will come next or how far this will go, but anyone who cares about freedom of association, assembly, or speech should be deeply troubled.

October 23rd - J20 Defendant—Dane Powell—Is Coming Home. Donate To His Post Release Fund

We’re so happy to update you on Dane Powell, our comrade in prison. His released date is fast approaching. We want to provide as much post-release support to Dane and his family and loved ones as we possibly can, as they traverse the challenging transition from incarceration to freedom. It’s important to note, too, that he will be under highly-monitored probation restrictions and governed by extensive release conditions that will substantially curtail the exercise of his freedom.

We are so thrilled about his release. It is a day to celebrate, but we must be mindful, too, of the post-release challenges that await Dane, and offer our help, whenever, however, and wherever we can. Rebuilding his life (under probation restrictions and release conditions) is no small thing. Folks who know Dane personally will realize how different the life he will be required to live over the next two years on probation will be from the life he envisioned for himself—in the short term, at least.

Let’s offer whatever financial support we can, if we are able, to assist as Dane celebrates his release and figures out how to enjoy this new version of freedom, together with his family and loved ones.

We are most concerned, obviously, with assisting with his immediate challenges of securing (probation-approved) housing, employment, educational opportunities, reliable transportation, and whatever physical

and emotional health and wellness support that he and his family may potentially require through this transition. We must, of course, also bolster Dane's capacity to provide for his amazing kids.

Dane's attention, together with the rest of ours, is on his co-defendants, especially those with upcoming trials in November and December of this year, and rightly so. But we must spread the love and resources around, so that everyone at every stage in these criminal proceedings, from arrest through post-release, experiences the loving support of this community. The quality of support Dane receives upon release, after serving four months in federal prison, will send a clear and valuable message to others embroiled in this drama about the love, solidarity, and continuum of care that they, and their loved ones, can anticipate as they stand against state repression.

DONATE at actionnetwork.org/fundraising/dane-is-heading-home-fund

October 31st - DefendJ20 Update

On January 20th, 2017, over 200 people resisting Trump's Inauguration in DC were kettled and arrested by police. Over the next couple of months, they have received multiple felony charges, and currently face the possibility of being sentenced to decades in prison. This newsletter is meant to keep supporters updated on the case and plugged in to support and solidarity initiatives as they arise. To get in contact with us, you can e-mail defendj20-newsletter@riseup.net.

November 15 & December 11 - Upcoming Trials

The first J20 trials are rapidly approaching. The first round of defendants had their dates moved up in an unusual proceeding, making November 15 the opening day of court. They'll need lots of support, personal and political. Now's the time to brush up on the details of this important case and strategize with your friends and neighbors about how to push back against the dangerous, repressive precedent being sought by Jeff Sessions' Justice Department. Consider how to spread the word and build broad solidarity in the face of repression, particularly since the outcome of this first round of trial can set the tone - for better or worse - for all 200 defendants.

The second round is also following closely afterwards. The next crew of defendants start trial on December 11. Remember that all the defendants are facing decades in prison and that if Trump's administration scores a win against them, it will mean harsher future persecution of other grassroots resistance. And since the defendants can't stop till this is over, neither will the rest of us!

New Fundraiser

Funds are only one element of a collective strategy based on solidarity, care and resistance. But it is an important part since defendants are facing tens of thousands of dollars in legal costs each. DCLP has created a new fundraiser to address this problem. Check out the link here:
https://fundrazr.com/j20resistance?ref=ab_Ao0sg1XqIh5Ao0sg1XqIh5

Please share this with people in your circles. We can't let the government intimidate us and make us afraid to show our support. An injury to one is an injury to all!

Dreamhost Victory

For the last couple of months, the Department of Justice has been trying to get identifying information about people who, prior to J20, visited the website disruptj20.org, as part of their prosecution strategy. This court order targeted the company Dreamhost, which hosted the [disruptj20](https://disruptj20.org) website. If this court order went forward unchallenged as the DOJ originally worded it, over one million peoples' IP addresses would have been handed over to the government for viewing this website. That said, we are happy to report that a judge

has ruled that the DOJ “does not have the right to rummage through the information contained on DreamHost’s website” to “discover the identity of...individuals not participating in alleged criminal activity.” While Dreamhost is still required to hand over some information, they have redacted all identifying information regarding people who have viewed the site.

Government Demands Data on 6,000 Facebook Users, Then Drops Demand

Recently, the Department of Justice issued warrants to facebook regarding the names of 6,000 facebook users who had ‘Liked’ the DisruptJ20 facebook page, in addition to more detailed information and communications about three J20 arrestees. After a short period of time, a gag order about the case, and the request for the data about the 6,000 people, were both dropped. Unfortunately, the government is still demanding information from two J20 arrestees’ facebook accounts.

This is evidence that the state can easily access information about us through our social media activity and use it against us. Consider thinking critically about your social media usage, and looking into good practices using the anonymizing Tor Browser when accessing websites. The Electronic Frontier Foundation is a good resource: <https://ssd.eff.org/>

Office of Police Complaints Investigating MPD for conduct on J20

In February a report was filed with the DC Office of Police Complaints accusing some cops of abusing their power and violating procedures during the anti-Inauguration demonstrations on J20. Money for this investigation became available on October 1st, and the department has since begun its investigation. Information gathered from this could be helpful to J20 Defendants, but it is unlikely that anything will come up by November 15, the day of the first round of trials. For more information: <http://wjla.com/news/local/office-of-police-complaints-investigates-mpd-response-to-inauguration-weekend-protests>

As always, for more information check out the Support J20 Resistance website at defendj20resistance.org.

