



POST OFFICE BOX 110034 BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11211

Updates for June 10th

26 May - June 11th, The International Day of Solidarity With Long-term Anarchist Political Prisoners Is coming Up

June 11th is the International Day of Solidarity with Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners.

MORE:

via *UNOFFENSIVE ANIMAL*

It is a day for us to remember and honor our comrades behind bars. We fight the same fight, but sometimes some of us are locked up in prison, and in these times, we really need support.

Together we are stronger!

We can show our solidarity with words, actions and material support. Over the years, people have shown their solidarity with their imprisoned friends in different ways. Only the imagination sets the limits to the ways in which we can support our comrades behind bars.

This year, the call for June 11th is “The Landscape is Transforming.”

28 May - A Fevered Welcome to the Trump Era

Please read the latest by Mumia Abu-Jamal.

MORE:

via *Prison Radio*

This is a moment to be remembered but not feared, because this is a moment of madness. What do I mean by that? In politics, the body politic, like in individual human beings, there are times that can be described as fevers, political fevers, that burn through society and transform it, not for the better, but for the worse because these are fevers of madness born of anxiety, fear. The best fuel for any politician is fear because they understand that when people are in periods of fear, they literally are not able to think. They are clustered in a ball of human survival in their minds, and therefore, are open to the worst ideas ever uttered by men and women. Welcome to the Trump Era.

The politics is one thing. Guess what? The economy is another. We are flirting with economic disaster on the whims of one man who proclaims to be the smartest man in the room, when his history proves everything but that. The tariff is just another symptom of the fever of which I spoke. The tariffs are, and any real person who thinks economically knows this, the tariffs are another word for tax. And it has been said that the power to tax is the power to destroy. When you destroy the profits of companies, small businesses, families, communities, yes, and indeed nations, only social destruction can come from that, and we are about to see it with our own eyes.

This is not, I repeat, this is not a moment of hope, but that moment, I assure you, will come. But it may come at a great cost, because we're in the midst of a fever, and it is burning like lava ripping mountains apart. It is destructive, and it will destroy, and it will create chaos like many of us have never seen before. Those are the costs of political ignorance and fear.

2 Jun - Casey Goonan Support Committee Update

Casey's sentencing hearing has once again been postponed until July 22nd at 1pm at the Oakland Federal Court house.

MORE:

We will be mobilizing court support again for this hearing so stay tuned for confirmation and guidelines a few weeks before that date.

Support letters

There is now even more time to people who know Casey personally to send the lawyers letters of character to file with the judge. If you want the guidelines and details, hit us up at cscommittee@proton.me.

More evidence entered into discovery

As a reminder: the US Attorney has entered substantial new material into the discovery that can be used against the Casey at sentencing. This new evidence includes large number of recordings of phone call audio and copies of correspondence between Casey and supporters obtained via the jail's monitoring of communications. This is concerning, but let it serve as a reminder that all comms into jails and prisons are actively monitored and that it is incumbent upon everyone to maintain responsible communication habits.

Letters

Letters are always appreciated but note that correspondence is also challenging due to 2–4-week delays in receiving mail.

Visits

Visits are very appreciated by Casey! They can be in person at the jail or by video. For all the details for scheduling in person or video visits: alamedasherriff.gov/community/santa-rita-jail-visiting

Support the Casey Goonan Legal Defense Fund

Casey is still in need of ongoing support to cover legal costs, restitution and fines. Though they've had some great support, we have a ways to go. In addition to the cost of legal defense, sentencing will definitely mandate substantial restitution and fines. Thank you so much to all those who have already contributed and organized support! Link below.

Some ways to support: – Throw fundraising events and raffles

- Spread the word, share posts, and directly contact large donors.
- Print up a QR code for the Chuffed account, share the details of the case and the legal defense fund while tabling at events
- Send funds directly to the Chuffed account at chuffed.org/project/SupportCasey

You can reach out to us at cscommittee@proton.me or the [freecaseynow](https://www.instagram.com/freecaseynow) Instagram for any questions about collaboration, promotion, or guidance on fundraising.

