

THE INTERRUPTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND BY INCARCERATED PEOPLE IN TEXAS WITH A FOCUS ON SOLIDARITY, AUTONOMY AND SELF-DETERMINATION. PUBLISHED BY THE ATX ABC

After 3 days of networking, movement building and organizing at the Fight Toxic Prisons Convergence in Denton, TX, approximately 50 organizers and revolutionaries from across the country gathered outside the Carswell federal prison Monday morning, June 5, 2017. The protest marched to the remote back gates of the facility, which is located on a massive military base that has a long history of environmental contamination and contains a repressive, secretive Administrative Unit. The demonstration kicked-off of an international effort to demand the immediate closure of Carswell's Administrative Unit, a unit similar to draconian Communication Management Units. The Carswell Admin Unit has been used to isolate female and trans political prisoners as well as prisoners with serious mental health needs.

Armed with a mobile sound system and bullhorn, the demonstration was able to create a loud disruption for guards and establish contact with prisoners across the razor wire fences with amplified chants of "You are not forgotten, you are



REPORT BACK: CONVERGENCE TO FIGHT TOXIC PRISONS



not alone, we will fight to bring you home!" Prisoners replied with waves and raised fists as they viewed banners reading "Close Carswell Admin Unit Now!", "Free Aafia Siddiqui" and "Fight Toxic Prisons."

Demonstrators highlighted political prisoners currently held in the facility, such as Dr. Aafia Siddiqui, Marius Mason and Ana Belen Montes, all of whom have experienced extreme sentences and isolation as a result of their political and/or religious affiliations. They also noted a decade of extensive complaints regarding abuse, mold and medical neglect among the general population, handing out a printed collection of these stories in the surrounding neighborhood and passers-by.

WE DEDICATE THIS FIRST ISSUE TO SEKOU KAMBUI. RISE IN POWER!

BLACK LIBERATION ARMY POLITICAL
PRISONER FROM 1975-2014
PASSED AWAY MAY 2017

From Unicorn Riot in 2016:

Denver, CO – It has been two years since [Sekou Kambui](#) was released from the Alabama prison system after spending 47 years of his life incarcerated. He and fellow Human Rights activist [Audri Scott Williams](#) spoke in Denver on Thursday, July 14th, 2016 at an event hosted by [Denver Anarchist Black Cross](#) about his life after prison and their current collective work.



During his teenage years in the 1960s, Sekou participated in the Civil Rights movement through mobilizing fellow youth in Alabama and providing security for meetings of the [Southern Christian Leadership Council](#) (SCLC), [Congress for Racial Equality](#) (CORE) and the [Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee](#) (SNCC).

When Sekou was 19 years old, he became affiliated with the [Black Panthers Party for Self-Defense](#), as well as, the [Republic of New Afrika](#). In the 1970s, Sekou spent most of his time community organizing in Birmingham, Alabama with the [Alabama Black Liberation Front](#), the [Inmates for Action](#), and the [Afro-American People's Party](#).

Because of his activism in the Civil Rights movement, he was watched closely by the FBI's counterintelligence program entitled [COINTELPRO](#), and was subsequently profiled and pulled over on January 2, 1975 for allegedly running a yield sign and/or speeding. During the traffic stop the officer found a pistol in Sekou's vehicle, and after strong suspicion by the officer that it was the weapon listed as stolen during a Tuscaloosa, Alabama murder, Sekou was taken into custody and charged for the murders of the two white men; a fireman and KKK official Olmstead Copeland and multi-millionaire oilman John Harbin.

Throughout both trials, major witnesses admitted that they had been coerced into testifying falsely against Sekou and were repeatedly visited by certain members of the Tuscaloosa County and Jefferson County Sheriff's Department and were deliberately coached on what to say during their testimonies.

Sekou was never placed at or near the crime scene, the real murder weapon was never found, nor was there ever any direct evidence to connect him to the murders.

While in prison Sekou remained politically active by becoming a jailhouse lawyer and prisoners' Civil and Human Rights activist. Many prisoners owe their freedom to Sekou's legal efforts on their behalf. He has won numerous civil actions regarding medical malpractice, abusive treatment, abusive segregation, and abusive prison conditions.

Sekou explains his motivation for becoming a jailhouse lawyer:

"Once I entered prison, what was I going to do but do the same thing I did out of prison? And that was organize—fight the powers that be for a better life and quality of life. The prisons were overcrowded and people in beds were about as close as arm-to-arm. It was filthy and the food was bad. A lot of times you'd find feces from some animal or another—mice, roaches, whatever. You'd break open a piece of cake and it had been invaded by spiders and you'd just pull it and spider webs would come with the cake. So we had a lot of work to

do. As I was becoming an up-and-coming jailhouse lawyer, I began to attack and challenge those things, and with some success. And out of their success, I became notorious throughout the prison system as one 'leave-him-alone' litigator."

Since his release on June 30th, 2014, he has relentlessly continued his Civil and Human Rights activism by touring nationally with [The Red Flame for Freedom](#). The organization's main goal is to raise awareness about the proliferation of modern day slavery experienced through sex trafficking, human trafficking, mass incarceration, and children in poverty.

"Going back to prison is not on my agenda. It's not an option to be considered. But I'm not going to stop doing what I'm doing. And I'm going to take every breathing moment I can to get out and propagate truth and reveal the lies about what's going on behind prison walls," Sekou added. Sekou is also involved in the [Free Alabama Movement](#), which is an organization formed by people in men's prisons in Alabama to fight mass incarceration and prison slavery "that supports the Non-Violent and Peaceful Protests for Civil and Human Rights by the men and women (and children) who are incarcerated in Alabama, Mississippi, and anywhere else in the U.S.A."

We will never forget you Sekou Kambui. Thank you for your relentless commitment to struggle. We deeply miss you, but your light shines on in our movements.