October 31st - Help NYC "J20" Anti-Trump Defendants Fundraise for Trial!

Twenty five defendants in New York need funds for raising awareness, traveling to D.C for hearings, housing during trial, and expert witnesses/court fees.

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On January 20th, hundreds of inauguration protesters were mass-arrested and held in inhumane and abusive conditions. Their cell phones were confiscated and searched, their homes were raided, and their social media data was seized. After an initial (already unusual) "felony rioting" indictment, prosecutors pushed for a series of revisions - pulling in more defendants and bringing each person's total charges to a staggering 8+ felonies. Twenty five "J20" defendants reside in NYC area.

Prosecutors in these cases have demanded vast troves of website data involving millions of unrelated people, sought gag orders forcing Facebook to silently hand over data without notifying users or allowing for legal due process, and 'cracked' over 100 defendant cell phones to extract terabytes of personal data. At the same time, they requested a 'protective' order to keep defendants from sharing police body camera footage - shielding the police from public accountability, and complicating efforts to prepare a defense.

Most defendants will wait more than a year for their day in court - under the constant, debilitating threat of 75+ years in prison. Throughout these cases, prosecutors have engaged in vindictive, intrusive, and

excessive behavior - from detectives sent to eavesdrop on attorney-client conversations in the courthouse, to offers of 'wired' pleas designed to coerce easy 'wins' for the prosecutor by pitting defendants against family and friends.

But who 'wins' when prosecutors abuse their power and disrupt lives?

If we let these cases continue uncontested, we empower one of the world's biggest oppressors- the modern American prosecutor.

We make the next abuse easier; the next target more vulnerable.

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24 Oct - US Lawmakers Urge Attorney General To Look Into Prosecuting Environmentalists As Terrorists

Several members of Congress signed on to a letter recommending Attorney General Jeff Sessions look into whether the Justice Department has the laws it needs to prosecute environmental activists challenging pipelines as if they are terrorists.

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by Kevin Gosztola (*Shadowproof*)

The letter asks Sessions if the USA PATRIOT Act and Pipeline Safety Act contain enough provisions to criminalize actions against “energy infrastructure at the federal level.” It also asks if the Justice Department plans to prosecute any of the individuals involved in the alleged “attempted sabotage of four major crude oil pipelines in multiple states” on October 11, 2016.

“Do the attacks against the nation’s energy infrastructure, which pose a threat to human life, and appear to be intended to intimidate and coerce policy changes, fall within the DOJ’s understanding of [domestic terrorism]?” representatives add.

It appears to be an effort to convince the Justice Department to take a far greater role in helping energy interests and affiliated trade groups in their efforts to stamp out dissent against oil and gas operations.

Ken Buck, a representative from Colorado and one of the authors of the letter, has received over \$400,000 from oil and gas industry interests in his political career.

While most of the representatives who signed on to the letter were Republicans, two were Democrats—Gene Green and Henry Cuellar, who are both from Texas. Cuellar has received nearly \$600,000 from oil and gas interests in his political career.

The letter declares, “Recent incidents of individuals attempting to shut down lines by turning valves at pump stations illustrate the danger. Operation of pipeline facilities by unqualified personnel could result in

a rupture—the consequences of which would be devastating. Even though some activists commit these acts of sabotage to raise awareness about climate change, they only create the serious risk of harm to the environment they claim to care about.”

It emphasizes the “risks to humans and the environment” posed by direct actions aimed at halting pipeline construction, which activists, community groups, or indigenous people believe pose a threat to their well-being and livelihood.

Sessions is a climate change denier. In 2014, he stated, “I don’t know we know enough now to answer this question conclusively either way, but there’s been a lot of exaggeration, there’s been a lot of hype, and people are feeling the crunch already in their electric bills...in our effort to stop storms that don’t seem to be going down, or to stop temperatures that don’t seem to be rising.”

He is sympathetic to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt’s agenda of transforming the agency from an environmental protection agency into an agency run by the very industries it has traditionally regulated.

As Scientific American outlined, Sessions received “nearly \$400,000 in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry over the course of his Senate career, according to the OpenSecrets.org campaign finance database. He has repeatedly voted in favor of expanding drilling and energy production.” He also supported legislation to eliminate the EPA’s authority to regulate greenhouse gases.

“Carbon pollution is CO₂, and that’s really not a pollutant. It’s a plant food, and it doesn’t really harm anybody except that it might include temperature increases,” Sessions once opined, as he mocked EPA administrator Gina McCarthy. And Sessions sought to protect companies from investigations into whether they lied or concealed the effects of their business on climate change.

On October 11, 2016, five activists claimed that they shut down five pipelines in the United States that deliver tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada. The direct action was undertaken in solidarity with indigenous people and activists fighting the Dakota Access Pipeline project by Energy Transfer Partners. They used “manual safety valves.”

