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4 May - Six Animal Rights Activists Charged With Felonies for Investigation and Rescue That Led to Punishment of a Utah Turkey Farm

Six animal rights activists are facing felony charges, filed on May 2nd by a Utah prosecutor, stemming from an undercover investigation into abusive conditions on a large turkey farm.

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by Glenn Greenwald (*The Intercept*)

The criminal complaint includes two felony theft charges that carry possible prison terms of five years each.

The six defendants include Diane Gandee Sordi, 62, a retiree who spends most of her time volunteering at animal shelters; Andrew Sharo, 24, a Ph.D. student in the biophysics program at Berkeley; and Wayne Hsiung, a lawyer and lead investigator.

In January 2017, the six activists entered a farm in Moroni, Utah, that supplies turkeys to Norbest, a large company that aggressively markets itself to the public as selling "mountain-grown" turkeys who are treated with particularly humane care. Its marketing materials feature bucolic photographs of Utah nature, designed to create an image that its turkeys are raised in fresh and healthy natural settings, accompanied by assurances that its "practices are humane" and ethical, "with the health and comfort of the birds of paramount importance."

What the activists found at the farm was something radically different: tens of thousands of turkeys crammed inside filthy industrial barns, virtually on top of one another. The activists say the animals were suffering from diseases, infections, open wounds, and injuries sustained by pecking and trampling one another. Countless chicks and adult turkeys were barely able to stand, or were lying in their own waste, close to death.

They also say that, as a result of the filth in these barns, hepatitis and other viral diseases were rampant and spreading throughout the flock, which in turn caused the farm to put various antibiotics, including penicillin, into the barns' water supply.

The mass or indiscriminate use of antibiotics by industrial farms poses a severe danger to the public health, since it breeds antibiotic-resistant bacteria into the human food supply. Between 70 to 80 percent of all antibiotics administered in the United States are given to farm animals as part of the agricultural industry.

Norbest expressly promises that its farms do "not use, nor does our drug policy permit, the routine use of medically important antibiotics." (While the company admits that conditions at the farm were abusive and unacceptable, it denies that hepatitis was rampant and that antibiotics were indiscriminately administered.)

The activists, all volunteers with the animal rights group Direct Action Everywhere, or DxE, filmed and photographed the conditions inside the farm. "In my 20 years of investigating animal abuse, I've never seen conditions this horrifying at a corporate farm," Hsiung told the Intercept. "We saw animals that looked dead but were still breathing; animals, languishing, who had virtually been pecked to death; many animals collapsed on the ground in their own feces and filth. It was as bad as it gets."

The activists also rescued three turkeys who were clearly suffering from extreme disease and injury and on the brink of death, part of a tactic known as "open rescue," in which activists choose a symbolic handful of

animals from industrial farms who are close to death, provide them with veterinarian care, and then publicly post film of their recovery at a shelter.

The three birds removed from the farm have no commercial value, because they were virtually certain to die within days, if not hours. DxE activists estimate that up to 25 percent of animals at industrial farms die before they can make it to the slaughterhouse due to the conditions in which they are kept.

In November 2017, DxE published video and photographic findings from its investigation of the Norbest-supplying farm. The publishing of the investigation was highly embarrassing to Norbest, as the materials received substantial local press coverage.

The Salt Lake Tribune, the largest paper in Utah, published a large article with a horrific photograph at the top, describing the conditions shown in the facility as "shocking." It noted that "Norbest is one of the largest marketing cooperatives in the United States, selling turkeys raised by some 40 Utah farmers. Combined, it produces 5 million turkeys annually."

Local Fox stations from around the country broadcast a dramatic story from its Utah affiliate, which documented the abuses at the farm. "Video shows 'horrific' conditions at farm that sold turkeys nationwide," the local Fox affiliate headline in Cleveland said, featuring the highly incriminating story that was broadcast on the nightly news program in Utah, in which a reporter stood outside one of the barns, pointing at it and describing how the turkeys found inside were "sick, disfigured, and even dead."

The DxE investigation received national media coverage as well. One CBS News report, for instance, featured DxE's findings that the turkeys were "packed shoulder-to-shoulder in 'filthy industrial sheds,'" and that "many were diseased or suffering from injuries inflicted by other birds." About DxE's claim of mass antibiotic use, CBS noted: "Medical experts have said that practice may lead to people contracting antibiotic-resistant diseases."

The CBS report also linked to a video, produced and published by DxE, which showed the conditions inside the facility as well as the rescue of the three turkeys. One of the rescued turkeys appeared to have a broken neck, but turned out instead to be suffering from a severe bacterial infection in her brain. Another was one-tenth the size of the average turkey, due to being severely malnourished and diseased. The third had open, untreated wounds all over her face from having been pecked.

So severe and horrifying was the abuse and disease documented by DxE that Norbest executives proclaimed themselves highly "disturbed" by what they saw. The Fox report filmed Norbest CEO and President Matthew Cook watching the video for the first time. Cook said he felt "deep disappointment" at what he saw, adding: "This just shouldn't happen."

Cook, while denying that hepatitis was rampant at the farm, also claimed that this facility had been cited by corporate executives for abuse in the past, and had been told that "unless they fix these things," their operations would be suspended. After watching the video, the CEO said the company was considering "terminating the contract" with this facility.

The company then issued a formal statement on its site, proclaiming itself "deeply disappointed that our standards were not upheld by the farmer in question." It also vowed that it "will re-examine every step in our training and inspection process to determine whether there is more we can do to guarantee our animal care standards are met."

But DxE vehemently denies that there is anything aberrational about what they saw — other than the fact that, in this case, it was publicly exposed. Indeed, investigations of turkey farms by other groups, including People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, or PETA, have found that these are standard conditions throughout the U.S.:

These gentle, intelligent birds spend five to six months on factory farms, where thousands of them are packed into dark sheds with no more than 3.5 square feet of space per bird. Turkeys are genetically bred to grow as fast as possible, and they often become crippled under their own weight.

To keep the crowded birds from scratching and pecking each other to death, workers cut off portions of the birds' toes and upper beaks with hot blades and de-snood the males (the snood is the flap of skin that runs from the beak to the chest). No pain relievers are used during any of these procedures.

A PETA investigator videotaped one turkey-farm operator beating sick and injured birds to death with a pole, a killing method deemed "standard industry practice."

