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Updates for June 28<sup>th</sup>

## **12 Jun - Jessica Resniece Needs Your Help**

*Following disappointing decisions regarding her appeal, Jessica's struggle has just begun and her supporters need you now more than ever.*

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On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed Jessica's 8-year sentence but did not affirm the terrorism enhancement calling it a "harmless error" leaving the question of its legality open. This decision brings up the question "is it harmless to be designated a terrorist by the U.S. government?"

In July 2021 Judge Rebecca Goodgame-Ebinger applied a terrorism enhancement to Reznicek's case that automatically increased her sentencing guidelines range from 37-46 months to 210-240 months. Ebinger then sentenced Reznicek to 96 months, claiming the lengthy sentence was necessary to deter others. In her appeal Reznicek's lawyer Robert Richman argued the enhancement was inappropriate and "the court should find that the error resulted in a five-fold increase in the [sentencing] guideline range." The three Trump-appointed appeal judges disregarded his argument, saying Reznicek would have been sentenced to 96 months either way.

In order for the terrorism enhancement to be triggered, the actions must be "calculated to influence or affect the conduct of government by intimidation or coercion, or to retaliate against government conduct." The Reznicek appeals team argued that her actions targeted a private company, not the government, and was therefore misapplied.

"Sentencing Jess under a federal terrorism enhancement for acts of civil disobedience targeting private property sets an alarming precedent for climate justice movements and endangers Indigenous and front-line defenders most impacted by worsening climate conditions. These communities are disproportionately impacted by the effects of climate change. The ability to call for substantial measures to slow or halt climate change is literally a matter of life or death for us." said the Water Protector Legal Collective in a statement following the decision.

Federal prosecutors only pursued terrorism enhancements against Reznicek after 84 Congressional representatives wrote a letter in 2017 to Attorney General Jeff Sessions requesting that Reznicek and other protestors who tamper with pipelines be prosecuted as domestic terrorists. The authors of this letter received a combined \$36 million in campaign contributions from the oil and gas industry. This ruling came the same day the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced that carbon dioxide levels are now 50% higher than during the pre-industrial era. CO2 has not been this high in 4 million years and is not dropping fast enough to avert catastrophe.

We are worried that If the decision stands, the judicial branch will continue applying terrorism enhancements to activists, while claiming that a drastically increased sentence from being labeled a terrorists by the U.S. government is "harmless". As Natasha Lennard rightly wrote in *The Intercept*, "The appellate justices' decision to uphold her sentence, callously dismissing the challenge to her terrorism enhancement, doubles down on a chilling message: Those who take direct action against rapacious energy corporations can be treated as enemies of the state. It is a cynical move indeed to sidestep the chilling effect of labeling such acts as 'terrorism,' as if it carries no material consequences for the future of water and Indigenous land protection and other social movements."

We cannot let this stand. That's why our struggle has just begun. We knew the road ahead would be long and that this is just the beginning. We are talking with Jessica and considering all of our options going forward that includes asking for a rehearing by the entire 8<sup>th</sup> circuit, appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court, and/or seeking presidential clemency.

After the ruling Jessica wanted us to share this message with you all, "I appreciate everything everyone is doing for me. I am spending time with my puppy Emmy {training via the PAWS program} looking at butterflies outside when we can. Grateful to everyone."

### **15 Jun - US prison workers produce \$11bn worth of goods and services a year**

*Incarcerated workers in the US produce at least \$11bn in goods and services annually but receive just pennies an hour in wages for their prison jobs, according to a new report from the ACLU.*

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by Dani Anguiano (*The Guardian*)

Nearly two-thirds of all prisoners in the US, which imprisons more of its population than any other country in the world, have jobs in state and federal prisons. That figure amounts to roughly 800,000 people, researchers estimated in the report, which is based on extensive public records requests, questionnaires and interviews with incarcerated workers.

ACLU researchers say the findings outlined in Wednesday's report raise concerns about the systemic exploitation of prisoners, who are compelled to work sometimes difficult and dangerous jobs without basic labor protections and little or no training while making close to nothing.

Most incarcerated workers are tasked with general prison maintenance that is crucial to keep the facilities running, according to the ACLU researchers, who worked with the University of Chicago Law School's Global Human Rights Clinic.