WELCOME & GOOD AFTERNOON,

THIS IS CORDERRAL J.S. HUNT, PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN & FOUNDING MEMBER OF UNITED STANDING S.T.R.O.N.G. MILITARY FAMILY/ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS A SOCIAL CHANGE, SEMI-UNDERGROUND, MULTI-RACIAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 2006, OUR AIMS ARE CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM, EQUALITY, EDUCATION, & COMMUNITY, I'M REPORTING LIVE FROM THE FRONT LINES OF GROUND ZERO, WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR. UNIT. IN SUPPORT OF AUSTIN ABC, THESE ARE OUR TOP STORIES:

"MASS INCARCERATION, IS IT REAL OR A HOAX?"

IT IS WIDELY KNOWN PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP, has taken the position that "GLOBAL WARMING" is a hoax, but does he believe "MASS INCARCERATION" is a hoax too? It is unclear what position the TRUMP ADMINISTRATION takes on mass incarceration, however one thing is clear, he is all for the "good ole boy", "lock em up" views that does not address the REAL issues americans face through mass incarceration, that not only destroy families but continues a never ending cycle that sometime span generations, REGARDLESS of political party mass incarceration affects ALL AMERICANS rather directly, or indirectly. If you live in a major city, or even in a small town chances are you know someone who has been locked up. The FACT of the matter is alot of people dont care about CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM UNTIL they find themselves, or someone they love, or care for caught up in "THE SYSTEM" that they ignored prior. MASS INCARCERATION IS NOT A HOAX! It's a SERIOUS matter that MUST be addressed NOT only through criminal justice reform, but through awareness, & action. Let's take a look at this for what it is.....

"WHAT ARE WE DOING WHEN WE FUND PRISONS/JAILS/CORRECTIONS BETTER THEN EDUCATION?"

The annual total in cost to the U.S. GOVERNMENT to maintain this CORRUPT system is almost \$200 BILLION a YEAR, the source of that information on that number can be found @www.prisonpolicy.org. How is it we can "FIND" the money to fund this corrupt system, but we have teachers being laid off, and schools closing due to lack of funding? Do ANYONE besides me believe something is WRONG with that? Are "WE THE PEOPLE" that "MISGUIDED" by the same people who we "ELECT"? The most underfunded education systems are often in URBAN areas where resources are even more LIMITED, & education fail to be a TOP PRIORITY. As PRESIDENT/CHAIRMAN of USSM FAMILY, i believe education is a RIGHT that should be EQUALLY afforded to ALL STUDENTS alike, however it's a sad FACT that this is NOT the case, and due INPART to this fact, a lack of education, and the lack of a CHANCE to get a real education that will assist one to meet the demands of the job field, only helps to coordinate the "FROM THE SCHOOL YARD TO THE PRISON REC YARD PIPELINE". It's NOT ENOUGH to just acknowledge that there is a problem, we MUST move towards SOLUTIONS, DO YOU AGREE? So why are PRISONS/JAILS/CORRECTIONS BETTER FUNDED THEN EDUCATION? YOU DECIDE!

"WHAT IS THE SCHOOL YARD TO THE PRISON REC YARD PIPELINE?"

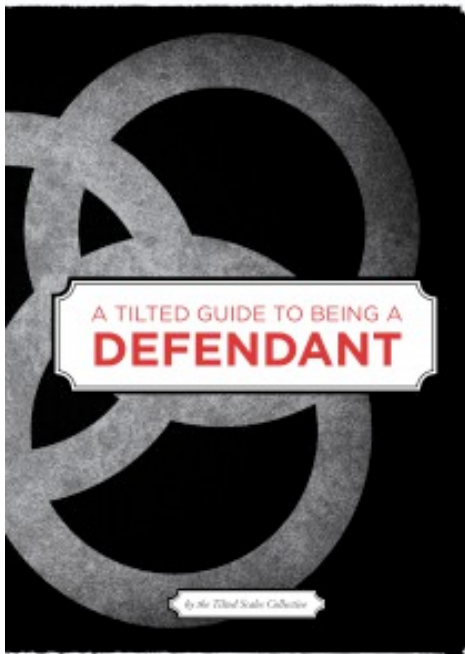
Though we know this affects a "CLASS" of society more then a RACE, it basically works like this: (1) THE HOME: single parent home, low income family, lack of resources, neglect, CPS (CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES), foster homes. (2) THE SCHOOL SYSTEM: lack of funding, lack of useful education methods, lack of programs. (3) THE COMMUNITY: poor or negative influences, no meanful outlets to express one's self in a POSITIVE way, lack of community based programs, gangs, a need to feel love, wanted, & accepted, lack of skills, misguided youth, no direction. (4) T.Y.C. (TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION): introduced into the corrupt criminal justice system @ a VERY young age, forced to be labeled a "criminal" & be pushed out of society, released back into the cycle. (5) TDCJ (TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE) another CONVICT ON THE REC YARD! This cycle CAN be addressed in a positive and productive way BEFORE it makes it to the 4th step IF we get our PRIORITIES in order. This is WHY we must SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS such as AUSTIN ABC, BLACK & PINK, USSM etc. We can still save our generation, i am only 29 years old & i feel doing something is better then doing NOTHING at all! We have to NETWORK, SHARE RESOURCES, BUILD CONNECTIONS, & make our YOUTH priority, while pushing for CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM holding those in POWER ACCOUNTABLE!

IN OTHER NEWS:

USSM IS LOOKING FOR ANYONE WHO IS WILLING TO COORDINATE A FACEBOOK PAGE FOR US AND OR ALL OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA, PLEASE CONTACT: CORDERRAL J.S. HUNT VIA MAIL @ CLEMENTS UNIT, 9601 SPUR 591 AMARILLO, TEXAS 79107. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS. A SPECIAL SHOUT OUT TO AUSTIN, ABC, SCRAPPY, AND JERROD SPENCER. STAY STRONG.