Given that Norbest itself admits that the conditions revealed by DxE were horrifying, and given that it led to reforms, why would the activists be prosecuted for their investigation? And given that they took nothing of commercial value, why would they be prosecuted for felony theft charges that, aggregated, carry a possible punishment of 10 years in prison?

The answer almost certainly lies in recent rulings from federal courts that have killed the agricultural industry's preferred weapon for both suppressing evidence of abuse and also silencing journalists and activists with criminal law: the so-called ag-gag laws, which made publishing videos of farm conditions that are taken as part of undercover operations a felony, punishable by years in prison.

In July 2017, a federal court struck down Utah's "ag-gag" law as a violation of the free speech guarantee of the First Amendment; the law, said the court, was designed solely to "restrict speech related to agricultural operations." When Utah decided not to appeal the ruling, the Salt Lake Tribune declared in its headline: "Utah's 'ag-gag' law — which banned secret filming at farms — is dead." Earlier this year, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down Idaho's "ag-gag" law on similar grounds.

Those rulings left Utah — whose state government is notoriously dominated by its agricultural industry — without its most menacing weapon to punish people who expose abuses on factory farms. Charging them with felony theft instead appears crafted to perform the same function. "This new prosecution seems to be a clear attempt to perform an end run around the death of the 'ag-gag' law," said Hsiung.

In February of this year, Norbest was purchased by Pitman Farms of California, a supplier of Whole Foods. As The Intercept reported last September, Pitman itself has its own struggles with accusations of abuse of animals at its farms.

But now that Norbest is part of Pitman, this appears to be a case where a corporate supplier of Whole Foods — which touts itself as selling the healthiest and most organic products — is pressing charges against people who exposed animal abuse and threats to the public health. Requests for comment submitted to Utah state's attorneys office and Norbest were unanswered as of publication of this article.

All of this takes place in the context of a state whose government has been almost entirely captured and co-opted by the industry it is supposed to regulate. "This is not an area where the government merely fails to do its job to stop abuse, violence, and unethical behavior," said Hsiung. "The government is in active collaboration with the industry that commits these crimes, forcing citizens to expose them."

For their successful efforts to expose these abuses and force reforms, Hsiung and his five fellow activists now face prosecution and the possibility of prison terms. Thus appears the same dynamic seen in so many other American realms, from torture to illegal spying to Wall Street fraud: The most powerful actors responsible for the most egregious acts are immunized from consequences, while the only ones punished are the ones who expose them.

9 May - Why Is Former Black Panther Chip Fitzgerald Still Behind Bars?

On May 4, former Black Panther Romaine "Chip" Fitzgerald agreed to a five-year denial of parole instead of insisting on a parole hearing, even though he has served more time than any former Black Panther still behind bars: 49 years.

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by Ann Garrison (*Black Agenda Report*)

Chip was arrested in 1969 and charged with murdering a security guard and attempting to murder a highway patrolman who had stopped him and fellow Panthers for driving with a broken taillight. He was convicted and sentenced to death in 1970, at the end of a four-day trial, but that sentence was commuted in 1972, when the Supreme Court ruled that the death penalty as employed was racist and therefore unconstitutional.

Chip is now 67 years old and living with the consequences of a stroke; his friends and family fear he will die in prison. He has been moved from one state prison to another over the years, and is currently in the California State Prison-Los Angeles. I spoke to his lawyer, Charles Carbone, whose office is in San Francisco.

Ann Garrison (AG): Could you tell us what happened on May 4 at the California State Prison-Los Angeles? Did the parole board hearing even take place?

Charles Carbone (CC): The hearing did not take place. We stipulated to a five-year parole denial. That means that Chip agreed to a five-year parole denial and signed the agreement. One of my colleagues in Los Angeles was there to create a record of that. We had asked for a lesser period of parole denial, which under the laws could have been three years, but, unfortunately, the parole board said no. That left us in the unenviable position of having to stipulate to a five-year parole denial. We did not want to go forward with the hearing altogether because Chip has a record of recent disciplinary problems.

Under the law, the crimes of which he's been convicted have largely lost their predictive value as to whether or not he would succeed in society. The parole board doesn't base its decision on those very old crimes anymore, and the law is fairly clear that they should not.

He's been in prison for almost 50 years now. So those crimes are not indicative of how he would behave. Even if the parole board completely buys into the district attorney and the state's theory that Chip committed those crimes, it no longer takes them into consideration. What does have predictive value, in their minds, is his behavior in prison. It's sort of a catch-22 because, if somebody is in prison for questionable convictions, and then they break prison rules, the parole board will severely penalize them for any misconduct. That is basically what happened here.

In November 2015, a forensic psychologist hired by the parole board concluded that Chip had a high likelihood of recidivism should he be released.

AG: I read that psychologist's report. It starts with Chip's description of his political awakening, in which he cites the 1965 Watts riots, Malcolm X, and the Nation of Islam as influencing him to change his life and his behavior. Then he said that he became disillusioned with the Nation of Islam after Malcolm X was assassinated and the Nation of Islam was believed to be responsible. That, he said, is when he decided to join the Black Panther Party, feeling they had better solutions for Black people, although he later became disillusioned with the party.

The psychologist wrote that Chip had embraced the idea of nonviolent activism while in prison. Further on he cites a handful of substance abuse violations and a fight in which Chip says he was just defending himself, and that he was 60 years old and using a cane at the time. There's one violation for possessing a weapon; I believe it was a carved plastic knife. Chip says it belonged to his cellmate, but that both of them were written up for it, and that prison authorities had been out to get him because they'd been reading his

mail and didn't like his revolutionary politics. He said he gets mail from people all over the world who consider him a political prisoner.

The forensic psychologist also wrote that Chip is widely read and conversant in current affairs, politics, and history, but that he has intellectualized his remorse about the crimes he was originally convicted of, and his remorse seems to lack emotional depth.

Does Chip have the right to another of these forensic psychologist's evaluations?

CC: He has that right every three years, but it won't make sense to ask for another until he's approaching another parole board hearing, and that won't be in November this year. He needs "clean time" on his record.

The combination of some recent rule infractions in prison and this forensic psychologist's opinion that Chip's previous infractions demonstrated his potential for recidivism were what finally kept him from being released. The combination of those two things would have been a dire outcome at any substantive parole hearing. We would've gotten slammed with a very long denial, far longer than the five years that Chip ultimately agreed to. Unfortunately, in order to avoid that denial, we didn't have a lot of good options. The best one that we had was to put the hearing off to give Chip a greater opportunity to prove that any disciplinary infractions are anomalies, that they're not in conformity with his character, and that he is very serious about complying with prison rules and regulations. Whatever we may think of those rules and regulations, a prisoner has to comply with them to be paroled. So we need that time in order to establish that record.