"State governments and the prison system are extracting tremendous value from a captive and exploited workforce all while claiming they can't afford to pay them a livable wage," said Jennifer Turner, the principal author of the report.

More than 80% of incarcerated laborers do general prison maintenance, including cleaning, cooking, repair work, laundry and other essential services. For paid non-industry jobs, workers make an average of 13 cents to 52 cents an hour, according to the report. Seven states – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas – pay nothing for the vast majority of prison work.

Incarcerated workers who are paid often see most of their pay withheld for "taxes, room and board expenses, and court costs", the report states.

"We are saving [the prisons] millions of dollars and getting paid pennies in return ... All the jobs we are doing in prison are not really benefiting us; it is more benefitting the prison system. I work a job making \$450 for a whole year," said Latashia Millender, an inmate at a prison in Illinois, according to the report.

Public officials have acknowledged that the work of these unpaid and poorly compensated incarcerated laborers is crucial: "There's no way we can take care of our facilities, our roads, our ditches, if we didn't have inmate labor," Warren Yeager, a former Gulf county, Florida, commissioner said to the *Florida Times-Union*.

Other officials have said they oppose new sentencing and parole laws that would reduce the pool of incarcerated workers, according to the report. Steven Prator, a Louisiana sheriff, said: "We need to keep some out there, that's the ones that you can work, that pick up trash, the work release program, but guess

what? Those are the ones that they are releasing...the good ones, that we use every day to wash cars, change oil in our cars, to cook, to do all that where we save money...well, they are gonna let them out."

More than 75% of workers told ACLU researchers if they can't work or decline to do so, they are subject to punishment ranging from solitary confinement to the loss of family visits to denials of sentence reductions.

Most incarcerated workers are not provided with skills and training for their work that would help them secure jobs when they are released, Turner said; 70% said they did not receive any formal job training, and 70% said they couldn't afford essentials such as soap and phone calls with their wages.

"The United States has a long, problematic history of using incarcerated workers as a source of cheap labor and to subsidize the costs of our bloated prison system," said Turner, a principal human rights researcher with the ACLU's Human Rights Program.

"Incarcerated workers are stripped of even the most minimal protections against labor exploitation and abuse. They are paid pennies for their work in often unsafe working conditions even as they produce billions of dollars for states and the federal government."

Some workers make slightly higher wages working for "state prison industries", which are typically state-owned programs run by the corrections department to produce goods or provide services for other government agencies. That work includes manufacturing furniture, cleaning supplies and uniforms for other government workers, washing laundry for public hospitals or universities and working for call centers of the department of motor vehicles.

In 2021, more than 51,000 people held industry jobs, accounting for 6.5% of prison labor, the researchers found. Those workers are paid 30 cents to \$1.30 an hour on average. In Oregon, for example, the DMV pays incarcerated workers \$4 to \$6 a day, while a worker outside of prison doing the same DMV job makes an average of \$80 a day.

Incarcerated workers in prison industries programs generated goods and services worth \$2.09bn nationally in 2021, the authors found, citing estimates from the National Correctional Industries Association, a prison industry group. The researchers estimated that the maintenance work of prisoners is worth \$9bn a year, but cautioned that there was no centralized data on the value of this work and that the figure was probably an undercount and a rough estimate from earlier studies.

The authors of the report are calling for extensive changes around the use of prison labor, including ensuring that such work is voluntary and provides workers with the same wages and protections granted to other workers as well as work programs that give incarcerated workers marketable skills and training.

### **15 Jun - Sundiata: Limited edition beanie!**

*On May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Sundiata Acoli walked out of prison into the arms of his family and loved ones!*

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Sundiata is finally able to spend time with his family, and we want to make sure we respect these moments.

So many of you have asked how you can support Sundiata and he is honored by the outpouring of love. We are asking for your generous support to help Sundiata to enjoy his years of freedom with the financial stability he deserves. All proceeds go to Sundiata's family to provide the necessary care for him. There are a few ways to support:

*DONATE DIRECTLY* and become a sustaining donor! No amount is too small OR too big:

**[secure.actblue.com/donate/bringsundiataacolihome](https://secure.actblue.com/donate/bringsundiataacolihome)**

*BUY A BEANIE!* There are a handful of beanies left. By purchasing this beanie, you will help Sundiata Acoli live his years comfortably. These lightweight beanies can be worn any time of year!