-WITH THE HIGHEST HONOR,

CORDERRAL J.S. HUNT, PRESIDENT

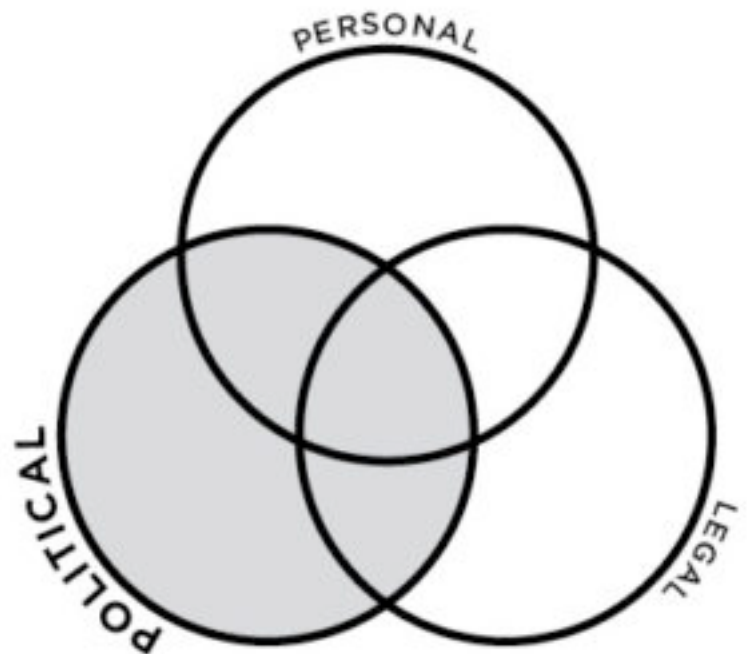


The Tilted Scales Collective presents a comprehensive guide to facing charges in the criminal legal system to help defendants not only figure out how to handle their legal cases, but also how to think about their cases. Rather than being a how-to guide, this book offers a way of thinking about criminal charges that is based on defendants' goals: personal, political, and legal. This book was written by dedicated legal support activists and draws on the wisdom of dozens of people who have weathered the challenges of trials and incarceration. Free copies of chapter 2 are available upon request through ATX ABC.

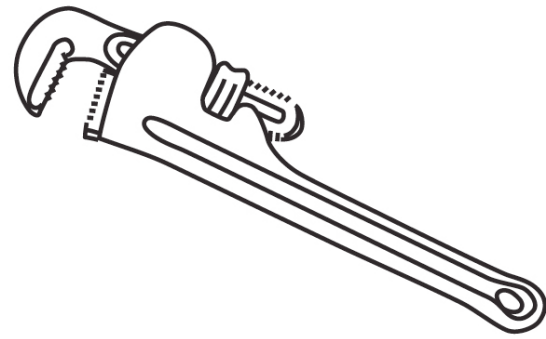
Excerpt from Chapter 2: Setting and Balancing Personal, Political, and Legal Goals

Balancing your personal, political, and legal goals is no easy task. There are no formulas to follow, no simple answers, no magical solutions. Nevertheless, working through these clearly and in depth will help you make the best decisions for your case — the best for you, your comrades, and your movement. Taking this approach will make you much more likely to come out of the experience with something you and your comrades can consider in some degree a victory. As you decide upon the overall weight of each of these goal areas, you would benefit from keeping your focus on how you want to conduct yourself in the revolutionary struggle. Answering this question will likely help you set your particular goals more easily.

Criminal legal charges are never of our choosing and are solely the result of the oppressive system that implements them. The state can take nearly everything away from us — our freedom, our agency, our loved ones, our health, our lives. Yet the state cannot take our dignity or our integrity; only we can give those away. No matter how your circumstances change as your case proceeds, no matter what else is going on in your life, these truths remain.



And the system has teeth. Prosecutors and judges are both skilled in and well prepared for hitting us hard when we buck their system. They will try everything in their power to get us to snitch on each other and betray ourselves. Thus, we must find strength in our solidarity and in our role in our movements to withstand these incredible pressures and avoid contributing to our own and others' repression.



WAKING MEDITATION. This practice is "very traditional, simple and well suited for stressed out people today," says Kerr, who used walking meditation to manage the overwhelming emotional energy she felt while grieving for her father. Find a space outside, and simply walk at a slow or medium pace, focusing on your feet. Try to distinguish when your toe touches down the ground, when your foot is flat on the ground and when your toe points back upward. Feel the roll of your foot. Observe sensory details: a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet. You're building a skill of noticing when your attention drifts into default mode and bringing it back into focus. This ability can help you be more present and in control of your attention every day, especially **in times of stress**. Plus, Kerr points out, this practice is a mild form of exercise. Start by dedicating a specific time and place to practice, and when you become comfortable with walking meditation, try it as you walk to the bus stop, office or just about anywhere. **Novel experiences.** The next two tips come from Sood, and they're a bit more modern. Remember how you jump into focus mode when you see a police car behind you or unexpectedly meet a giraffe? Similarly, Sood points out, you may greet a loved one with more attention after you've been apart for a month compared to if you see him or her daily. Now I bring you *Ben Ammi Beth Olugbala: Revolutionary Greetings to all Comrades and Allies in the Struggle-Shalom Alekya-Amani-Salaam Alakya-Habari Gani Ndugus!* I am Komrad Ben Ammi Beth Olugbala, a member of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party (Texas Branch) making my presence known as I greet you with a "clenched fist salute" in Panther Love and Spirit. I am well overdue for conveying this message of Inspiration and Power to exhort you all to continue the struggle and to push forward our utmost need to Communicate, to Educate, to Liberate the oppressed and exploited masses as we come together in a united