The good news is that we don't have to wait the full five years. If we think that we have cured or fixed some of the problems that the board identified, and that Chip has successfully completed the recommended rehabilitative programs, we can go back to the parole board in fewer than five years.

Basically, to be paroled, a prisoner has to walk a straight line in prison. If Chip does that from hereon, according to their rules, then we can go back in a year and a half, maybe two years, and say to the parole board, "Hey, board, we've cured some of the problems here. Can you hear us earlier?" And they have the power to bring him back at an earlier date at their discretion.

AG: Well, what sort of prison rule infractions is he accused of?

CC: The recent and most serious infractions weren't even accusations. He's been found guilty of possession of cell phones, with sound evidence, and he doesn't deny that. There are a few recent cell phone infractions, one three months ago, in February of 2018, and one in 2017. The board coupled that with the earlier infractions cited in the forensic psychologist's report, but the recent cell phone use is what they took most seriously.

The crux of it is that the proliferation of cell phones inside prison is such that they're very tempting for inmates to pick up, especially because prison is such an isolating experience. Prisoners can't really talk to their loved ones or their family. Chip wants to be a grandfather; he wants to be connected to his family. He wants to be connected to his friends, and he just made some bad choices, for lack of a better term, by picking up and using those cell phones.

I challenge anyone in his position to be able to deal with the isolation, but the cell phone possession creates a parole hearing burden. The parole board doesn't think it's innocuous. They look at that very seriously because, to them, it's a threat to the safety and security of the prison. And there are also instances, unlike Chip's, where people who are more nefarious use cell phones to commit further crimes. Prison authorities are not alleging that he did that, but they did find him guilty of personal use of cell phones.

AG: Chip sent me a copy of the Department of Corrections memorandum that listed confidential, aka anonymous, allegations that he was affiliated with various prison gangs between 2010 and 2012. One

allegation says, "Confidential information was received alleging you were influential and/or in a leadership position amongst the Black inmate population." That's an overtly racist statement, inferring that the whole Black inmate population is a gang.

CC: The Department of Corrections is playing fast and loose with facts because they have what they call security threat groups (STGs). There are discrete criminal enterprises in prison that are run by all races. If the prison authorities have actionable evidence that Chip has influence in those real criminal enterprises, they can put a case together, but they haven't. All they've done is use speculation, innuendo, and hunch. All these confidential informants offer weird blanket insinuations, often not even talking about a particular security threat group or prison gang or street gang, but talking about Black inmates. That's an absurdity, that type of charge. It holds no weight in my mind or in the eyes of the law, and it should not in the eyes of any self-respecting parole board. You can't just make a blanket charge without offering facts.

There are layers of large issues to this, and it's not only Chip, but other inmates as well. I have clients similar to Chip and similarly situated who are being told that they're being denied parole, but that the parole board will never tell them why because it's confidential, according to their own Mickey-Mouse rules on confidentiality. This is antithetical to basic democratic norms that are enshrined in the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the US Constitution, which give you a right to confront your accusers. You have a right to have notice of charges that are lodged against you. You have a right to present counter evidence. Instead they rely on these highly questionable confidential informants, and not just to deprive a prisoner of, for example, a book. They do it to deprive prisoners of their liberty. It's a very fundamental attack on a person by the state that is based nearly exclusively on confidential information.

Never mind the racist dimensions; I take that as a given. There's a lot of racism in the Department of Corrections, not just ordinary prejudice but deeply embedded institutional racism that I assume. But as a lawyer, I look beyond that to the refinements of that racism where, like I said, they're using confidential information against inmates to prevent them from leaving prison. To me, it runs afoul of anything closely related to a fair legal system.

AG: Have any lawyers challenged the constitutionality of relying on these confidential allegations of gang affiliation, or whatever, to decide whether or not to grant parole?

CC: Many have, over and over, but the CDCR [California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation] always wins.

AG: And are these 2010-2012 allegations of gang affiliation central to Chip's "unsuitability" for parole now?

CC: No, the main things keeping Chip in prison now are the two findings that he was recently in possession of cell phones, in 2017 & 2018, coupled with the forensic psychologist's November 2015 report.

9 May - Freedom for J20 Defendants: Call to Action

The following is a call for not only a deep commitment to supporting the J20 Defendants, but participating in building revolutionary momentum that will see these charges dropped.

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We* ask that our reader(s) turn their attention to the J20 case, where our comrades are facing decades in prison for their resistance to the inauguration of America's latest imperialist monster, Donald Trump. Inside one of the fiercest political-repression operations the US has seen in recent years. Fifty-nine defendants remain, having been held by the courts under highly coercive penal threats for over a year.

It seems the April trials have been delayed. The prosecution, not wanting to risk their already tenuous credibility, has decided to target those whom better fit into civil notions of ‘guilt’ and ‘criminality’. The May 14th trial comprises defendants alleged to have destroyed property.

While we believe our friends crafting narratives and support around the case have had good intentions, they’ve spent a great deal of energy honing disingenuous, liberal, reformist rhetoric. We acknowledge that advocating for the ‘1st amendment activity’ and ‘innocence’ of arrestees to have strategic implications. This being seen through the victories of the first trial’s full acquittal and over a hundred dropped cases.

Still, we must beg the question, is this strategy complete? Who does it ultimately benefit, and what are its limits? Are we content with pretending as if the most vibrant displays of resistance that day never occurred? Will we continue to cower away from the means of action we know are necessary to take? When will we say, “we were all there too”? To gain strength and to be effective in this moment require us to evolve with the situation and refuse the disassociation urged to us by the press and political class.

The aversion to militancy is shortsighted. The State kills, incarcerates, and degrades us, each and every day; and they do not need to be given additional reasons to do so. It may be inconvenient to defend actions explicitly outside the law, but we must hold reverence for the vitality of those who truly resist. And we must defend our friends from deference to the well-being of capitalist store-fronts and luxury vehicles. This world, and everything that belongs to it, is hideous and oppressive. And thus, we should be developing a path to depart from it entirely.