Be on the lookout for our two new merchandise items. The t-shirt comes in ALL sizes, including kids' sizes, and a pin to proudly show off your support anytime, anywhere. All proceeds of the purchase will support Sundiata's family to provide the necessary care for him. Make sure you follow us on all of our social channels to know when they're released!

We have so much gratitude and would like to thank Sophia Dawson for her beautiful art of Sundiata. This image has been the face of the campaign and has reached people in so many different ways. Please support her work on her website and check her out on Instagram!

### **18 Jun - Prisons are Recording, Tracking Incarcerated Peoples' Children, Lawyers**

*Calls placed by people in prisons in New York State are being recorded using flawed, racially-biased, and publicly-unproven voice recognition software without the informed consent of the people placing or receiving the calls.*

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The voice recognition software from controversy-plagued Securus Technologies also tracks the location of the people being called from prison, including friends, family, and minor children. This means innocent people are being surveilled by DOCCS simply because they have received calls from people in prison. Their voices are analyzed, their locations are uncovered, and their voiceprints are cataloged in a database, without any meaningful oversight of where all this information goes and what it's used for.

The New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision is apparently recording these calls without any policies in place governing who has access to the recordings of the calls, what happens to the recordings after they are logged, or procedures for ensuring that privileged calls — like those between lawyers and clients — are not recorded.

Last year, the New York Daily News reported that DOCCS unlawfully recorded nearly 2,300 attorney-client calls. Yet, based on DOCCS' response to a NYCLU Freedom of Information Law request, DOCCS has no policies or procedures in place to prevent this from happening again.

The NYCLU has received calls from people in prison concerned that their calls with their lawyers are being recorded. If people fear their privileged calls are being listened to by prison authorities or even law enforcement, this has an obvious chilling effect on these communications. It's impossible for lawyers to provide an adequate defense for their clients if both parties are wary of talking to each other on the phone.

DOCCS refuses to say with whom it shares this highly sensitive data or what it does with it. All we know is that prison officials are putting innocent people under a microscope, finding out who they are and even where they live without any meaningful oversight over what happens with that information.

### **22 Jun - Will a Judge Force Cancer-Stricken Black Elder Mutulu Shakur to Die Behind Bars?**

*A judge told Mutulu Shakur two years ago that his cancer wasn't bad enough yet and to come back when he was on his deathbed. Now he is.*

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by Natasha Lennard (*The Intercept*)

When Mutulu Shakur applied for compassionate release in 2020, the presiding judge told the Black liberation elder that he was not close enough to death. At the time, Shakur was 70 and had spent nearly half his life in federal prison, where a moribund parole system created interminable barriers for his release.

In 2020, he was sick with hypertension, Type 2 diabetes, glaucoma, and the aftereffects of a 2013 stroke while in solitary confinement. He also faced high risks of severe Covid-19 complications. The cancer in his bone marrow, though, was not yet killing him fast enough. It was understood to be terminal, but chemotherapy treatment had been successful in keeping it at bay.

As such, according to then-90-year-old Judge Charles Haight Jr. — the very same judge who had sentenced Shakur to prison over three decades before — the respected and beloved elder, who posed zero risk to society and held an impeccable institutional record, was not eligible for compassion.

“Should it develop that Shakur’s condition deteriorates further, to the point of approaching death, he may apply again to the Court, for a release that in those circumstances could be justified as ‘compassionate,’” the judge wrote in his decision.

Two years later, Haight is still alive and, astoundingly, on the bench. Shakur, meanwhile, is on the very edge of death, cancer disabling his every bodily capacity.

Bureau of Prisons-contracted doctors have given him less than six months. The prison chaplain has advised his family members to come “very soon” to say their final goodbyes. Shakur may not even be able to recognize them.

According to reports from prison staff, he is “hallucinating,” “confused,” at times “unintelligible,” needs assistance with all so-called “Activities of Daily Living,” and is “frequently incontinent.” The details of his condition were revealed by medical professionals and Shakur’s family members in an emergency motion for compassionate release, which was filed by his lawyers on Sunday,

Shakur weighs 125 pounds and is unable to get out of bed. His support team told me that he currently resides in the federal prison hospital at FMC Lexington, where “he is too ill to have visitors as his white blood count is too low and he is completely immune-compromised.” (In response to my request for comment on Shakur’s condition, a Bureau of Prisons spokesperson wrote, “For privacy, safety, and security reasons, the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) does not discuss information on any individual inmate’s conditions of confinement including medical care.”)