June 6th - UPDATE 6/6/25

Casey has been retaliated against for filing a grievance against a deputy that threatened them. The retaliation by the grievance committee came as a variety of writeups based on concocted claims of "filing false information" and "interfering with the operation of the facility".

Starting Monday 6/9/25, Casey will be on "LOP" (Loss Of Privileges) until 7/8/25.

This retaliation against them means:

- no phone calls
- no visitation
- no commissary
- having to fill out a form to call lawyers

The "loss of privileges" will last for the bulk of their remaining time at Santa Rita Jail as their sentencing date is on 7/22/25. So, make sure to send them reading materials, letters of love, solidarity, and support! Let them know we haven't forgot about them and that these walls can't separate us!

6 Jun - Purépecha Forest Defender María Cruz Paz Zamora Marks 1 Year in Prison

Mexico: Statement from the Supreme Indigenous Council of Michoacán (CSIM) demanding freedom for Indigenous Purépecha political prisoner María Cruz Paz Zamora

MORE:

On June 5, 2024, María Cruz Paz Zamora was arbitrarily detained by orders from the Michoacán Public Prosecutor's Office. María Cruz is a delegate of the National Indigenous Congress (CNI), member of the Supreme Indigenous Council of Michoacán (CSIM), Councilor of the first Communal Government of Ocumicho, and defender of the forest, Purépecha culture, and life.

Her detention took place paradoxically on World Environmental Day. In our state of Michoacán, defending the forest can cost you your life, or your freedom. In this context, María Cruz was falsely accused of a crime she didn't commit. We maintain that the Mexican state, far from its official statements and discourses, continues repressing and criminalizing those who truly defend communal territory, forests, and mother earth.

In recent years, as councilor of ecology and environment in Ocumicho, Paz Zamora has led massive reforestation efforts in the community and organized brigades to combat forest fires. She has defended the forests from logging and organized crime as well as struggled against avocado mono crops. Her constant struggle has been one in defense of life.

The criminalization of María Cruz Paz Zamora can only be understood within the context and history of Ocumicho; a community in resistance in defense of their ancestral territory. In the last five years the community has suffered a series of acts of violence and aggression: on May 31, 2020, armed men assassinated the Secretary of Communal Lands Prudencio Ortiz Alonso in an attack that also left the Representative of Communal Lands injured; on April 28, 2022, the Coordinator of the Communal Government Esteban Cruz Rosas was disappeared but thanks to rapid mobilization he was located alive; on November 11, 2022, the community was attacked by an armed group; and on December 10 of that same year, the Coordinator of the Communal Round Pedro Pascual Cruz was assassinated. All of these cases have been denounced to the Michoacán Public Prosecutor's Office. However, in this institution, the paradox of impunity prevails: the guilty go free and the innocent are imprisoned.

Thus, to mark one years since the unjust detention of the compañera María Cruz, we demand her freedom. She is an Indigenous political prisoner and we invite the Indigenous communities, as well as social and student organizations and unions, to be attentive to the situation, to accompany the mobilizations that we will be calling for until she is released.

6 Jun - Woman sues Atlanta officer for allegedly leaving her topless in squad car

Incident – which included masked officer opening car to take a photo of her – took place during Swat-style raid

MORE:

by Timothy Pratt (*The Guardian*)

A woman has sued an Atlanta police officer for allegedly leaving her breasts exposed while taking her from her house to a squad car – where she sat for several hours, topless, while officers stopped and looked at her, with one masked officer opening the car door to take a photo.

The incident took place during a pre-dawn, Swat-style raid staged by Atlanta police and agents from the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (or ATF), on 8 February 2024. The agents sought evidence related to the arson of police motorcycles and cars, carried out in opposition to a controversial police training center known as “Cop City”, which has attracted local, national and internet media attention.