The case being drawn out has resulted in collective exhaustion. And the existing dominant narratives of ‘respectable protest’ have aided the prosecution in their attempts to divide and conquer. They’ve dropped charges against ‘innocent protesters’ and are now setting their sights on the ‘real criminals’. Popular opinion supports the idea that “peaceful protesters” mass-arrested on a sidewalk do not deserve to go to prison. But what about the angry, determined ones, daring enough to show up and tear away their chains? These are the reasonable ones, any who believe otherwise only deceive themselves. In this way, the prosecution is well-positioned going into the second round of trials.

Certain comrades have the impression that, on the judicial level, the gravity of the alleged deeds renders the defense of these comrades more difficult. On the contrary, we think that it is the gravity of these deeds that facilitates all well-calculated actions in their favor. Furthermore, attacking banks and other capitalist infrastructure is naturally a serious crime in the eyes of the capitalists, not in the eyes of their enemies, us. We say this is what is blame-worthy: theft of the poor, the humiliation of wage labor, and all the destitution a society based on inequality brings. Others who posit themselves as revolutionaries may think of this case as none of their business, due to disagreements about the efficacy of January 20th’s chosen actions or feeling like they have no means of effectively intervening. We seek to expel these objections and invigorate support.

Considering all of this, we believe the time for discourse and strategy around criminal culpability to be finished. We are writing this call, because we desire the cancellation of the May 14th trial or to have this and each subsequent trial come at a cost. This hostage situation cannot continue.

At a time when a revolutionary force is needed the most, the State has distracted a large portion of our movement for too long. Many of us already know that the process is the punishment; and it isn’t atypical for a trial to last a year or longer. But have we really reflected on the amount of time, opportunity, and meaning the State has taken away from us? The enormous amount of stress this case has put on revolutionary networks and communities across this continent? And how much it has tried our hearts and our love? If nothing else, we should exhibit raging indignation at how these villains have affected us over the course of this case.

Well after a year, so many of our comrades are still caught up in this despicable process. Can we, and what our movements aspire to, afford to give anything more to these greedy scoundrels? Can we let them imprison any of our comrades to then take away even more from us?

We say no. We say it's time to sharpen our teeth to thirsty fangs. From Ferguson, to Standing Rock, to J20, various antifascist actions, and more. It would appear the social climate in the United States is growing frequently more unstable. We say good. We already know what the future will bring, and we must not let ourselves or our enemies forget. The State's legitimacy is on the decline, and the J20 case has thus far been a failure. We desire to further show them why it's in their interest to completely let it go.

A Flint to a Spark

Here, we will demonstrate to you, our dear reader, our argument for why you should care and for why you should fight oh so very hard for the freedom of these friends.

On January 20, 2017 chauvinistic billionaire, Donald Trump was to be inaugurated as the president of the United States of America. When the election results initially came in, the whole world was shocked. Many were thoroughly afraid, while some of the more repugnant elements of the populace celebrated.

If Donald, a reality TV star with the mind of a disgruntled toddler, could be put into such a position of power, a seat traditionally thought to be reputable and prestigious, then anything was possible. Trump's election tore the very fabric of reality as we knew it. A signal flare had embedded itself into the world's eye.

We argue that this departure from reality and the imagination it provoked are precisely why the government was so concerned about the call for resistance on January 20th. Massive amounts of disapproval, outrage, and schism poured out from all sectors of the population. Inauguration day was to see gigantic, diverse showings of protest. The ruling class no doubt saw the precarity of their position and the power they've worked so hard to secure.

January 20th marked the potential of a revolt and dissatisfaction that could culminate into the creation of a new world. And, it proved to be a day of revolutionary action, and that time will come again. Thanks to the tone set by 2017's counter-inaugural protests, the country was offered a solution, a break from the established order and the first of many blows to the rising fascist movement.

Afterwards, an impressive initiative to support over 200 arrestees from all over the country was put in place and has sustained itself since. But it is not enough. We very well cannot proceed with our revolutionary agenda if our movement is stuck playing around with the courts, and risking 59 of our comrades who were courageous enough to be there—and be dangerous.

Washington DC itself is a huge liability for the State. The city has a grueling history of protest. And, resulting lawsuits have mandated that the Metropolitan Police Department write mass-arrests out of their operating procedure. The state's inability to lawfully issue a mass-arrest highlights an immeasurable weakness. Protesters pushing to exploit this weakness contributed to the unease of the ruling class and their enforcers. We believe an incentive of this heavy-handed repression is an attempt to keep this weakness from being exploited again. Doubling down, would serve to prevent Washington DC, the heart of the Empire, from being engulfed in mass-rebellion and righteous, benevolent flames. (A premonition, as much as an eventuality.) The cops had to close the opening before it could be fully exploited, in the face of mounting social unrest. MPD Commander Keith Deville admitted via police radio and trial testimony that he intended to give the mass-arrest order from the beginning. This suggests two things: that someone higher up the chain of command sanctioned the use of mass arrests, and that there was no dispersal order that day, to set an example. Defeating the J20 prosecution would enormously benefit the future of struggle by further taking away a tool the state has already lost. The next time they're faced with a similar predicament, they will have to think much harder about how to contain it. Will they risk making themselves look like fools by

issuing a mass-arrest again? Or will they reveal themselves to be the violent thugs they are? This is significant ground to take. We understand the American State to prioritize its legitimacy through a facade of civility and justice. To erode at that facade is to erode one of the glues that hold US governance together. Denying them authoritarian precedent in the J20 case would preserve and strengthen militant, street engagements/tactics for years to come.

Whether one believes in mass-movements, one cannot deny that since J20 anarchists have entered into American public consciousness. And the State has acknowledged us as an emerging threat. As they should. There are more anarchists in the US now than there were before, and there will be even more tomorrow. Our potency, in addition to the havoc Trump wreaks as he besmirches the reputation of the US government, points to the current and ongoing vulnerability of the State.

For the State itself, the J20 case is an issue of stability. For Trump, retribution. And for lead prosecutor assistant US attorney Jennifer Kerkhoff, we infer career advancement. Kerkhoff is a homicide prosecutor who aspires to become a federal judge. She was hoping to use the J20 case to ascend herself into that position. And things are not going well for her.