The time for true compassion — or anything close to justice — has long passed for Shakur, well-known as rapper Tupac’s stepfather and celebrated for bringing holistic health care and self-determination to the Bronx’s Black community in the 1970s. Like most Black liberation elders, the circumstances of Shakur’s conviction were colored by the government’s decades-long, all-out war on the movement. This should not be forgotten, but it is also not relevant to the current grounds for Shakur’s long overdue release.

The question now is simply whether the federal punishment system will, against its own purported standards, force a dying man to expire behind bars out of ideological intransigence.

Shakur was a member of the Black nationalist organization Republic of New Afrika, which worked closely with Black Panther Party members and New Left activists. He was convicted of racketeering conspiracy charges alongside several Black liberationists and leftist allies for his involvement in the 1981 robbery of an armored truck during which a guard and two police officers were killed. He was also convicted for aiding in the prison escape of Assata Shakur. He has taken responsibility for his crimes and repeatedly expressed remorse for the lives lost. All of his co-defendants have been released or have died.

Co-defendant Marilyn Buck, who was convicted on the same charges as Shakur, was granted compassionate release by the Bureau of Prisons on July 15, 2010. She died of uterine cancer on August 3 that year.

The harsh standard applied in Buck’s case was the same one that the judge used in denying Shakur’s release two years ago: Come back only when, like Buck, your only activity outside of prison walls will be

dying. Shakur has now arrived at this tragic place. Anything but immediate release constitutes an abundance of cruelty.

Shakur's release has been blocked by layer upon layer of institutional intransigence and procedural arcana. Even while a number former Black Panthers and other liberation elders — all incarcerated for all too many decades in state prison systems — have finally been released on parole in recent years, the strange vagaries of outdated federal rules, abuses of discretion, and other failures have foreclosed such relief for Shakur.

Shakur's legal team has sought every avenue for his release, including the superannuated federal parole system, the Bureau of Prisons' compassionate release process, the calculation of Shakur's earned "good time" in prison, and even the unlikely route of presidential clemency — all to no avail.

As a Bureau of Prisons spokesperson wrote in response to my request for comment on its process for compassionate release motions, "At all times, the decision on whether to grant such a motion — whether brought on behalf of the Director of the BOP, or the inmate themselves — lies with the sentencing court."

In the federal system, compassionate release rulings are determined by the very court — the very judge — that sentenced a defendant in the first place. Shakur's fate is once again in his sentencing judge's hands. Yet there is hope in the fact that Haight himself previously wrote that in circumstances of "imminent" death, compassionate release "could be justified." As Shakur's lawyers note in their motion, "It is now imminent."

Both prior to and during his incarceration, Shakur has been respected as a mentor and a healer. In the emergency motion for his release, numerous men incarcerated alongside Shakur are cited, attesting to his profound positive influence on their lives.

"I recognize Dr. Mutulu Shakur not only as my father, but as the man who changed my way of thinking and saved my life," wrote Ra' Sekou P'tah, who was serving a double-life sentence plus 30 years for a nonviolent drug offense when he met Shakur. President Barack Obama commuted P'tah's sentence after he had served 20 years. When reporting on Shakur's case last year, I heard several similar stories of mentorship and care from men formerly incarcerated with the Black liberation elder.

The time has passed for Shakur to continue his healing community work as a free man. He will not live to see his mandatory release date in 2024. He is, as his lawyers note in their motion, "on the downward side of an end-of life trajectory."

The least — and it is the very least — Haight, the judge, can do now in the name of decency would be to allow Shakur to die in the California home of his son and daughter-in-law, in the presence of loved ones, uncaged.

### **23 Jun - Case Dismissed for Final BLM Activist from Springfield Protests**

*Moments before a jury was to hear opening statements, the Deputy Lane County District Attorney abruptly moved to dismiss all charges against racial justice activist Jazmine Jourdan for events related to a 2020 protest led by Black Unity against racism in Springfield's Thurston neighborhood.*

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This is the same incident where rampant police misconduct spurred the Civil Liberties Defense Center and the non-profit community organization Black Unity to file civil litigation against the City of Springfield for numerous civil rights violations.