The raid – including the woman’s experience of being left topless for hours – was reported on by the *Guardian* at the time. The lawsuit, filed on 23 May by the Atlanta-area attorneys Jeff Filipovits and Wingo F Smith, asserts that the woman’s fourth amendment rights protecting her against unreasonable seizure were violated during the raid and draws on details laid out in the *Guardian*’s story.

The federal complaint is important as a test of the police’s ongoing claims of qualified immunity nationwide – the “only thing that stands between the government and people seeking to vindicate their constitutional rights”, said Patrick Jaicomo, senior attorney at the Institute for Justice, where he works on the public interest law firm’s “project on immunity and accountability”.

An Atlanta police spokesperson said it did not comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit names Amy Smith as plaintiff; Atlanta police officer Frances Raymonville-Watson is named as defendant, as she “held Ms Smith in custody, unclothed and for hours for no purpose other than to embarrass and humiliate her”.

Smith told the *Guardian* anonymously last year: “They grabbed me, led me outside and handcuffed me – leaving me completely uncovered.” Officers put her in a squad car, where she remained for “what seemed like hours”, she said at the time.

“While Ms Smith was topless in the back of the squad car, an unknown male officer wearing a face covering opened the rear door of the squad car and took Ms Smith’s picture,” the lawsuit alleges.

“While Ms Smith’s chest was uncovered, several officers came and went from the squad car, looking in at her through the window,” it continues. “The security of the scene and the officers conducting the search did not require plaintiff to be held with exposed breasts,” the lawsuit concludes. Smith was eventually released.

The February 2024 raids followed a publicity campaign lasting several months, including a \$200,000 reward for information leading to arrests for arson and 450 billboards promoting the reward in New York, Seattle and other cities.

The controversial training center – which officially opened its doors in an invitation-only ceremony in April – attracted global headlines after police shot dead Manuel Paez Terán, or “Tortuguita”, an environmental activist protesting against the project, in January 2023.

Opposition to the training center, built on a 171-acre footprint in a forest south-east of Atlanta, has included local and national organizations and protesters, centered on concerns such as unchecked police militarization and clearing forests in an era of climate crisis.

Atlanta police officials say the center is needed for “world-class” training, and to attract new officers.

Jaicomo said police raid people’s homes across the country every day at hours when they are likely to find people partially clothed or naked, making the incident described in the lawsuit an important one. He pointed to a 2015 11th circuit case out of Georgia affirming a district court finding of “a broad, clearly established principle that individuals who have been placed in police custody have a constitutional right to bodily privacy”.

The Atlanta lawsuit is meaningful, Jaicomo asserted, because “any case where you have the opportunity to overcome qualified immunity has the potential to set a precedent”.

Meanwhile, he said, the “traumatic experience will stick with her for the rest of her life”, referring to Smith. He called the incident an example of “police doing things to humiliate and punish people” – and of

“the constitutional transgressions taking place thousands of times daily that, if left unaddressed, the government will use more frequently.”

7 Jun - Important Message from Kojo Bomani Sababu

Please read the latest from Kojo and donate to his much-needed support at tiny.cc/KojoFundraiser

MORE:

Sorry for losing my upright duty of staying in touch. I've been sick and for some reason drifting mentally and simply do not know what exactly is happening.

I just turn 72 on May 27th, perhaps aging is catching up or creeping upon me.

Just a couple weeks ago I had a serious case of vertigo and was rush out to the medical floor, whereby I received some injections and some exercises for the ailment.

am regrettably sorry for not informing anyone or staying in contact. All other health matters are being dealt with regarding my health.

had the operation and I am healing adequately, however, I have had many changing of medications and expect some of these mentioned problems are coming from all the changing of such.

Please extend rev.-love to all. Also special thanks to you for your diligence and concern, I need a wakeup call, because I forgot about my comrades and supporters and I am deeply sorry about that.

7 Jun - AI And Policing: How New Tech Tracks You

Artificial intelligence is changing how police investigate crimes — and monitor citizens — as regulators struggle to keep pace.