The first trial was a flop, rife with unflattering moments for Kerkhoff. Including her deplorable attempt to vilify an oncology nurse, her disregard for 'reasonable doubt' in closing argument, and embarrassing remarks made by jurors post-verdict. Among her colleagues, Kerkhoff has a reputation as a mean-spirited, vile, human being, and DC attorneys shudder at the thought of having to work with "Judge Kerkhoff." And, thus, practically all are rooting for her to lose. These reasons, alongside the annoyances of call-in campaigns, unfavorable media attention, everyday shit talk, and public doxxing may be why she is no longer planning to prosecute the case after the month of May. This should show to us that Kerkhoff is vulnerable and susceptible to pressure. For now she's a key component to the case, and she should fall. Future solidarity actions should aim to pressure Kerkhoff's superiors into placing the blame on her and to then cut their ties. Kerkhoff's career should not be left intact. We are the ones to be setting precedents. Let's set one, by showing the country's prosecutors, not to fuck with us.

Rather than looking at this matter as a judicial one, we should see it as an issue of power relations. Through this lens, we can see the problem of how to defend these comrades does not need to be accorded by law, but by action. If there isn't a movement to demand the freedom of these friends forcefully and with sufficient defense, then we should assume they're headed behind bars.

Call to Action

To vanquish the J20 prosecution is to help topple the American State, by attacking them at a point where they are weak. Where we exploit the State's weakness, we show our strength. And the strength of all revolutionary struggle and every liberatory movement. The rise and fall of empires have taught us that destabilizing events lead to more destabilizing events, catalyzing their demise. If we want to put an end to the nightmare of the world's current affairs and put something better in its place, it's up to us to encourage these ruptures. Imagine what it would mean to succeed in restraining this hyper-focused effort of repression.

The domain of struggle is our home. Let's show each other what level of solidarity we can produce. From those of us hellbent on abolishing prisons, capitalism, borders, white supremacy, and patriarchy. To those of us who yearn to protect non-human animals, the earth, and more; this is our fight to win. The J20 case is a battle that the State and capital, the central dominating forces in all our lives, have invested countless resources into. It's time we dedicate our resolve to freeing these unfortunate comrades and winning this fight.

We will not go over the risks, benefits, and possibilities of action, for you and your affinity groups to take. For that is for you to decide. We only insist that the demand for the liberation of these comrades be made clear and put front and center. All actions are good, but those that create the most scandal, are the best. By

grouping ourselves according to affinities, we will, according to our tastes and opportunities, be able to discover or further develop any of the means of action that have been employed in other epochs or that still remain to be experimented with, except for falling into the baseness of respectful petitions, which are circulated everywhere, and vainly, by Leftist electoral parties. It is enough that our actions converge upon the same specific goal, proclaim it at all times and multiply with time. And when these precise goals are attained, an active revolutionary presence in the US will have made itself known. Launching a movement better suited to coordinate and attain an increasing range of goals.

The first goal from here is to make the entire country obsessed with this case, which is synonymous with declaring the existence of a revolutionary tide. Through shutting down workplaces, walking out of schools, marching in the streets, or the breaking of normalcy. We will oblige people to know about these defendants and the power of those who defend them.

We are calling for an unrelenting, diffuse, solidarity campaign until our comrades are entirely released from their present repressive situation. For an up-tick of visibility to pervade our movements worldwide, and for concentrated actions in the days ahead of the May 14th trial, and then more one or two weeks ahead of each subsequent trial if the trials persist.

If the words written here speak to you, reproduce this text, physically and digitally. And spread it everywhere. If they don't, or you have critiques, discard this and create something better. It is necessary that the circumstance of these comrades be known throughout every country, wherever injustice resides. Shout it in the streets! In your workplace and in your homes! Keep it on the forefront of everyone's mind. Let us give the State no room to breathe. Circulate uncompromising fervor for our friends, and prepare to let chaos ensue.

**This is an autonomous call from the broader anarchist and autonomous movement, and does not come from any J20 support group or organization.*

May 14th - Next Group of J20 Inauguration Protestors Prepare for Trial

On May 14th, jury selection begins for a trial of four J20 defendants charged last year with felonies, including engaging and/or inciting in a riot, conspiracy to riot, and five counts of property destruction during the 2017 Presidential Inauguration. This trial group initially included six defendants, but was reduced to four after last week's pre-trial motions hearings. The defendants are Michael Basillas (pronouns: they, them), Seth Cadman, Anthony Felice, and Casey Webber. Last Friday, Judge Robert Morin announced Judge Kimberley S. Knowles as presiding judge over this trial.

DC Superior Court Judge Robert Morin took over the case from Judge Lynn Leibowitz on January 1st, 2018. On January 19th, the prosecution dropped charges for over 100 defendants included in the 2017 indictment. To date, 58 defendants are scheduled for trial in 2018. Several trial groups originally scheduled for March and April of 2018 were continued after the prosecution pushed for a controversial expert witness, which was denied by Morin on April 6th. The trial beginning May 14 does not have an expert witness.

Last week saw three days of pre-trial motions in which Judge Morin continued the trials of two defendants in this group: one in particular was continued for insufficient evidence linking them to the government's conspiracy charge. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Kerkhoff was instructed by Judge Morin to thoroughly review the other 58 cases for similarly situated defendants. The other defense attorneys representing May 14 defendants provided their own strong arguments against the government's proof of conspiracy as it related to their clients. Online materials publicizing the march were publicly available, and articulated nothing beyond "disrupting conveyances." Wearing a particular color was described as a show of political solidarity and compared to fans of the same team at sports events. Defense attorneys also pushed against the admissibility of observations by undercover officers at events prior to January 20th. The government's conspiracy charge did not win convictions for six defendants late last year, who were acquitted of all charges.

One notable difference between this week's trial and the previous J20 trial is that some defendants are specifically accused of property destruction. Nonetheless, many of the arguments made during the November 2017 trial are also relevant to this next trial. Last fall, defense attorneys highlighted the pre-protest targeting of specific political protestors by the DC Metropolitan Police, as well as the use of less-than-lethal weapons and mass-arrest tactics during the anticapitalist and antifascist march. They also took issue with the lead detective, Gregg Pemberton, making any identifications of defendants based on watching video alone. Supporters of the defendants, who have come together as Defend J20 Resistance, argue that the prosecution has grossly overcharged defendants – the maximum sentence for all counts is over sixty years – and mischaracterized the march overall using a broad and historically problematic riot statute.

“The prosecution, by working closely with DC Police Detective Gregg Pemberton, has been guided by a specific agenda that seeks legal approval for continued aggressive policing of protestors and residents of DC.” – Erin Lemkey from Defend J20 Resistance.