Well before President Donald Trump was elected and empowered a cadre of corporate hawks to undermine environmental policies against climate change, activists argued such actions were necessary to convince political leaders or the courts that extraction and combustion of fossil fuels makes it near impossible to avert cataclysmic developments in the Earth’s temperature.

Multiple individuals facing prosecution for similar acts contend what they did was necessary to prevent imminent harm.

Chase Iron Eyes, a Standing Rock Sioux tribal member, was charged with a class-C felony of “inciting a riot” and a class-B misdemeanor of “criminal trespassing.” He was arrested on “unceded 1851 treaty land” near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation on February 1.

“Given the Dakota Access pipeline’s imminent threat to my tribe’s and my family’s only water supply, I ultimately had no choice but to resist on the front lines,” Iron Eyes said. “Pipelines spill all too often, and our efforts to stop DAPL’s construction were thwarted by President Trump’s illegal intervention to cancel the Environmental Impact Statement that the Army Corps of Engineers had decided to prepare.”

Iron Eyes hopes a judge will let him argue civil disobedience was “his only recourse to resist the pipeline’s incursion on his ancestral lands.”

Environmental activists in Minnesota recently won the right to argue what they did was necessary to prevent harm. They were part of the October 11, 2016, actions to shut down pipelines.

Neither Iron Eyes nor the activists charged in Minnesota were charged with terrorism offenses, but oil and gas companies remain committed to harsher penalties.

In fact, Hunton & Williams, a law firm proud of its history representing companies or projects in the oil, gas, and liquefied natural gas sectors, put out a press release a day after the October 11, 2016, actions that raises the same set of issues lawmakers did in their letter.

“Any person who knowingly and willfully damages or even attempts or conspires to damage or destroy an oil or gas pipeline or component may be subject to criminal prosecution under the federal Pipeline Safety Act, with sentencing of up to 20 years in prison and/or significant penalties,” the firm stated. “If a death results from such tampering, the individual may be sentenced to life in prison.”

“Beyond civil and criminal liability, individuals damaging pipeline facilities could be investigated and/or prosecuted under other statutes depending on the circumstances, such as the PATRIOT Act or the Homeland Security Act for domestic acts of terrorism, as many pipelines have been designated as ‘critical energy infrastructure.’”

Energy Transfer Partners has labeled environmental activists challenging the Dakota Access Pipeline “terrorists.” They have sued Greenpeace, Bank Track, Earth First!, and other organizations to suppress their First Amendment activities against the pipeline project. They also contend the activists were engaged in an enterprise that involved inciting, funding, and facilitating “crimes and acts of terrorism.”

Corporations and their legal representatives have attempted to bolster a Green Scare by making Americans afraid of environmental activists. With the letter from lawmakers, it appears the Green Scare may be in the early stages of intensifying.

24 Oct - Why Have The Move 9 Not Been Paroled Yet?

Next year, August 8th 2018, will officially mark 40 years that the Move 9 have been unjustly jailed in Pennsylvania prisons.

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The fact that innocent men and women have been wrongly jailed for this long is stomach turning in itself; not only will 2018 be symbolic of 40 years of unjust imprisonment, but it will also mark in itself that MOVE members will be 10 years past their parole eligibility and not one of the Move 9 has been paroled yet. In 2008 the Move 9 became parole eligible after completing their minimum of 30 years of 30 to 100 year sentences.

This would appear as something new, but this disturbing practice is nothing new as it relates to parole eligibility with political prisoners. In 1998 New York State political prisoner Robert Seth Hayes became parole eligible after completing 25 years of a 25 to life minimum sentence. In 2017 Seth is still in prison, 19 years past his parole eligibility. The same disturbing pattern applies to both Herman Bell (parole eligible 2003) and Jalil Muntaqim (parole eligible 2002), both past their state minimums and still denied before their respective state parole boards—just like the Move 9.

In June of 2017 Delbert Africa went before the Pennsylvania Parole Board, was again denied parole, and deemed a risk to the safety of the community. This has been the main point that the parole board has been holding onto to use as their key argument to deny our family parole, as we have taken away the argument of admitting guilt or showing remorse; the parole board along with this system's officials know MOVE is innocent. We have dedicated our work to exposing the illegal practices of the Pennsylvania Parole Board and their strong ties to the Fraternal Order of Police and the plot to keep The Move 9 in prison.

The Move 9 have been deemed a risk to the safety of the community, yet Randy Feathers, a known pedophile and former member of the Pennsylvania Parole Board, walks the community. Mark D. Koch, a former high ranking member of the Fraternal Order of Police, sits comfortably on the Parole Board risking the safety of innocent MOVE members by keeping them in prison. As a former police officer, how many members of the community did Mark Koch beat, maim, and murder? Mark Koch, with other law enforcement officials, present the greatest risk to the safety of the community across the country; just ask Michael Brown, Johnny Gamage, Eleanor Bumpers, Anthony Baez, Corryn Gaines, Tamir Rice, et cetera.

Michael Africa went before the Parole Board in September of 2017 and to this date we still have no word on the decision of whether or not Michael will be paroled; the last time we had to wait for 5 months before a decision was rendered. These are the psychological games that the Board plays, as Debbie Africa had to wait a month for her decision in 2016 three weeks after Janet and Janine Africa were denied parole. This is nothing more than a tactic to try and break the Move 9 and DISCOURAGE people working in the interest of justice and what's right, but we are not going to be diverted with this.