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Observe sensory details: a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet. You're building a skill of noticing when your attention drifts into default mode and bringing it back into focus. I exhort all comrades and allies to put aside petty differences and beefs. We must unite, network and build; staying abreast of current events so that we can fortify our homes, community and our society, for we are at war! We have to unite against our oppressors to protect and defend our loved ones and leaders. We also must expose and steer clear of reactionaries, agent provocateurs and parasitical leaders whose only aim is to sell us out for personal and political gain. For these saboteurs are very detrimental to our struggle for Freedom,

Justice and Equality. We must knock the brains out of structural racism in the United States. This means racism is a system-wide effort to "divide & conquer" the people. Divide and Conquer is a very old tactic which was also used in India and Sub-Saharan Africa. It means winning by getting your enemies to fight against each other. In the United States, white supremacists, under the guise of the Republican Party, have played a large role in dividing and conquering the working class, which includes the unemployed and underemployed. The first British Colonies in North America were set up as corporate-owned trading posts. They bought and sold raw materials and finished goods. At first, labor for the colonies was provided by poor white indentured servants; the servants were

forced to work in order to pay off debts, and they were set free when the debt was paid. The first Afrikans who came to the colonies were indentured servants, not slaves. Europeans (white) and Afrikan (black) servants lived, worked and socialized together. They generally got along because they bonded over shared conditions as members of the working class. This is one of the key points the IWW and Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee has been trying to get across to all prisoners trapped inside the many slave camps and gulags in the United States. In 1640, three servants ran away from their “master” in Virginia. They were John Punch (black) and James Gregory (white), and a man named Victor who was also white. All the three men were caught and then whipped! The two white men were sentenced to an additional four years of servitude. John Punch, the black man, was ordered to be an indentured servant for the rest of his life. This is the first case known of in U.S. history where someone was sentenced to servitude for life. This was a major step toward laying the Foundations for the ‘Legalized’ slavery we see today in Amerika! There were Freedom Fighters back then: Denmark Vessey, Gabriel Prosser, Nat Turner and Toussaint L’Overture. In the year 2017, the names have changed, but the struggle and yearning for Freedom has not changed! In fact, the momentum is growing right now. Sitawa Nantambu Jamaa has called for the California Governor Jerry Brown to recognize the humanity of California prisoners. Comrade Malik has been influenced and inspired by the work and revolutionary practice of Comrade Sitawa. As we prepare for the 1st Annual Millions 4 Prisoners March on August 19, 2017 in Washington D.C., Comrade Malik has a very serious message to deliver. Without further delay Comrades, I bring you Comrade Malik. Revolutionary Greetings Comrades! It is Black August and I am going to start things off with words of truth from our Field Marshal Comrade George L. Jackson. “To: the man-child, tall, evil, graceful, bright eyed, black man-child-Jonathan Peter Jackson, who died on August 7, 1970, courage in one hand, assault rifle in the other; my brother, comrade, friend, a true revolutionary, the black communist guerrilla in the highest state of development, he died on the trigger, scourge of the unrighteous soldier of the people; to this terrible man-child and his wonderful mother Georgia Bea; to Angela Y. Davis, my tender experience. I dedicate this collection of letters; to the destruction of their enemies I dedicate my life.” — George L. Jackson Now I could end this essay right here and say nothing else—and for those in this Movement who are fully ‘AWAKE’ I would have said enough; they need no more encouragement; Comrade George said it ALL! But, everyone isn’t “there” yet, we still have work to do—can you feel me? Observe sensory details: a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet. You’re building a skill of

noticing when your attention drifts into default mode and bringing it back into focus. The ‘game’ done changed sisters and brothers. I’m not just talking to Texas anymore. I’m speaking to each and everyone of you who is trapped inside one of these slave camps throughout Amerika.

Observe sensory details: a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet. You’re building a skill of noticing when your attention drifts into default mode and bringing it back into focus. Let’s touch upon the term I AM WE. It is an Ancient African saying: To me it means; what effects you, effects me. It means, we are together, we are one. I AM WE means that with Unity, Solidarity and Agape Love for one another we can overcome any obstacle and achieve any goal! By applying I AM WE, together we can crush imperialism, eradicate white supremacy, destroy patriarchy, change misogynistic attitudes and save our planet!

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Breathe slowly and deeply. Close your eyes softly. Direct your soft, unfocused gaze downwards. Begin by taking a few slow and deep breaths — inhaling with your nose and exhaling from your mouth. Don’t force your breathing; let it come naturally. The first few intakes of air are likely to be shallow, but as you allow more air to fill your lungs each time, your breaths will gradually become deeper and fuller. Take as long as you need to breathe slowly and deeply.

Be aware. When you are breathing deeply, you will begin to feel calmer and more relaxed. That is a good sign. Now, focus your attention on your breathing. Be aware of each breath that you take in through your nose.

Texas had formulated a plan to shut me up and derail this movement! However, instead of growing weaker our voices have grown louder and stronger and this is not FAKE news—it's Real ya'll! The March on Washington D.C. is only one aspect of our struggle for Humyn Rights. We, the underclass, lumpen, who are in these plantations have to couple some Action with the Actions of our Free World Friends and Allies. Freedom ain't Free! It never has been free. The road is paved with sacrifice. If you are not ready please get the hell out of our way! **Observe sensory details:** a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet. You're building a skill of noticing when your attention drifts into default mode and bringing it back into focus.