MORE:

by Jamiles Lartey (*The Marshall Project*)

If you're a regular reader of this newsletter, you know that change in the criminal justice system is rarely linear. It comes in fits and starts, slowed by bureaucracy, politics, and just plain inertia. Reforms routinely get passed, then rolled back, watered down, or tied up in court.

However, there is one corner of the system where change is occurring rapidly and almost entirely in one direction: the adoption of artificial intelligence. From facial recognition to predictive analytics to the rise of increasingly convincing deepfakes and other synthetic video, new technologies are emerging faster than agencies, lawmakers, or watchdog groups can keep up.

Take New Orleans, where, for the past two years, police officers have quietly received real-time alerts from a private network of AI-equipped cameras, flagging the whereabouts of people on wanted lists, according to recent reporting by *The Washington Post*. Since 2023, the technology has been used in dozens of arrests, and it was deployed in two high-profile incidents this year that thrust the city into the national spotlight: the New Year's Eve terror attack that killed 14 people and injured nearly 60, and the escape of 10 people from the city jail last month.

In 2022, City Council members attempted to put guardrails on the use of facial recognition, passing an ordinance that limited police use of that technology to specific violent crimes, and mandated oversight by trained examiners at a state facility.

But those guidelines assume it's the police doing the searching. New Orleans police have hundreds of cameras, but the alerts in question came from a separate system: a network of 200 cameras equipped with facial recognition and installed by residents and businesses on private property, feeding video to a nonprofit

called Project NOLA. Police officers who downloaded the group's app then received notifications when someone on a wanted list was detected on the camera network, along with a location.

That has civil liberties groups and defense attorneys in Louisiana frustrated. “When you make this a private entity, all those guardrails that are supposed to be in place for law enforcement and prosecution are no longer there, and we don’t have the tools to do what we do, which is hold people accountable,” Danny Engelberg, New Orleans’ chief public defender, told the *Post*. Supporters of the effort, meanwhile, say it has contributed to a pronounced drop in crime in the city.

The police department said it would suspend the use of the technology shortly before the *Post*’s investigation was published.

New Orleans isn’t the only place where law enforcement has found a way around city-imposed limits for facial recognition. Police in San Francisco and Austin, Texas, have both circumvented restrictions by asking nearby or partnering law enforcement agencies to run facial recognition searches on their behalf, according to reporting by the *Post* last year.

Meanwhile, at least one city is considering a new way to gain the use of facial recognition technology: by sharing millions of jail booking photos with private software companies in exchange for free access. Last week, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported that the Milwaukee police department was considering such a swap, leveraging 2.5 million photos in return for \$24,000 in search licenses. City officials say they would use the technology only in ongoing investigations, not to establish probable cause.

Another way departments can skirt facial recognition rules is to use AI analysis that doesn’t technically rely on faces. Last month, The Massachusetts Institute of Technology Review noted the rise of a tool called “Track,” offered by the company Veritone. It can identify people using “body size, gender, hair color and style, clothing, and accessories.” Notably, the algorithm can’t be used to track by skin color. Because the system is not based on biometric data, it evades most laws intended to restrain police use of identifying technology. Additionally, it would allow law enforcement to track people whose faces may be obscured by a mask or a bad camera angle.

In New York City, police are also exploring ways to use AI to identify people not just by face or appearance, but by behavior, too. “If someone is acting out, irrational... it could potentially trigger an alert that would trigger a response from either security and/or the police department,” the Metropolitan Transportation Authority’s Chief Security Officer Michael Kemper said in April, according to *The Verge*.

Beyond people’s physical locations and movements, police are also using AI to change how they engage with suspects. In April, *Wired Magazine* and *404 Media* reported on a new AI platform called Massive Blue, which police are using to engage with suspects on social media and in chat apps. Some applications of the technology include intelligence gathering from protesters and activists, and undercover operations intended to ensnare people seeking sex with minors.