Somewhere between November 2017 and February 2018 Eddie Africa will go before the Parole Board and in May 2018 Janet, Janine, and Debbie Africa will again go before the Board. So we have serious work to continue doing. There will be more info to follow in the next couple of days with our course of action but in the meantime people are asked to sign and share our petition aimed at the United States Justice Department.

People can sign the petition at causes.com/campaigns/92454-free-the-move-9

27 Oct - Police Investigations Arising from Charlottesville Fascist Rally

This is a message from members of the activist legal community who are working on behalf of individuals involved with anti-fascist and anti-racist protest activity, to anti-fascist and anti-racist activists and allies, especially anyone who was present in Charlottesville Virginia on August 11 or 12, 2017.

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In the aftermath of this summer's white supremacist rallies and attacks in Virginia, local and federal law enforcement are contacting anti-fascist and anti-racist activists and others who were in Charlottesville on August 11 and 12, 2017.

As of this writing (October 27, 2017) we are aware that state and local police (including the Charlottesville Police Department, Albemarle County Police Department, University of Virginia Police Department, and Virginia State Police) have contacted dozens of activists. We are also aware of two activists who have been contacted by federal law enforcement including the FBI. All of the activists contacted by law enforcement were injured either on the evening of August 11 at the University of Virginia campus or during the August 12th march in Charlottesville when a fascist rammed a car into the crowd. Law enforcement is telling all activists that the activists themselves are not the subject of the investigation, but that law enforcement would like to speak to them as victims and witnesses as part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

Everyone we have been in touch with directly has agreed to the above information being shared on their behalf in the interest of transparency and in the spirit of solidarity.

Many people have been calling for the state to prosecute fascists for the extreme violence, terror, and injuries inflicted on August 11 and 12th. We recognize that in light of this some people may be considering sharing information with various law enforcement agencies for the purpose of prosecuting the fascists, and that some people have already done so. In this moment we would like to encourage everyone considering “helping” the state’s investigation of fascist violence get legal advice before deciding to talk to any law enforcement agents. We suggest that people start from the presumption that any information shared with law enforcement will be used against other anti-fascists and anti-racist activists, and that everyone keep the following points in mind:

- * Law enforcement can lie about what the subject of their investigation is.
- * Law enforcement agencies do routinely share information with other agencies (for example, local police departments may share the substance of an interview with the FBI or with ICE).
- * In fact, inter-agency structures are in place to facilitate exactly this type of information sharing (for example, the Virginia Fusion Center).
- * If you make statements now in order to assist police in the investigation and prosecution of fascists and the state later decides to broaden their investigation to include anti-fascist and anti-racist activists, you may be subpoenaed for more information. Refusing to comply with a subpoena later is more difficult (from a legal defenses perspective) if you have previously cooperated with law enforcement investigation efforts.
- * It is possible that a special grand jury either has been or will be convened to investigate anti-fascist and anti-racist actions and efforts surrounding the events in Charlottesville and elsewhere. Any and all information given to law enforcement deepens the reach of a grand jury investigation. Grand juries have historically been used as a tool to repress political movements.
- * Even simply confirming to law enforcement that you were present at an event on specific date or at a certain place can lead to further adverse actions against leftist activists and subpoenas to you for testimony and/or for access to your records (including electronic devices like cell phones and cameras) at a later stage.

We would like to remind everyone of your rights when interacting with law enforcement:

- * You are not required to speak with any law enforcement officer or agent.
- * You have a right to consult an attorney before talking to law enforcement or deciding whether or not to talk to them.
- * You have a right to have an attorney present while being questioned by law enforcement even if they tell you that you are not the subject of the investigation or if you volunteer to do an interview.

We recommend the following:

- * If you are contacted by law enforcement, simply get their name and contact information and firmly let them know that you do not want to speak with them at this time and that they will hear from your attorney.
- * If you do ultimately choose to share information with law enforcement, never discuss your political views or affiliations and never discuss anyone else in any way (including who else was present).
- * Remember that giving photo or video records to law enforcement that show other people does amount to confirming the whereabouts of other activists without their consent.
- * We also remind everyone that information shared with law enforcement will be used against other people in anti-fascist and anti-racist movements. Even seemingly innocuous details about where you were and at what time can end up being used against other people or simply to construct social maps of our communities. Sharing information can also inadvertently expose others to the type of right-wing harassment and doxing which have recently been so harmful to people in our communities.

For these reasons we recommend that no-one speak with law enforcement. If you have already done so, contact a lawyer as soon as possible for assistance moving forward. If you have been contacted by law enforcement and are considering speaking with them, don't do it without first contacting an attorney to privately discuss these issues and to decide how to proceed. Always use attorneys who have experience representing members of political movements during criminal investigations or defending activists with criminal charges.

We also encourage people to continue to be transparent about these developments as they occur – secrecy leads to isolation and feeds fear, which are both harmful to solidarity.