The ruling elite in this country are not going to make things easy for us. The U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions has already tipped his hand—it's full of 'Trump Cards'. Sessions has directed all Attorney Generals across the U.S. to turn the clock back on us! Just when we thought some relief was coming, just when we were hoping for Freedom, a new reinvigorated 'War on Drugs' is being waged against communities of color. Haven't we endured enough? Haven't our families been ravaged and torn apart enough by this country's insatiable appetite to lock up the poor? But you see comrades—this is their plan—social control! In or ghettos and barrios and trailer parks across this nation are emerging the next generation of leaders for the Revolution. The Imperialists see us in the streets by the thousands screaming and demanding justice. They are very uncomfortable. Sessions has been given marching orders and we cannot make it easy for him. Putting down that 'dope sack' is probably the best advice I can give to any young man in the streets right now, but that is just the beginning, there is more!

Be mindful of each breath that you exhale with your mouth. Continue focusing on your breaths for as long as you like. Protect and Serve our Hoods! I laugh and sometimes cringe with anger when I see this motto of "Protect and Serve" emblazoned on the side of a Police squad car because I know, just like any New Afrikan in Amerika knows, this motto is a misnomer and a lie! **Observe sensory details:** a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your

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So our goal is to evict this occupying Force and institute our own protection Force. This won't be easy. Observe sensory details: a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet.

Observe sensory details: a tingle here, a pull of the sock there. When your mind wanders, and it will, gently bring your attention back to your feet. You're building a skill of noticing when your attention drifts into default mode and bringing it back into focus. I took this as a call to action, so I, along with my comrade and friend, Professor Justin Adkins of Allegheny College created a YouTube video entitled: Genocide in Chicago (we must not be silent). We crafted our message in such a way that I spoke directly to the people on the street and we asked the street tribe members to put the guns down and protect those who are seeking an education. See, that is what is going to have to happen! We are going to have to take ownership and responsibility for our people! Protect and Serve!

Through our on-line video message we put forth a strategy which seeks to tap into the political power that young people in Chicago have not utilized yet. Our thinking is this: if Mayor Rahm Emanuel is not meeting the needs of all his constituents maybe it is time we put our own candidate in office. There certainly is power in the gun, but when you are using the gun to kill the people in your own community it is called homicidal murder and genocide, that is not Revolution! Comrade George said: "Our insistence on military actions, defensive and retaliatory, has nothing to do with romanticism or precipitous idealistic fervor. We want to be effective. We want to live. Our history teaches us that the successful liberation struggles require an armed people, a whole people, actively participating in the struggle for their liberty!" — Blood in My Eye

Doesn't this sound like something you would like to be a part of? Comrades, and I am talking to all sisters and brothers, we are going to have to take our destiny into our own hands and commence to withdrawing our Free Labor. We must begin the process of shutting these slave camps all the way down! Sure, we'll come up in a month or so, but then we will plan on another and then another and then another! I say to the oppressor: "You want to continue to ignore our humanity?"

"You want to continue to beat us, abuse us, lie to the public about it, and exploit us?"

Be Mindful Of Each Breath You Take.

Feel all the tension slowly leaving your body. I

am not going to talk this subject to death, I am going to close with a final quote from comrade George Jackson. "...I think it is imperative, we owe it to him. Never to forget why he did what he did. And that was to stand as a symbol in front of the people, in front of me, and say in effect that we have both the capacity and the obligation to stand up, regardless of the consequences. He was saying that if we all stand up, our collective power will destroy the forces that oppose us.

"Jonathan lived by these principles, he was true to them, he died by them. This is the most honorable thing imaginable. He achieved a certain deserved immortality in-so-far as he truly had the courage to die on his feet rather than live one moment on his knees. He stood as an example, a beacon to all of us, and I am in awe of him, even though he was my younger brother." Remembering the Real Dragon, an interview with George Jackson by Karen Wald and Ward Churchill
Comrades, I dedicate this piece to comrades George and Jonathan Jackson and Comrade Hasan Shakur may they rest in Power!

Dare to Struggle, Dare to Win. All Power to the People! Now that you have a grasp on meditation, let us move onward to our next featured article..

If you find your attention straying away from your breaths, just gently bring it back. It may happen many times. **Don't be disheartened.**

What's important is to realize that you have wandered and bring your attention back to where it should be. As you develop greater focus power, you will find it easier to concentrate.



PIZZA BURGERS AND FORMS OF CONTROL

AN EXCERPT FROM COMRADE VA'DERICK. JACKSON
ALFRED D HUGHES UNIT

I pledge to continue -as I've always done these 15 years - to fight - and with my whole entire heart, mind and being - this "tentacled" beast and this capitalist political, prostitute, "Prison complex". That gains "life" and "fatness" at the expense of the lives of the poor illiterate, mentally and physically challenged, and the weak and vulnerable immigrant minorities who are disadvantaged through separation and isolation from their places and language(s) of their "origins" thus "exploited" (all the more through their "alien" status) Angie.... Yes, "please know and let there be not one atom of doubt in the hearts and minds of everyone, there, at "ABC", that I fight beside you until there is no life in my bones. That every word and breath be a whispered resistance and a shout of defiance and rebellion. A "clenched fist" salute to you. Anger, bloodfire, first and foremost *Uhuru Sasa!* Black love!. And peace to

you, during this time of struggle and war people! Forgive me for the *state* and *condition* of this letter but there is "direct" cause to the "reason" why and the "nature" of the struggle. I tell you this strictly for your awareness and understanding sister.... The left wrist /thumb area was "shattered" in an "accident" with the "wards"... 'Six" involved - I was "one". From what I recollect, I was taken to a empty hold over a bitter, powdery substance I discovered under the pizza topping on my tray. I've always had a habit (since childhood) of peeling the cheesy layer / topping off the tomato sauce and then making a "pizza burger". We all called it that as kids and it stuck with me till now at the age of 36. I discovered a partially dissolved substance that caught my immediate attention because of the discoloration. I said nothing and