It is CLDC's understanding that Ms. Jourdan's case was dismissed by the Court after the jury was sworn in because a necessary witness for the State, former Springfield police officer Durrant, declined to voluntarily

appear. After two years, the final criminal prosecution of Black Lives Matter activists has ended in victory for the community members who stood up against racism in Springfield.

"First off, I'm going to say BLACK LIVES MATTER. Two years of my adult life have been taken away from me, filled with anxiety and fear by Springfield PD. Finally, this has come to an end. I am innocent, I am an activist, and I am not ashamed. I am so thankful for Black Unity, the community, and my lawyers at CLDC for working day in and day out to fight for my freedom. It's finally over!" said Ms. Jourdan.

"I am so honored and proud to have represented such a strong and resilient activist in a repressive, political trial. Jazmine acted with integrity and stood up for what she knew was right during the July 29, 2020 protest here in Oregon. I am pleased that the prosecution dismissed the charges, I only wish they hadn't waited so long to do so," said Sarah Alvarez, an attorney with the Civil Liberties Defense Center.

## **24 Jun - Bernie Sanders 'Strongly' Supports Releasing Leonard Peltier From Prison**

*Sen. Bernie Sanders "strongly" supports releasing Native American rights activist Leonard Peltier from prison, according to a letter to a constituent obtained by HuffPost.*

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by Jennifer Bendery (*HuffPost*)

"As you know, Leonard Peltier has spent over 40 years of his life in prison despite the fact that the government has admitted they do not know who is responsible for the crime he was convicted of," Sanders said in the June 8 email. "Despite national and international campaigns to free Peltier, he remains incarcerated, where he continues to advocate for the rights of native peoples."

"For this reason, I have and will continue to strongly support petitions for Leonard Peltier's release," Sanders concludes.

A constituent passed the letter to *HuffPost*. A Sanders spokesperson confirmed its legitimacy, but did not provide further comment on the senator's views on Peltier's imprisonment.

The letter means that Sanders is the fourth U.S. senator in recent months to advocate for President Joe Biden to give clemency to the now-77-year-old, ailing activist and send him home. Sens. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) and Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) have separately and publicly called on Biden to release Peltier.

If you haven't heard of Peltier, think of him as one of America's longest-serving political prisoners — a fall guy that the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office desperately needed after failing to figure out who murdered two FBI agents in a 1975 shootout on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

If you have heard of Peltier, then you know how problematic his imprisonment is: The blatant 1970s-era racism against Indigenous people that he was up against. The fact that all of Peltier's co-defendants were acquitted based on self-defense. The reality that the FBI was at least partly responsible for the shootout that day. The admission of U.S. government officials that Peltier's trial was so flawed he should be released. The decades of outcry from Indigenous leaders, members of Congress, celebrities and human rights leaders, including Pope Francis, the Dalai Lama, Nelson Mandela, Coretta Scott King and Amnesty International, an organization otherwise focused on political prisoners in other countries.

Today, the bottom line is simple: An elderly Indigenous man has been in prison for 46 years and never should have been there in the first place.

A White House official would not say whether Biden is considering granting clemency to Peltier, whose attorneys filed a clemency petition last summer.

"We are aware of the request but do not have further comment at this time," said this official.

## **26 Jun - Sentient Spirituality: Revolutionary Humanism, Respecting Ra-men, and Alternative Paths to Spiritual Fulfillment**

*More new writing from Dan Baker. Enjoy!*

### **MORE:**

#### **Nordic:**

utlänning – “human” strangers from another city or country within our world

främling – “human” strangers from another world

ra-man – humans from another species

varlese – animals we cannot communicate with

djur – dire beasts, oftens devouring people at night

#### **Kurdish:**

welatparazi – love for the motherland, literally the people, plants animals and soil which nourish us and our community; as opposed to patriotism

There is a need for a paradigm shift in this age. Presently large populations indulge in stone age mythologies, dogmatic mysticism and the technological practice of false religious ideas. These serve only to tax workers and produce an attitude of social quietism, a self imposed mindset of an abused housewife bowing to their abuser.