Resources:

The best place to start to find experienced political attorneys to represent you in this context is to talk to other anti-fascist and anti-racist activists and the organizations you've been working through. It's a good idea for groups to line up a suitable lawyer or group of lawyers in advance. Also, your local NLG Chapter can provide assistance in finding political attorneys in your area <<https://www.nlg.org/chapters>>.

National Lawyers Guild (NLG) Know Your Rights materials <<http://www.nlg.org/know-your-rights>>
Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) If an Agent Knocks booklet <<https://ccrjustice.org/if-agent-knocks-booklet>>

Freedom Archives background on how grand juries have been used against political movements in the past <<https://search.freedomarchives.org/search.php?s=Grand+Juries>>

For more on grand juries and the criminal legal process for activists in general we recommend: A Tilted Guide to Being a Defendant <<https://tiltedscalecollective.org/full-book>>

28 Oct - Paperwrenching Prisons and Pipelines

If you're the type who likes to cut to the chase, here it goes: There are two open comment periods for Environmental Impacts Statements (EIS) that you should know about. One for the Sabal Trail Pipeline <sierra.secure.force.com/actions/National?actionId=AR0092746> and another for the Letcher County federal prison <actionnetwork.org/letters/even-the-doj-doesnt-want-another-toxic-prison-in-appalachia>. So take a few minutes to submit a comment ASAP using those links. For those who prefer some background and deeper analysis, read on...

MORE:

by Panagioti (*Earth First! Journal*)

Last year I co-authored "From Prisons to Pipelines" with a former-prisoner and Lakota friend from the Pine Ridge Reservation. We were moved to write by the #NoDAPL and #PrisonStrike grassroots organizing efforts that were sweeping the nation, particularly in ways that hit close to home for us.

Since that was published, a prison in Appalachian East Kentucky and a pipeline through the springlands of North Florida both became hotspots on the unofficial map of eco-resistance. Right now, there are opportunities in both of these efforts to significantly broaden the base of support for these two fights and build the long-term foundation for effective resistance.

"Paperwrenching" an EIS approval is the one of the most effective strategies for securing environmental victories, and it is essential groundwork for campaigns that escalate to direct action (especially for folks who might try to use a necessity defense in court following an action, and want to show documentation of their efforts prior to facing criminal charges).

In spring of 2015, the Prison Ecology Project (PEP) joined a fight with the federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) over its EIS for a new federal prison in the coalfields of Eastern Kentucky, working with locals in Letcher County and dozens of regional and national organizations to use this prison as a line in the sand against the expansion of the U.S. prison industry. The PEP spawned an offshoot, the Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons (FTP), which took a lead role in coordinating grassroots resistance to the plan, including a march on the D.C. offices of the BOP and Department of Justice (DOJ) in June 2016. Since the fight began, the BOP has been forced back to the drawing board twice, having to produce a Revised and Supplemental EIS in attempt to have a legally sufficient approval, and it is still bullshit.

Biologists and experts working with FTP activists and lawyers have torn apart the plan time and again, based on environmental justice concerns related to the mountaintop removal site chosen for the prison, endangered species issues in the nearby Lilley Cornett Woods, and the failure to show the prison is a public need (let alone consideration for alternatives to mass incarceration.) To top it off, over the summer the DOJ, which oversees the BOP, rescinded its request to build the prison. Telling Congress that it no longer needs the \$444 million allocated for the facility. But Congressmen like U.S. Rep Hal Rogers, who vested interests in land deals and construction contracts, have been using the facade of boosting the local economy as a selling point for years now, and they aren't going to let go that easy.

The window for EIS comments to the BOP ends tomorrow, Sunday Oct 29 at 12 a.m. midnight. It's less than 24 hours from when this is published, so please send this letter ASAP. The link will also remain open after that deadline as well, as the letter also targets Congress, which is still discussing its budget, and is likely to be doing so for another month or more.

In the fall of 2016, Sabal Trail Resistance (STR) kicked off a season of direct action that paralleled environmental litigation against 700 miles of fracked gas pipelines from Central Alabama to South Florida. After some couple dozen protests and blockades, 27 arrests (a majority of which were trumped up felony charges), and the death of a pipeline saboteur at the hands of Florida State law enforcement, the word was out far and wide: despite the regional reputation of hospitality and politeness, the pipeline pushers would not be welcomed with open arms in the Southeastern US.

In the summer of 2017, a panel of federal appellate judges found that the construction of the pipeline had been conducted illegally, as an environmental lawsuit alleged, with an insufficient EIS. Big news. The remedy of the judges was for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) was to produce a Supplemental EIS (SEIS) addressing the failures to assess the cradle-to-grave cumulative impacts, namely the pollution caused by burning the gas. The industry responded with a pathetic, measly 9-page SEIS alleging that there were still no major concerns, and ignoring almost entirely the undeniable scheme to export a significant portion of the gas through ports in Florida, thus attempting to dodge the inclusion of massive shipping operations as another cumulative impact.

Comments on this Draft SEIS are due Nov 20, and they can easily be sent via sierra.secure.force.com/actions/National?actionId=AR0092746

29 Oct - Ramsey Orta says prison guards beat him for Eric Garner video

The man who filmed Eric Garner's death says he's been beaten by corrections officers and tossed into solitary confinement for the video.