wrapped a piece in a napkin and took and hid it. On the remainder, I took two bites to put marks on the pizza slice, but immediately spit them in the toilet and flushed them. I documented this all in the grievance. The result was a very "physical" interview sister comrade. How much so? Angie, I'm still extremely, young in appearance as in here preserves skin cells and we age at a snail's pace. If that fast. I say this because I normally look 21 or younger, but I want you to look at something I am about to explain to you how and you will see the extent of the interview. I had to have my profile photo for tdcj.com updated and was still badly swollen. Listen sister comrade, I still bear the blackness beneath the eyes. And look at the nose. It's visibly bent from breakage. This I remember from the "accident" but the thumb being shattered was the wallop that finally caused me to blackout and wake up later in my own blood and at a loss at the time or situation until I completely came around. Drugs are prescribed to "addle" already weakened and illiterate minds and psych doctors write passes to inject inmates (certain classes) with dosages of liquid haloperidol that contain enough milligrams of contents to render a rhinoceros powerless enough to do nothing but drool constantly, because it attacks the muscular/nervous system and robs the

nerves of the power to control bodily functions properly. Hence the non-shaven bedraggled unkempt, blank-stare, "model" of a patient. They want to bathe, address hygienic matters but their muscles simply do-not respond to the thought command.

That's "one" form of control "only". There's hundreds more that all include extreme deprivation in one form or another. The premiere tool in their arsenal is very simple actually but very, very, very effective and not to be taken lightly or disregarded. The act of separation and isolation. Division is the most dangerous reason and tactic when you're dealing with "numbers", my beloved brothers and sisters. And when you "separate" then "medicate" - you then strangle progress. But we (as fighters and resisters) don't give the struggle the "life" it possesses - we merely "sustain and aide whenever possible. These pigs are just battling us trying to suffocate and extinguish god given life. These pigs are trying to wrest control of the heart beat and life force that sustains the earth and every living breathing being upon her. The fight, the struggle, the will to survive (that's the natural instinct of all life) will prove the ultimate destruction. The mask will be ripped from lady justice to reveal the capitalist all consuming medusa that she really is.

EXPLOITED, ABUSED, NEGLECTED - MENTAL ILLNESS AND SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN TEXAS PRISONS

ESSAY AND ARTWORK BY NOAH "COMRADE KANO" COFFIN/ EASTHAM UNIT

Imagine spending 23 hours each day alone in a 6x9 ft space. Crowd into it a toilet/sink combo, rusty iron set of bunk beds, and overhead lockers... layers of peeling paint in multiple colors, showing the years of neglect, black mould, roaches, rats, along with spiders and bugs I can't even identify - then you'll have some idea of what home looks like to many people here in Texas' Eastham Unit. No outside investigators are permitted access beyond the perimeter fence of the Criminal Injustice Compound. Those who cry out in protest are met with retaliation in a variety of fashions. If they have any support at all, the most used tactic is to label the targeted "offender" a threat to security (STG) or "escape risk" - which requires little or no evidence to support - and lock them in solitary confinement, which is where I now sit. Over 3 ½ years of the 7 I've completed in this corrupt system, I have endured and I have experienced "ad. seg." which is the absolute tyranny of the Texas Department of "Justice". The feeble-minded do not survive in this place. The shouting of 54 prisoners that have no other means to socialize is a steady and unrelenting presence. Sleep, whenever you can find it, is interrupted every 15 minutes by a prison guard who will first use a flashlight to shine in your face, then should this not rouse you, a loud metal-to-metal "clank, clank, clank!" on the cell front usually does the



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trick. The prisoner must then recite their Offender ID number before being left to try once again to find that restless half-sleep until the next "security check" in 15 minutes...

I've known men to be confined in solitary less than one year and commit suicide. It's not only the harrassment, the terrible living conditions, cold food or the toxic water (see Comrade Malik's ["Texas Prisoners at Eastham Unit Challenge Contaminated Water and Deadly Heat in US Federal Courts"](#)), it's the other torture tactics implemented here. Mail is either denied going out or coming in, weeks behind coming or going but often it is lost altogether. Take that ability to reach out beyond these walls from a person in this state of torment and they begin desperately looking for a way out, some way to just make it stop... the ones who have some fight left in them lose themselves in terrible ways. Lashing out, raving and assaulting their tormentors in some of the most creative and pitiful ways. Challenging a 5-man team of officers suited in full riot gear from the crowded confines of their small cell. It's always the same result. Chemical agents are sprayed to blind, choke and weaken the desperate person before the assault. As the "offender" hacks, chokes and gropes blindly about his confines, no doubt trying to brace for the onslaught of violence, the guards scream for the door to be rolled by the officer operating cell doors. Once the door is open wide

enough, all five rush in, shield bearer at the front, like armoured offensive linesmen using the shield to ram, batter and crush the single, blinded and choking man to the ground, all the while screaming "stop resisting, stop resisting!"...

While this 100 seconds or more drags on for what seems like much, much longer, there is a rare momentary hush amongst the remaining 53 prisoners. That disquiet remains like an entity, thick, palpable... until the "offender" is pulled out on the stretcher, bleeding, covered in orange chemical agent, snot and mucus draining out of their nose while unconscious. The burn from the gas will torment the "offender" for a week or longer, and run all down his body in the shower, leaving no part of his body untouched by the awful burning sensation, which is so hot it literally makes you shiver under the waves of heat. Some of the prisoners resort to using their own type of "biological agent" to deter officers... fecal matter, urine or spoiled food is a weapon/repellant used by some who have all but given up on a semblance of humanity. These are merely the desperate, frustrated ones struggling under the crushing weight of the system. Some submission training programs exist for them, should they chose to attempt them, however these programs are voluntary, very hard to handle, and are designed to make you fail, quit or break. They also have a long waiting list, during