Science has shown us that there is no god or afterlife. All who claim such are only charlatans or deluded followers, many intentionally searching for fools to fleece and control. The only life we have is the one we now live. This means we should not waste it by hoping for a better reincarnation. All suffering we experience in this life is due to forces beyond our control, such as weather and natural disasters, or people in our lives, such as racists, rapists, killers, selfish hoarders of resources, and ourselves.

We are each responsible for our own defense, for future generations, for the environment and for fighting against cruel people during our lifetime. As we take responsibility for tending to nature then the climate will settle and take care of us. Most of our energy should be devoted to harmonizing with nature, tuning into the rhythms of the unique ecosystems we find ourselves in.

By farming with diverse crops, companion planting, spending time feeding “wild” animals and respecting their personal space and right to exist, we will find meaning in our lives. We have shown brilliance in our ability to adapt to extreme weather and we should nourish that skill with effort.

We also need to develop our capacity for resistance to tyrants, bullies and opportunistic politicians. We must participate in town councils, in which all genders, orientations, ethnic groups and other minorities must be represented.

The ideal of this lifestyle is nonviolence, but we must never set aside simple weapons. We have seen the results of the abuses of religion, science and political power. We must elaborate on a system of dismantling power structures as a form of politics, criticism being an effective way of doing this. There are many communities which utilize dramatic politics which effectively undermine toxic, ambitious individuals. Daily rituals of criticize ourselves and each other are essential, if uncomfortable, interactions that help us grow. We need to push ourselves to change, to see and acknowledge our character flaws, then act to change in permanent ways.

A state of awareness of antisocial behavior patterns must become a stage of being, in which we daily reform our thoughts, words and deeds to better the quality of our lives in ways that also improve our neighbors' lives. We do this by nurturing nonviolent, wholesome ways of living which contribute to

feelings of deep connection between each other, animals and plants rooted in the soil that supports us welatparazi.

Consider also the ongoing evolution of so-called animal species. There is a visible change observable in dogs, cats, birds, dolphins, whales and octopi. These creatures are really nonhuman peoples, capable of communication, empathy, sharing, rescue in emergencies, complex problem solving and communal behavior. These wonders are so widely documented as to be self evident. The level of respect and autonomy due to these sentient neighbors is no longer up for debate. It is a measure of our own humanity to note the degree to which we are capable of respecting the rights of these ra-men, these humans of other species. As they evolve we will be held accountable for how we treated their ancestors. Primates are an even more urgently evolving example of ra-man.

Even for our varlese neighbors, the animals with whom we cannot yet communicate, we must consider their inevitable evolution towards complex sentience and social intelligence. As such, it is preferable to transition towards vegan diets, out of respect for neighbors formerly considered to be livestock. This is not motivated by hope of some illusory reward of good karma, but by scientifically observing the benefits of mutual aid and respect for ourselves and our communities.

Remember that an entire generation of human peoples nearly brought themselves to extinction by disregarding the value of the lives of bees and other “essential workers” who we rely on to pollinate our crops. It is a measure of our own moral maturity to see how we judge whether a neighbor species is a varlese or ra-man. Whenever we can see that a non-human creature is a complex being then we have passed a threshold of moral maturity.

Only a djur, a dire beast which devours its neighbors in the night, would use neurotoxins on their neighbors who faithfully perpetuate essential nutrients for the community. Many human neighbors choose to become djur, at war, as police and even in horticulture and agriculture.

It is interesting that shinto gives personhood even to inanimate objects. This seems to be a stretch while there is value in the effort put into the production of objects it seems to be an effort to protect property from angry mobs which rightfully destroy property instead of harming people when outrages against workers are overlooked. If even objects have personhood then those in abuse positions of hoarding resources and toxic power structures must recognize the escalation of violence that hungry mobs utilize to make their voices heard.

When corrupt politicians and dirty cops refuse to listen to peaceful protesters, then they riot and commit “violence” against property, working themselves up towards the hot or cold tension required to kill agents of oppression, the djur – the police, soldiers, politicians.

### **30 Jun - Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal**

**WHAT:** Film Screening/Q & A

**WHEN:** 6:00pm, Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

**WHERE:** Community Capacity Development - 10-31 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Long Island City, 11101

**COST:** FREE

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Queensbridge in Support of Political Prisoners presents a screening of Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal, followed by a Q & A with veteran Black Panther Sadiki "Bro. Shep" Ojore Olugbala. Refreshments will be provided.