MORE:

by Stephen Rex Brown (*New York Daily News*)

A letter from Ramsey Orta dated Oct. 16 says he was roughed up by corrections officers at Franklin Correctional Facility that day and taken into isolation. He said a nurse was uninterested in taking a report of the abuse.

“I fear for my life in this facility and can’t take the ongoing abuse anymore, please help me!” Orta wrote in the letter shared with the Daily News by his lawyer.

A state Department of Corrections official declined to comment on Orta’s allegations, saying the Office of Special Investigations is looking into the incident at Franklin and a prior alleged incident at Fishkill Correctional Facility.

Orta, 26, pleaded guilty in Staten Island court to drugs and weapons charges last year, resulting in a four-year sentence. Authorities said they caught him selling crack, heroin, oxycodone and marijuana in the Staten Island park across from where Garner died. Orta was busted with a gun in a separate incident.

Orta has long said the arrests were retaliation for his video of Garner repeating “I can’t breathe” while locked in an NYPD chokehold on July 17, 2014.

Orta said in his letter from prison that five to seven corrections officers were involved in moving him to solitary. One of them “shoved my face into the wall very hard and started to pull my hair from behind and began to slap me on the right side of my face a few times,” he wrote.

During a pat-down, he said, the same corrections officer “grabbed and pulled” his genitals twice. Orta says he was then slapped again.

Orta’s attorney, Andrew Plasse, said his client believes he’s being targeted by a corrections officer who once served as a police officer. The corrections officer, Orta said, is retaliating against him for the Garner video.

“He’s constantly looking over his shoulder to make sure nothing happens to him,” the lawyer said.

Orta was thrown in solitary for a “tier 3” infraction typically linked to contraband or fighting, Plasse said. Orta hopes to be out of solitary by Thanksgiving.

Plasse asked that the corrections officers mentioned in the letter not be named for fear of retaliation.

Orta’s ordeal behind bars began shortly after he was sentenced, according to papers obtained by the Daily News. He served time at Fishkill Correctional Facility before being sent to Franklin Correctional, just 10 miles from Canada.

A notice of claim filed by Plasse says Orta was duped in December into trusting an inmate at Fishkill. The inmate lured Orta into an ambush where he was slashed, the legal papers say.

The attorney said he is still preparing a lawsuit over the incident to be filed in the Court of Claims. The notice says Orta will seek \$10 million for the slashing.

Orta has at least five ongoing lawsuits against the city stemming from his frequent run-ins with the law — most while participating in protests.

His most recent suit, filed last month, says he was wrongfully arrested at an anti-police-brutality demonstration in September 2016. The lawsuit notes that Orta is the only person at the scene of Garner's death who has gone to prison.

Orta's opinion about whether filming the Garner video was worth it frequently changes, Plasse said, adding that his client badly misses his two young kids.

"He paid a heavy price for (the video) — assuming he's correct about all of this retaliation — and it's hard to not perceive it as retaliation," Plasse said.

31 Oct - 46, A New Poem by Political Prisoner Jalil Muntaqim

Political prisoner Jalil Muntaqim is a great writer and poet. Here is his latest.

MORE:

Forty-six years in the penitentiary,
Forty-six years eating from commissary
dispensary.

Forty-six years of suffering and misery
by confronting racism and white supremacy,
never, ever letting them get the best of me.

Nineteen when captured and confined,
shoot-out with police marked the
beginning of this time. Been to the
parole board nine times, continuously
denied for the nature of the crime ...
something that will never change!

Change ... brought them two college
degrees, and two vocational certificates,
they were treated as if insignificant,
you have to wonder, then, what is change
or its significance, when community support
is overwhelming, but they consider it
a factor that is all too damning.

International law says U.S. prison
system is a burgeoning crime, but none
of these corporate criminals are doing
any time. A crime against humanity
when poor and people of color are
targeted for arrests, and white judges
in black robes, no different than
whites in white hooded robes, say it was
a fair and legal contest. Yet the DA
and court appointed attorney were law
school roommates, eating lunch and
dinner together, despite the crime or

type of weather ... how can we escape
the collusion, when finding me guilty
was the only conclusion.

Indeed, crime and prison is big business
and the poor is its commodity with a
shelf life of 25 years to life, mass
incarceration—business is booming!

Forty-six years and the grandchildren
of the first guard who searched me are
now searching this cell, and to them
everything is swell. Telling me to
undress to search my body, with no
understanding how I withstand these
tests ... Test to human decency, dignity
and self-respect, while confronting
white supremacy with an American flag
pinned to their chests. Their only
concern is money for a house, and
sending their children to college,
keeping the poor and oppressed absent
of knowledge. "I'm just doing my job"
is what they say, coming to work each
and every day, simply to make sure
white supremacy stays this way.

31 Oct - Oso Blanco- Calls/Emails/Letters Needed

We have a situation that needs to be addressed, please take a couple minutes to help out.

MORE:

Right now hoping to just show some numbers here to rectify this. Will let you know in the future if stronger words and heavier actions are needed. Thanks!

Email: VIM/ExecAssistant@bop.gov or WXRO/ExecAssistant@bop.gov

Phone: 760.530.5000

Fax: 760.530.5103

Ask for Mr. Chandlee (Counselor of Unit 3B) or Mrs. Marks (Oso Blanco's Case Manager).