Like most things that AI is being employed to do, this kind of operation is not novel. Years ago, I covered efforts by the Memphis Police Department to connect with local activists via a department-run Facebook account for a fictional protester named “Bob Smith.” But like many facets of emerging AI, it’s not the intent that’s new — it’s that the digital tools for these kinds of efforts are more convincing, cheap and scalable.

But that sword cuts both ways. Police and the legal system more broadly are also contending with increasingly sophisticated AI-generated material in the context of investigations and evidence in trials. Lawyers are growing worried about the potential for deepfake AI-generated videos, which could be used to create fake alibis or falsely incriminate people. In turn, this technology creates the possibility of a “deepfake defense” that introduces doubt into even the clearest video evidence. Those concerns became even more urgent with the release of Google Gemini’s hyper-realistic video engine last month.

There are also questions about less duplicitous uses of AI in the courts. Last month, an Arizona court watched an impact statement of a murder victim, generated with AI by the man's family. The defense attorney for the man convicted in the case has filed an appeal, according to local news reports, questioning whether the emotional weight of the synthetic video influenced the judge's sentencing decision.

8 Jun - On the case of the bomb explosion in a bank in Thessaloniki

Greece: Please read the latest from anarchist political prisoner Fotis Tziotzis.

MORE:

by Fotis Tziotzis (*Act for Freedom Now!*)

"Lies were told that even they themselves were ashamed, since they were not ashamed of the mouths that told them."

All these days I have been watching the vile and unsubstantiated ridiculousness from the media slugs.

At first, I thought that because of their low intelligence, I thought that these people could not put the facts in the right order. But now I now realize that some higher ups in the system are using them to shape-distort the truth and facts. It is a very dangerous and standard tactic used by the government media to mislead the public and impose their political agenda. Without of course in any way comparing cases, it is the same people who dare to slander the relatives of the victims of Tempi and cover up the case. It's us they think we're easy targets they'll stick to; but are we?

To set the record straight:

- I have nothing to do with this particular case no matter how much the police and media may have a burning desire to implicate me, and whatever they may try to "cook up" in the future.
- I will simply report some of their lies to expose their game.
- The media keeps saying that during my previous arrest, Snizana was carrying a bag of weapons on my behalf. The truth is that she was acquitted in court as it was proven that she never carried any backpack with weapons.
- The media talks about the close relationship I had with Snizana, the visits I made with her in prison and our daily communication. The truth is that both the visits and the telephone communications are recorded, which means that once again they are proven to be lying as there is none of the above.
- The media these days are saying and falsely photographing me that I have taken responsibility and sent e-mails, while the truth is that another person has taken responsibility, has already given a statement to the police (Greek FBI) about the incident and has been called to testify to the relevant investigator next week. NOT ME as the media would like.

Now it's time for me to speak up!

Listen. Pretenderis, Chasapopoule, Panou, Iliou and telecops Balaska and Kaliakmanis. You are pawns and beggars of the euro. You are hunters of one minute of publicity, you are just minions. Know that your bosses may go around with a bunch of puffed-up people and eat with golden spoons, throwing you a dry spoon, but at the end of the day you are always alone and expendable. No matter how many labels you put on me, no matter how many catchy nicknames you give me, no matter how many lies and inaccuracies you serve up to the world. You are exposed.

The time for people to believe you is over. The absolution has come to an end.

Someone used to say that whoever sets out to seek revenge must dig two graves. You think you've dug mine, but have you dug yours? Or do you think my life is over in prison?

9 Jun - LA Protests Aren't Inviting Violence, but Mobilizing to Stop ICE

Adam Schiff and centrist concern trolls have it completely backward: Trump's immigration crackdown is the source of pervasive violence.

MORE:

by Natasha Lennard (*The Intercept*)

When President Donald Trump announced on Saturday night that he would send the National Guard to Los Angeles to crush protests, a narrative emerged on social media that demonstrators had somehow given a gift to the authoritarian president by escalating confrontations with U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement.

“Los Angeles — violence is never the answer. Assaulting law enforcement is never ok,” Sen. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., posted on Sunday. “Indeed, doing so plays directly into the hands of those who seek to antagonize and weaponize the situation for their own gain. Don’t let them succeed.”