The policing of protest at Donald Trump's inauguration has been widely criticized and is subject to other litigation, most notably by the ACLU and the Partnership for Civil Justice. These lawsuits take issue with the tactics used during the mass-arrest and also the relationship between the DC police and right-wing organizations for surveillance on protestors they oppose. There is \$150,000 earmarked for an active investigation into the conduct of the MPD on January 20th. The funds and investigatory task were given to the Police Foundation, who has provided no updates on their progress.

11 May - One Month 'til June 11th: Some Ideas for Solidarity

The June 11th International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason and all long-term anarchist prisoners is quickly approaching.

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This year in our call, we focused on questions of sustainability and burnout, asking how we can nurture relationships and projects that can nourish us as we fight for our comrades' freedom. These are not easy questions and we think that developing any “one solution” is bound to lead to further burn out and disillusionment. We want more than anything for June 11th to be a counter-point to deleterious forms of activism that erode the joy of living and leave us exhausted and hopeless.

It's easy, when faced with the overwhelming odds of destroying prisons and freeing all prisoners, to lose heart and give up. The beauty of June 11th is that it attempts to take a large problem (that our friends in struggle are locked in the state's dungeons) and convert it to real, material, and immediate acts of solidarity. Anyone can act for June 11th and contribute to a living coordination of solidarity that has persisted for over a decade. Whether one is alone or in a city with a vibrant anarchist presence, it is possible to look at your local context and formulate plans. (For example, one member of our organizing collective has organized humble actions as a lone anarchist youth, small events in a town with few radicals, and larger celebrations in an anarchist hub.) Contrary to the defeatism that surrounds us, we echo the cries of half a century ago as France burned in revolt, “Anything can happen!”

In hopes of stirring up some ideas, let's explore some possible ways to show solidarity with the longest held anarchist prisoners.

If you have an event planned, or if you want to share news of some act of solidarity, send us an email at [june11th \[at\] riseup \[dot\] net](mailto:june11th@riseup.net).

Fundraising

One of the primary concerns that we come up against as anarchists is how to generate the funds necessary to offset the deprivation our comrades in prison are forced into. Obtaining healthy (and/or vegan) food,

buying basic necessities like toothpaste, affording phone calls that help break isolation, purchasing stamps and stationery, and buying books all cost money. With so few people doing consistent support for anarchist prisoners in the US, this requires constant work on top of what is already necessary to create real solidarity with imprisoned comrades.

June 11th offers a focused day in which all those who feel compelled to can organize events to help with these constant material needs. Those who can't commit to regular correspondence or consistent organizing around a prisoner's case can host an event to raise funds for them. Each year, June 11th proves essential to maintaining a few of our comrades' well-being for the rest of the year.

Ideas: music shows, dance parties, dinners, poetry readings, bake sales, movie screenings, performances, karaoke, college speaking gigs, asking for money from someone that has it.

Informational Events

The reality of many anarchist prisoners' cases is that they are unlikely to garner support from liberals due to the actions they undertook or their uncompromising stance while in prison. This leaves it up to us to generate support among those who see no problem with actively confronting the state, economy, and prison society. With the full weight of state and capitalist media disinformation against us, we must offset this by keeping our comrades' situations constantly present in our lives, explaining their actions, and offering news of their current conditions.

Informational events allow us to spread news and strike a hammer blow against the isolation fostered by prison and its world.

Ideas: tabling at events, presentations on one (or many) comrades' situations, flyering on the streets, talking to friends and family about prisoners, pirate radio, microphone demonstrations

Letter Writing

One of prison society's primary functions is to isolate those held within its walls. Establishing contact with imprisoned comrades is a vital first step in undoing that isolation. Whether this means writing consistently to one person, writing one-off letters, or hosting public letter writing events – every letter, postcard, news article, and photograph sent to an imprisoned comrade is a step toward creating the sort of solidarity we need to tear down the walls once and for all.

Ideas: Writing a letter, printing photos of the world to send to imprisoned comrades, hosting letter writing nights, setting up letter writing tables at events, sending books

Resources:

Prisoner letter writing tips by NYC ABC nycabc.wordpress.com/write-a-letter

List of long-term anarchist prisoners june11.noblogs.org/prisoners

Political prisoner book wishlists nycabc.wordpress.com/book-wish-lists

Taking it to the streets

It has been said that no one should ever be able to walk down the street without seeing the faces and names of our comrades on every wall. There are many ways of keeping our comrades present in our daily lives and in the world around us. Experiment, stay safe, and have fun!

Resources:

How to wheatpaste mtlcounter-info.org/en/how-to-wheatpaste

How to drop a banner itsgoingdown.org/back-basics-pt-1-drop-banner-solidarity-sacred-stone-red-warrior-camps

Direct Action

The most essential element of revolutionary solidarity is keeping our comrades' struggles alive and vibrant; to confront, directly, the control imposed upon us by the state and all institutions of control and exploitation. Every June 11th, the outpouring of solidarity-in-action from anarchists internationally shows the many diverse forms that solidarity can take.

Ideas: Work within your context and capacity, in line with your desires, by yourself or with people you trust.

Resources:

Some acts undertaken in past years 325.nostate.net/tag/june-11th-solidarity

Some helpful texts on doing things and staying safe mtlcounter-info.org/en/how-to

More helpful reading sproutdistro.com/catalog/zines/direct-action

Readings on security sproutdistro.com/catalog/zines/security

What is Security Culture? sproutdistro.com/catalog/zines/security/what-is-security-culture-a-guide-to-staying-safe

TAILS LiveSystem tails.boum.org

11 May - Standing Rock Protest Rioting Charge Dropped; Trespassing Charge Remains

On May 10th, Morton County prosecutors filed a motion to dismiss a charge of engaging in a riot against American Indian journalist Jenni Monet, who was arrested while covering the Dakota Access pipeline resistance at Standing Rock.

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by Levi Rickert (*Native News Online*)

A trespassing charge remains against Monet, who faces a June 1 trial date.

Monet (Laguna Pueblo), an award-winning journalist, was among the 76 arrested on Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Monet, an independent journalist, was at the newly established Last Child's Camp on assignment for Indian Country Today when she was arrested.