Late October 2017:

Photos and artwork are going missing from Oso Blanco's mail without explanation.

He tried to send out money to family/friends but they never received it so he filed a BPA with Counselor Chandlee. The funds manager told him he never received a BPA from Counselor Chandlee.

Oso Blanco needs medical attention for an injury in his knee. He can't get a "bottom bunk pass." Counselor Chandlee sent him without a bottom bunk pass to see Ms. Wolverton who was unprofessional and disrespectful about his medical needs. Chubbuck repeatedly went to receive his prescription medicine. It

wasn't there. He was told this is typical of Ms. Wolverton. Chubbuck feels he was deliberately lead nowhere by Counselor Chandlee and Ms. Wolverton and denied medical care.

WHAT TO WRITE/SAY

Hello, I am calling out of concern for inmate Byron Shane Chubbuck, #079-09-051. I am aware that his mail is being tampered with and that he is being denied medical treatment for the injury in his knee. I know you can't share medical information with me because of HIPAA laws but please act on my concern. I am requesting that steps be taken to correct this misconduct and hope to hear a response from you as soon as possible. Mr. Chubbuck will let us know if this continues. Thank you, (Name)

31 Oct - Update from International Leonard Peltier Defense Committee (ILPDC)

It's difficult for the ILPDC to start a report to you all without remembering good friend and supporter Dennis J. Banks.

MORE:

Dennis and Leonard traveled many miles together and he spoke often and eloquently for Leonard's freedom <aics.org/LP/dennis.html>. He will be greatly missed. We will send out Leonard's statement later today, as it takes time to get messages from the prison.

On a new note the trip from Fargo was almost a 4 day drive, and thanks to friends and my social security we didn't have to go into committee money except for a couple of tanks of gas and dinners. I was determined not to spend the small amount raised for Leonard's legal team to make this move and we were successful. We arrived in Tampa, Florida to our new committee office and home on Tuesday and have been working to put it together.

While we were waiting for the Internet to be hooked up, we had a meeting with Leonard's lawyer to discuss trying to hire one or two legal researchers to go through the thousands of pages of Freedom of Information (FOIA) pages for new evidence that the lawyer can use to get Leonard back into court. We are also looking into the possibility of a compassionate release due to age and physical problems. These issues are why we desperately need funds to continue the work, given Leonard's age and health his time is on the short side of Freedom!

I did get to visit Leonard last Sunday. He was pleased that the move went well, and that he can have regular visits. One of the problems he mentioned was that he continues to have a shooting pain from hip to his foot. He was supposed to have a sonogram but it got cancelled due to fights in the prison and he said there was no telling when it will happen now but the pain drags him down and has affected his mobility to go to the Art room or Law Library.

We would like for people to politely write the Warden and ask why it has taken over a year for this issue with Leonard's hip to get resolved? They have done test and x-rays and yet no relief for his pain. Neither a steroid shot or hip replacement has been offered Leonard.

You should send your letter to:

**Warden
USP Coleman I
Post Office Box 1023
Coleman, Florida 33521**

So, we are up and working to find ways to bring Leonard home. If you are in the Tampa area please call and come by to look at Leonard's art work or have a cup of coffee and talk about supporting an event in your area for Leonard. Our address is 116 West Osborne Avenue Tampa, Florida 33603 and the phone number is 218.790.7667. We have a couple of speakers who would be willing to speak for Leonard. While prayers support Leonard's soul, the legal team needs money to do the work!

November 2nd - Leonard Peltier Remembers his Friend Dennis Banks

Today, let my voice join in harmony, with the brothers and sisters of the American Indian Movement, to address our great loss of your father, grandfather, brother and friend, Dennis J Banks. When I heard he was going to have heart surgery, I was praying for a speedy recovery. Three weeks prior to Dennis having surgery, I had a triple bypass open heart surgery with good results, so I was shocked to hear he was having problems.

Let me share a few memories with you. I first started hearing about Dennis in the late 60's while being involved in the fishing and hunting struggle at Franks Landing in Washington State.

After returning to my home at the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Nation in North Dakota, I was aware of the occupation at Alcatraz in California. I also started hearing Dennis speaking out on TV and radio. I became involved in a struggle involving Native issues in Arizona and while there, I was invited to an annual AIM [American Indian Movement] convention at Leech Lake, Minnesota. I met with Dennis and was impressed with the public commitment he made on the Chunupa, to never use alcohol or drugs and to never refuse a call for help from Native people. I became a member the American Indian Movement and worked out the AIM Chapter in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In my eyes, Dennis was a charismatic and powerful speaker and one of the most committed leaders in resisting the longest war in US history against Native people of our Nations, not only for AIM but for all Native activist groups. He spoke of the genocidal practices of other countries being used against Indigenous peoples.

He was most known for being the last person to leave the 71 day shoot out called the Wounded Knee Occupation in 1972, where over 250,000 rounds of ammunition were fired into Wounded Knee by the US government and the GOON squad. There is proof that none of the ammunition checked out of the federal armory were ever turned back. I believe the plan was to kill all women, children and men Warriors. Dennis continued to answer the call from Native people seeking help and he traveled wherever he was needed even while being under multiple indictments because of Wounded Knee. If convicted of the charges, he was facing 150 years in a federal prison, along with another AIM leader, Russell Means.