which time you can be removed for any reason. I'm writing on the subject of those who haven't the mental capacity to even understand a problem exists: these poor souls are on every "line building" I've been on (3 rows, 18 cells each), never showering, speaking gibberish and clearly mentally ill. Once a month, a mental health practitioner will do a very stealthy "walk through" and only suffer to speak with you if you holler at them or flag them down. I just had to switch housing with one such person. (Every 180 days or less we must relocate our cell/housing, so I moved into his cell, and he moved into my cell.) It is known that this man is mentally ill. If engaged directly in conversation, he is able to respond, although only in very short sentences. He knows he is from Nebraska, and that he is here for "trespassing too much"... when asked why he's in solitary, he states "they want me to do work and it's too hard" or "the guards yellin' all the time, I get upset". Yes, general population requires a high level of conformity to the guards' instructions, and at any time guards yell to do this, or do that, and pat downs, or strip searches in the crowded hallways, can be stressful even for strong minds. Each officer that searched his cell (every 72 hours or less, "offenders" are shackled and taken to the shower while their cell is thrown into disarray before being returned) would yell at him to

shower and clean up while holding their noses. When I was moved into the cell that he had just left, I saw firsthand the severity of his illness.

Roach droppings as thick as sprinkled dirt on every surface. Filth was caked on the floor, pieces of towel that had been wet and left to dry had literal roach colonies in them, which, when moved in my attempt to clean up, sent roaches scattering, crawling over my hands. I was given one small paper cup (the little cone shaped one) with "bippy" scouring powder, and a small piece of towel which is all TDCJ provides once a week.

While cleaning, the smell, the mould, muck and bugs completely blew me away.

This poor guy...

The very first shift supervisor (sergeant) I saw was Sergeant Vasquez. He works 2pm to 10pm, or "2nd shift". I asked Sgt. Vasquez if officers are supposed to report any people's behaviour or actions that could be harmful to others

or themselves. Vasquez said "yes". I told him everything. His response was a simple "where is he now". I told him. No one has pulled him out or even spoken to him, they aren't going to – it's been over a month.

I've tried to talk with the mental health practitioner while doing the "walk through", but was told I couldn't speak with them about another "offender". I've even tried to ask the poor man himself if he would talk to the psych, and his reply was "I'm not crazy"....

I was once told that insane people, truly insane, do not know that they are. What's so terrible is that this poor guy has signed away years of his life to this corrupt system. Living in filth, being neglected, and for what? Trespassing? Solitary confinement, people. Alone, mentally ill, and without a voice.

We must lay the blame for this person's medical and mental health (and that of many others) where it belongs, and that is at the feet of [Bryan](#)

[Collier – the executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice](#). Bryan Collier promotes, condones, and sanctions the abuse and neglect of mentally ill persons housed in solitary confinement (ad seg) in Texas! Human rights activists, please amplify my voice! Cry out for this man, among so many others who have no voice!

This is Comrade Kado, new to the struggle, but not so new to the fight. I'm only half done, with a sentence of 15 years in this corrupt and terrible system. My being the voice to protest will certainly bring the system down on me hard. I welcome it. I have found my voice and I will not be quiet. Dare to struggle! Dare to win! All power to the people!

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Reporting live to you from behind enemy lines. The fact that you have attempted to establish a line of communication shows that people on the outside really give a fuck about the humans in these (T)exas (D)istribution (C)ontracts. Here, we've recently been subjected to inhuman treatment, as always! How?! Because this industrial complex doesn't have enough employees to shower us... We just don't get showers! WTF right?. And due to the schematics of this human laboratory, each human is separated, locked down, captive from any type of attempt at unifying to seek justice and humane treatment. Maybe this is why each unit in TDC is equipping each unit with these badass high-tech camera systems to police in the place of a shortage of employees? Who knows! Should I note your letter was post-dated in late December and I received it in late January which only tells me some type of unorganized intel illegally held my mail for some period of time or the post office held onto it to sniff it for anthrax...

Moving along, okay, get this these 'Criminal Justice' educated people have created a Mental Health Diversion program for inmates who have a history of 'Psychological Issues' or current psychological issues... Well on many occasions, I've witnessed these human beings communicate to the security guards (most only with high school education) and no mental health training at all! That if an inmate is feeling suicidal, he should cut first so they can see the blood before they'll call any supervisors or the Psych Department!!! And sometimes even then they won't call because they'll say you're not serious that's not enough blood." Huh?! Are you serious??? This is a mental health program! Policy states officers will walk around and monitor us every 30 minutes... These people only walk around every two hours on a

'good day'. And so much neglect is being done here. Because some of these dudes actually need psychological help and are not "crying wolf"... Imagine how many people have been hospitalized or have been killed due to neglect of a 'system' and program that is far from "Therapeutic Diversion. If the right person could view these cameras, you would see a 'program' is not being run! We are basically in seg all over again, just with a different name. as I told you in my first letter, legislator and congress have greed (in Texas) that they have to do something in order to prevent damage to the 'system' Texas has so elaborately been able to protect. There has been no Attica-Ny or San Quentin-CA, but just recently humans behind TX walls took brave and courageous steps at consciously and collectively unifying to call 'the system' what is is, which is a capitalist fueled modern day concentration camp! And workers refuse to work for TDC, which stops a lot. Not only did these men and women promote peace, they stood together with demands and one of them was 'free our people in Ad-Seg'. And what do you know... Now they are coming down seg and opening these 'programs' (which house us exactly like seg) with fake counselors and psychiatrists who give you pills easy! These people make up rules to these 'Programs' as they go... Which means they are scrabbling to see legislators and congress demands. Because when the ruling is final, Ad-Seg will cease to exist in TX SHU units! These 'Programs' are set up just like those SHU units (Security Housing Units) meant for control!!! Anything I write to you Angie, is meant for you to put a 'voice' to it.