The Last Child's Camp was erected on private land, up the hill and across the street from the Oceti Sakowin, the largest of the Standing Rock encampments. Water protectors have been looking for new locations to establish camps because the Oceti Sakowin is in a flood plain and campers need to evacuate the camp prior to the spring thaw.

A freelance journalist, Monet embedded herself at Standing Rock for several months to provide coverage for several publications during the last months of the Standing Rock resistance.

Monet's are seeking the dismissal of the trespassing charge.

13 May - Why I Am Straight Edge by Walter Bond

The latest writing from animal liberation prisoners Walter Bond.

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I am Straight Edge because I hate drugs and alcohol. I don't want to use them, I don't want to be around other people who use them and I want nothing to do with drug culture, the bar scene, etc. What separates me from being simply drug free is that I actively stand against drug culture and I have taken a life time oath to abstain from the filth of inebriation.

I suppose every person that claims Straight Edge has their own set of reasons and values that they ascribe to it. For most it is a phase that they go through, a music scene with associated fashions they identify with, or a peer group to belong to that is obscure enough to satisfy a tribal desire. I went through all that decades ago and while it was fun and I still enjoy the music it ceased to be about crews, and bands, and dance moves for me a long time ago. Being honest that was never my main stay in Straight Edge to begin with. So I guess.....Well, I guess I'll start at my beginning.

I was raised around drugs and alcohol. My biological father whom I never knew went to federal prison for meth. I met him when I was a teenager. I went to visit him at the prison camp. I talked with him two more times when he got out, but there was no chemistry between us. The father I grew up with drank. And I mean drank more alcohol than I would think is humanly possible, his insides must of looked like a pickle jar! And he played music on top of working full time as a welder.

My mother drank as well, but nothing like dad. She preferred to smoke weed and had a habit of marrying drunks. Without getting into all the minutia suffice it to say that drugs and alcohol led to my parents divorce when I was ten years old and the stability of my dysfunctional home life was never to return.

By 12 years old I was smoking weed. By 13 I was doing every drug I could get my hands on (turns out I have an addictive personality). By 16 I crashed and burned. I don't know how long I had been awake on meth, and I don't know how many other drugs I had in my system. Honestly, I only remember bits and pieces. I remember coming home and arguing with my step-dad. I remember having a kitchen knife in my hand. I remember being face down on the couch with a knee in my back. I remember the cops coming in the door with hands on their guns and I remember them tackling me. Then I remember waking up in a mental hospital.

Apparently I had an episode of drug induced psychosis which is just a fancy way of saying I went nuts from drug use. After this I was not the same. I felt shaky, unsure, and honestly frightened that I could not control myself. I was sent to a rehab for a couple months which didn't really help. All I learned there was that I should never believe in myself but instead a 'higher power' and that I was somehow diseased and there was no cure except to get involved with a 12 step group. I decided to bypass the whole mess and I took one step. Which was this: next time I felt like using any drug or alcohol...I didn't.

For me this worked. However it worked because I already knew what I needed. I heard it growing up in the music I listened to—Gorilla Biscuits, Youth Of Today, Uniform Choice, and Sick Of It All. I had already decided from the day I woke up from my drug induced insanity that what I needed was Straight Edge. Now to take you back a little bit. This was the early 90's and Straight Edge in my town was becoming judgmental, it was becoming purist, it was at times violent and it was becoming very proud to be exclusive. And I fucking loved it! I knew from everything I had experienced in my young life that drugs and drink were a sickness, an illness of the willpower and a social cancer within society. But it wasn't until I really embraced Straight Edge that I believed in myself enough to rise up and overcome this demon within me.

Everything I had experienced against drug addiction either sought to get me not to believe in my own ability and become dependent on programs or was just trying to push me into religion. Neither of these appealed to me. Ever since I can remember people in the scene have complained about the hyper-masculinity of Straight Edge (I wouldn't say it was hyper-masculine as much as it was simply aggressive) and the judgmental attitudes often displayed in the lifestyle. But the other side of it is that when you're a kid, from the streets, a broken home, with addiction and anger boiling up inside of you this was the place where it could come out and be directed not only in a more positive way than a street gang but at the actual antagonist, at the problem itself!

And so it was, I was reborn. I loved my sobriety and with an equal passion I grew to hate not only addiction but the drug users and dealers as well. Today when I reflect back I see where I was too absolute in my views, but I don't think I was far off the mark. In my experience you can help the occasional individual IF

they have the propensity and earnest desire to change. However, as a group it's undeniable that addicts are morally deficient, underhanded, and cast blame everywhere but on the self. What is truly horrible is not the horrors that a drunk or druggie puts themselves through but the high price and the emotional and physical damage that innocent bystanders, loved ones, and the communities where they live suffer.

Anyway, to continue, I noticed that as I got older many of the people around me sold out, gave up or dropped the title. This never really bothered me. I didn't feel that those that left had betrayed the scene or lied to us all. The only time it pissed me off and still does is when they want to cash in on, reunite, or relive the Straight Edge days as if they are still valid. To those individuals I have only contempt because if it ever meant anything to them they would feel awkward and out of place after having pissed all over what they once held so dear. Of course, that never happens in a social vacuum and there are, unfortunately, always plenty of other sellouts, nostalgia mongers, and 'non-judgmental' Straight Edge kids that support these losers.

But as I said in the beginning, I'm older now and am not so much interested in this or that music scene or fashion show. But I am every bit as against drugs and drug culture as I ever was and that won't change. I feel like somewhere in my late 20's I quit being part of Straight Edge and it just became part of me. A large part of my character was shaped around this because I never left it, I never gave it up and in one way or another I have always been proud to represent this.

And my hope for the future of Straight Edge is for it to retain itself outside the music and after the show is over as a personal force AGAINST drugs and alcohol and FOR a sane and sober way of life. Because as we age the peer pressure to use and to drink is more than it is in youth. But so also is our personal power to make a change.

13 May - WIN in Jalil Muntaqim's disciplinary case!!!

Supporters just won a victory on the disciplinary charges against Jalil for teaching an authorized African-American History Course!

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This is good news for Jalil, as the charges will be expunged, and he can proceed to have a family reunification visit with his mother and family, which was denied on May 10, 2018, the same day the Third Department Appellate Decision came down.

Jalil expresses special thanks to attorney Kathy Manley and would also like to thank all those who supported him while he was in the SHU. You can read the decision at freejalil.com/images4/5-10-18_Decision.pdf

14 May - Reality Winner's Defense Appeals Magistrate Judge's Decision To Reject Subpoenas

The defense for former NSA contractor Reality Winner appealed a federal magistrate judge's decision, where 40 out of 41 subpoenas were rejected.