We, as Native people, owe a huge debt to Dennis and other AIM leaders, for taking a strong stand to protect and preserve our Spiritual and cultural way of life. The direction of the American Indian Movement has always been from our Native Elders and Spiritual leaders. We were there to protect them as they passed on the knowledge and protocol of our Sacred Ways. We will forever be grateful to those Elders and to the many members of the American Indian Movement who were willing to live and die for a way of life that has been our way of survival for Centuries.

Now my brother Dennis has joined our loved ones who have crossed over into the Spirit world and I know they gave him one hell of a welcome reception! They know his heart, and they know he was a true Warrior to the end.

In my most humble way, I ask that we never forget those who made the ultimate sacrifice to try to make a better world for the coming generations. Please, sing their songs with honor, in their memory, tell their

stories with pride with every opportunity you have, and always, please remind our young people and each other, that every battle that was ever fought, every life that was ever taken, every ceremony being performed, is with our future generations in mind.

Please remember Dennis James Banks like I do, as being one of the greatest Warriors of our time. I am proud and humbled to call Dennis my brother.

3 Nov - Parole letters needed for Herman Bell

A support website has information regarding parole-support letters for Herman Bell, a New York State (NYS) political prisoner and former Black Panther who has been in prison for 44 years. He is coming up for parole for the 8th time in February 2018 and needs your help.

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Please consider writing a letter and contesting the hate-filled and vindictive campaign of the Police Benevolent Association (PBA, a NYPD union) to keep Herman in prison. Herman is an amazing person, but even if you do not know him, 44 years is well beyond a reasonable prison sentence. He has been eligible for parole since 2004 and is still recovering from a vicious beating doled out to him by prison guards.

The due date for all letters is December 15, 2017. The address of where to send the letters and all other pertinent information can be found on Herman's website, on the Parole Efforts tab at freehermanbell.org.

Herman Bell has been to the New York state parole board seven times and been denied each time. His next parole board appearance will be in February 2018, when he will be 70 years old. At this next appearance, we hope that Herman will have a better chance of being seriously considered and therefore released. New regulations governing parole hearings mandate that an applicant's risk of recidivism be considered as a "guiding principle" of the hearing. Herman has the very lowest risk score, based on the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision's measures. In addition, six new parole commissioners were added to the Board and several, though not all, of the older, law-enforcement connected ones have been retired. The new commissioners are mostly from social service and reentry backgrounds. Personal letters of recommendation and community support can play an important role in Herman's next hearing.

On September 5th, Herman was brutally assaulted by a group of correctional officers at Great Meadow Correctional Facility. As is most often the case in these incidents, Herman was initially charged with assault on a guard. In fact, Herman had done nothing to provoke this attack – and, furthermore, showed restraint, non-violence, and discipline in the face of brutality. In 95% of the cases in New York where a prisoner is charged with assaulting a guard, the prisoner is convicted and sentenced to box (Security Housing Unit) time. However, the charges against Herman were dropped within a few weeks, as letters of support poured in from all over the world. This is a stark reminder that, while Herman poses no danger to society, his continued imprisonment as an elder subjects him to extreme danger. He needs to come home.

17 Nov - Punk Rock Karaoke for 5BARC

WHAT: Punk Rock Karaoke

WHEN: 9:00pm, Friday, November 17th

WHERE: Pine Box Rock Shop 12 Grattan Street, Brooklyn, New York 11206

COST: \$10

MORE:

Proceeds go to the 5 Borough Anti-Repression Committee (5BARC)

5BARC is dedicated to defending J20 defendants who were mass arrested on inauguration day in Washington D.C while protesting against everything Trump stands for.

Punk Rock Karaoke Northeast is a DIY, fundraising event that benefits a different community group each time.

3 Dec – Send Love Through the Walls 2017

WHAT: Send Love Through The Walls Holiday Card-Writing For Political Prisoners

WHEN: 2:00-6:00pm, Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

WHERE: 263 Eastern Parkway, Apartment 5D (Direction Below) phone: 718.783.8141

COST: FREE (Donations to cover the cost of stamps greatly appreciated)

MORE:

In what many prisoners have told us is their favorite event of the year, Resistance in Brooklyn and NYC Anarchist Black Cross again join forces to bring you the annual holiday card-writing party for U.S. held political prisoners, prisoners of war, and prisoners of conscience. This event is always a lot of fun, the food outstanding, the camaraderie lively, and the handmade cards flat out amazing. This year will be no different. So plan to bring your friends, your creativity, and a healthy appetite. We'll have updates on the pp/pow campaigns as well as paints, markers, crayons, and envelopes.

Directions:

Getting to 263 Eastern Parkway is simple:

From the 2/3/4/5 or Franklin Avenue Shuttle:

Franklin Avenue Stop: Walk west on Eastern Parkway (away from Franklin Avenue, toward Classon Avenue). We're about half a block down on the north side of the street. When you go into the building, take the elevator to your left.

For more information, contact:

Resistance in Brooklyn– resistanceinbrooklyn07@gmail.com

NYC Anarchist Black Cross– nycabc@riseup.net