Society needs to see how us humans who made mistakes are being treated. These same humans will return to society eventually. In what state??? So however you see fit to publish my letters as long as it goes towards uplifting the struggle for change against a 'system' that was designed against us, I'm down! I could go on and on about all the neglect especially how still don't have my property from Allred Unit with is extortion by these peoples' system. But without outside help I'm dead! Write back soon and let me know how to get on the newsletter mailing list and if you could help me with a pen-pal who could also be of help with the struggle... Behind enemy lines I remain.

Collectively unified!!!
Nathanual McKinney
Estelle Unit



TEXAS PRISONERS AT EASTHAM UNIT CHALLENGE CONTAMINAT- ED WATER AND DEADLY HEAT IN US FEDERAL COURTS!

By Keith “Malik” Washington
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End Prison Slavery in Texas
Movement/ Eastham Unit
*“All human activity is
collective – a combination of
the work and inspiration
shaped by those who came
before us and those who labor
with us.”*

*Nancy Kurshan, Out of
Control*

Peace and blessings, sisters
and brothers!

Well, it is official, the prisoners
on Eastham Unit, located in
Lovelady, Texas, have filed
their § 1983 Federal Civil
Complaint in the Eastern
District of Texas – Lufkin
Division.

There were 10 of us in the
original complaint, but as is
customary in Texas, the Judge
severed us all and instructed
us to proceed as individual
plaintiffs. Our lead litigator and
resident jailhouse lawyer is a
prisoner named William Wells.
William Wells et al. Vs Bryan
Collier et al.

Cause #9:17-cv-80

For those of you who don't
know, Bryan Collier is the
Executive Director of the
Texas Department of Criminal
Justice (TDCJ).

TDCJ has the largest state
prison system in the United
States. Most of the 110 prison
units are not air conditioned,
and toxic water supplies are
becoming a pervasive and
systemic problem.

Please allow me to reveal
some facts which led us to file
this particular lawsuit:

Due to the consumption of
contaminated water at
Eastham Unit, multiple
prisoners have been
diagnosed with h. pylori
disease from the water. Due
to the Heat Index, especially
in the summer, prisoners must
drink this contaminated water
that's causing h. pylori.

This issue raises 8th
Amendment concerns, and
the US Supreme Court has
held that unsafe conditions
that pose an unreasonable
risk of serious dangers to a
prisoner's future health may
violate the 8th Amendment
even if damage has not
occurred and may not affect
every prisoner exposed to the
conditions. See case law
Helling vs McKinney 113
S.C.T. 2475 (1993).

“A remedy for unsafe
conditions need not wait for a
tragic event.”

In this case, at Eastham Unit,
several prisoners have been
diagnosed with h. pylori
disease which destroys the
lining of the stomach. There is
no known cure.

There have been signs posted
in nearby communities which

clearly read “Don't drink the
water without boiling”, but
prisoners at Eastham Unit,
and throughout the Texas
prison system for that matter,
have no means of boiling our
water.

The prison store known as the
commissary sells us “hot pots”
which heat water but don't boil
it. If we alter our Hot Pots in
order to make them boil, they
get confiscated and we are
given a disciplinary case for
contraband.

We are being deprived of a
basic human need – safe
drinking water! Prison officials
are well aware of the
situation, and the most
ubiquitous item in prison
guards' bags is bottled water.
But what about us?

There are state officials in
Michigan who are now facing
prison terms for engaging in
similar acts of neglect and
abuse. There are many
“Flints” in Texas, but the
cover-up game is in full effect.
My job is to unmask and
uncover the deceptions and
lies being fed to the public at
large. I helped do it at the
Wallace Pack Unit in
Navasota, Texas last year,
and I'm going to do it here at
Eastham Unit!

This is what I want you to
understand, the State of
Texas focuses its energy and
resources in order to exploit
and take advantage of poor
white, poor black, and poor
brown people. The State
Government works in concert
with the prison agency in
order to deprive us of our
human and civil rights!

There are no “fat cat”
bankers, lawyers, captains of

industry inside these prisons. We are lower income folks who come from lower income communities throughout the State of Texas. The Attorney General of Texas, Mr Ken Paxton, won't come to our aid. The Michigan Attorney General actually spear-headed the effort to protect his lower income constituents! What's wrong with Ken Paxton's moral compass?

Paxton is going to side with TDCJ and he is going to send a state-paid attorney to force prisoners to drink contaminated water and suffer in deadly heat extremes!

The State of Texas did the same thing at Wallace Pack Unit – and the remarkable thing was those prisoners at Wallace Pack are mostly all elderly and disabled! I understand the state may not want to air condition the entire system, but we have a moral and ethical duty to protect the lives of our most vulnerable members of society, whether they are incarcerated or not!

But here's the thing – Texas has one of the worst-performing and poorly-rated nursing home facilities in the United States! And these are free citizens who we fail to protect, so it certainly is no surprise we are ignoring the health and safety of those incarcerated seniors, but I believe we can do better! Don't you? I mean, is this how you want your tax dollars spent? Funding litigation which hurts people?

And by the time the litigation process is done at Wallace Pack Unit, the state would easily have spent the money it would have taken to install the air conditioning unit! That's crazy!

I've been hearing about Christian leaders talking about restorative justice initiatives. I've been hearing about change. Not all of my friends believe in prayer, but I surely do! However, the only thing this corrupt prison agency respects or understands is legal action.

My name is Comrade Malik, I'm not a gangster or a thug, I am a thoughtful and passionate human being who truly believes in serving the people! Please stop talking about action, step out of your comfort zone and help us fight the good fight! Dare to struggle, dare to win, all power to the people!

Keith 'Comrade Malik' Washington

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