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by Kevin Gosztola (*Shadowproof*)

Winner is a former NSA contractor accused of mailing a classified document on alleged Russian hacking of voter registration systems to The Intercept. She was charged with violating the Espionage Act and is currently in detention at the Lincoln County Jail in Georgia, where she awaits trial.

Her attorneys sought subpoenas for information from the CIA, Defense Department, National Archives Records Administration, National Security Council, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Homeland Security Department, and White House. They would also like records from the states, which DHS claimed had their voting registration systems allegedly hacked by Russians.

On April 27, Judge Brian Epps argued the forty subpoenas were “overly broad” and fell short of the “specificity requirement.”

The appeal contends the subpoenas are “essential” to Winner’s “ability to prepare and present a defense” because “a core element of the offense in this case is that the information allegedly disclosed was not already known or disseminated outside the federal government in an unclassified environment.”

“Defendant Winner is facing a soon-pending trial with a number of limitations, all of which she has raised with the court, on her ability to prepare her defense in a manner consistent with due process,” Winner’s defense additionally argued. “The defendant simply lacks the ability to conduct its own traditional pretrial investigation when all counsel are bound by the strict rules that accompany security clearances and the [Classified Information Procedures Act] process.”

It also maintains the “subpoenaed entities indisputably possess” relevant records and accuses Epps of applying the wrong legal standard when rejecting the subpoenas.

Winner’s defense sought records under what is known as Rule 17(c).

According to the appeal, Rule 17(c) “reflects the command of the Sixth Amendment that the full power and processes of the courts are available to defendants in criminal cases to help them defend against the charges brought by the government.”

The defense must prove documents are relevant and include evidence and that the defense is unable to prepare for trial without forcing production of the records in advance of a trial. Subpoenas have to be “made in good faith” and cannot be an attempt at a “fishing expedition.”

Winner’s attorneys claim Epps overlooked the fact that the requests were “specifically-worded and anchored to particular documents and/or subject matters.” He did not recognize the defense made a case during an April 23 hearing that should have satisfied the “specificity requirement.”

“Defense counsel, at the outset of the hearing, asked the court to consider allowing the defendant to address whatever concerns the magistrate judge had with the proposed subpoenas—in the spirit of efficiently addressing any problems identified by the court and expeditiously preparing these subpoenas for service” according to the appeal. “But the magistrate judge nonetheless rejected the subpoenas without addressing the opportunity to amend.”

Subscribing to the prosecution’s arguments against granting the subpoenas, Epps declared, “None of the requests specify particular books, papers, documents, data, or other objects to be offered into evidence at trial. Instead, the requests are scattershot dragnet attempts to discover evidence not presently known to exist.”

Only one subpoena for a spreadsheet from an unidentified agency was approved.

Winner’s defense would like to subpoena information from cybersecurity companies and organizations, like CrowdStrike, FireEye, F-Secure Corporation, and TrendMicro.

J. William Leonard, former director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO), testified as an expert witness during the April 23 hearing for three hours and made the case that the records sought by subpoena were crucial to determine whether the “intelligence reporting” in the document Winner allegedly disclosed is “national defense information.”

Under the Espionage Act, the government is supposed to prove not only that the information was properly classified but that it related to the “national defense” of the United States in order to win a conviction.

There is also the issue of whether the information she allegedly released was accurate or not. Officials in President Donald Trump's administration have disputed alleged acts by Russians to interfere in the 2016 presidential election. The report cannot impact the "national security" of the United States if the contents are inaccurate.

Billie Winner-Davis, Winner's mother, was outraged at the court's ruling and suggested the court was "cutting off" her daughter's ability to mount a viable defense.

"Over and over, I have seen rulings like this coming out of this court, and it saddens me that she is not being treated fairly by our court system. I once had faith in our government and our judicial system but having to live through this has completely changed my views."

"I am so afraid for my daughter and what is happening to her. I hope others are seeing it too," Winner-Davis stated.

The trial for Reality Winner is scheduled for October 15. Winner has been jailed without bail for 345 days, which is extraordinary when compared to previous leak prosecutions.

14 May - Good News from Oso Blanco

According to Oso Blanco, his Johnson v. U.S. appeal was GRANTED and he has 300 months off his sentence!

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He is full of gratitude for everyone's work!

From the court's memorandum:

On September 13, 2016, Magistrate Judge Carmen E. Garza concluded that Petitioner Byron Shane Chubbuck (Petitioner) had been improperly sentenced under the residual clause of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c)(3) and recommended that the Court grant Petitioner's MOTION UNDER 28 U.S.C. § 2255 TO VACATE, SET ASIDE, OR CORRECT SENTENCE BY A PERSON IN FEDERAL CUSTODY (CV Doc. 7) (Motion).

After a de novo review of the record and the PFRD, the Court stayed proceedings on its own motion pending a Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals decision that was likely to control the outcome. The Tenth Circuit having now decided the issue, the Court will lift the stay and will adopt Judge Garza's PFRD in part, will grant Petitioner's Motion and, concurring with Petitioner's Objection, will vacate his conviction.

In practical terms, this means Oso Blanco has had 25 years taken off of his sentence.

3 Jun - Running Down the Walls

WHAT: Running Down the Walls – 5k Run/Walk/Jog/Bike

WHEN: 2:00-7:00pm, Sunday, June 3rd, 2018

WHERE: Prospect Park– Lincoln Road/East Lake Drive, east of the Terrace Bridge

COST: \$10 registration (includes food and drinks afterwards)

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Every year, prisoners and supporters of political prisoners organize solidarity events with Running Down the Walls. In the last few years, we've had runs in Albuquerque (NM), Arcata (CA), Ashland (OR), Bellefonte (PA), Boston (MA), Buffalo (NY), Chico (CA), Denver (CO), Elmore (AL), Inez (KY), Los Angeles (CA), Marion (IL), Minneapolis (MN) New York (NY), USP Navosta (TX), Pelican Bay (CA), Phoenix (AZ), Tucson (AZ), Seattle (WA), and Toronto, Ontario. This year we hope to expand the amount of runs in prisons and other cities, as well as increase the amount of funds raised for community projects. NYC ABC's goal with this year's run is \$4,000. You can donate online by going to paypal.me/nycabc