“It is the fight President Trump had been waiting for,” began the *New York Times*’s analysis on Monday morning. “Trump and his top aides leaned into the confrontation with California leaders on Sunday, portraying the demonstrations as an existential threat to the country.”

Sen. Bernie Sanders added his own unhelpful entry to the predictable chorus. “Dr. King defeated racist government officials & ended segregation through disciplined non-violent resistance,” he wrote, eliding militancy in the civil rights movement. “Violent protests are counterproductive and play right into Trump’s playbook.”

After over a decade of reporting on police brutality, fascist acceleration, and dissent, I have come to expect this sort of framing from centrist politicians and media organs, and occasionally those further on the left like Sanders. It is a willful refusal to correctly locate the agents of violence in a violent scenario.

In reality, the protesters throwing rocks at heavily armed security forces or attempting to damage the vehicles used to kidnap their immigrant neighbors did not introduce violence. They are instead acting in militant community defense.

After all, would the situation somehow be less violent were ICE left to snatch and disappear people without impediment? Does Schiff imagine either his pronouncements or the empty condemnations of his Democratic Party colleagues will slow down the deportation of our neighbors?

The “situation” that Schiff named — which he did not want Trump to “antagonize and weaponize” — was already a state of intolerable violence. Militarized federal immigration agents were carrying out raids across LA to rip immigrants away from their lives and loved ones in service of the whitening of America.

Contrary to the *New York Times*’s description, Trump had not been waiting for a fight that then presented itself in the LA protests. His border regime, which Democrats helped build for over three decades, has already been waging an all-out war throughout the country.

Six months into Trump’s draconian second term — Venezuelan men have been sent to a gulag in El Salvador on the basis of their tattoos; students and graduates have been kidnapped and face deportation for protected speech; and judges and members of Congress face federal prosecution for doing their jobs — it is laughable to imagine that the president and his loyalists would moderate their responses were protesters to remain placid.

The Los Angeles Police Department itself put out a statement describing the demonstrations as “peaceful” on Friday, but Trump’s deputy chief of staff, maniacal white nationalist Stephen Miller, had already posted on X earlier that day that the protests were an “insurrection against the laws and sovereignty of the United States.” His post was above a video of a slow march of a few hundred people surrounding LA’s federal detention center.

It should be abundantly obvious by now that the Trump administration will conjure its own perverse reality out of thin air and treat all opposition as an enemy in need of crushing.

“One side is for enforcing the law and protecting Americans,” Newt Gingrich, the former Republican House speaker and Trump ally told the *Times*, “and the other side is for defending illegals and being on the side of the people who break the law.”

Gingrich conveniently leaves out that, according to today’s Republican Party, the law is whatever Trump says it is.

The old “good protester, bad protester” canard, which has always served to divide movements, is a particularly absurd line to draw in the face of an authoritarian government that has made clear it will enforce “law and order” on solely ideological, loyalist lines. January 6 rioters are free; Mahmoud Khalil is caged.

Here, a reference to Martin Luther King Jr. can prove useful — but not Sanders’s vanilla rewriting of the civil rights movement. We might instead recall King’s 1963 letter from Birmingham jail, in which he decried “the white moderate who is more devoted to order than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says, ‘I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I can’t agree with your methods of direct action.’”

11 Jun - FREE THE PRISONERS (FTP)

WHAT: Letter Writing Group

WHEN: 5:00pm, Wednesday, June 11th

WHERE: P.I.T. - 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

Monthly initiative started at P.I.T. by New York City Anti-Repression Group (NYCARG) — happening Wednesdays - abolitionist prisoner letter writing group.

21 Jun - Saxapahaw Prison Books Packing Party

WHAT: Book packing

WHEN: 4:00pm, Saturday, June 21st

WHERE: P.I.T. - 411 South 5th Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

Join Saxapahaw Prison Books to get packages of books loaded up and sent out to prisoners.