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Updates for July 31st

13 Jul - Standing Rock Activist Accused of Firing Gun Registered to FBI Informant Is Sentenced to Nearly Five Years in Prison

Red Fawn Fallis was sentenced to 57 months in prison on charges stemming from her arrest while opposing the Dakota Access pipeline.

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by Will Parrish (*The Intercept*)

Following an emotional hearing in Bismarck, North Dakota, this week, Oglala Lakota Sioux water protector Red Fawn Fallis was sentenced to 57 months in prison on charges stemming from her arrest while opposing the Dakota Access pipeline.

Fallis was arrested in October 2016 when hundreds of law enforcement officers descended on a protest camp in the pipeline's path to forcibly evict its residents. She was accused of firing three shots from a revolver underneath her stomach after being tackled by several officers and pinned face down in a ditch alongside the highway.

As *The Intercept* first reported last year, the gun Fallis was accused of firing belonged to an FBI informant named Heath Harmon who had developed a romantic relationship with Fallis in the weeks leading up to her arrest. Harmon told state and federal investigators that he met Fallis at the water protectors' Rosebud Camp after being tasked by the FBI with serving as an "observer" of the protest movement. He said he had been recruited by his brother, Chad Harmon, a Bureau of Indian Affairs police officer.

Chad Harmon was subsequently appointed by the BIA to serve as acting chief of police of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, a position he held from January to April 2018, BIA spokesperson Nedra Darling confirmed in a statement to *The Intercept*.

Fallis's arrest occurred on land that would still belong to the Great Sioux Nation had the U.S. government honored the Fort Laramie treaties of 1851 and 1868. In January, after U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland rejected attempts by Fallis's defense team to make treaty rights and the sprawling intelligence apparatus targeting pipeline opponents central to her case, Fallis pleaded guilty to felony counts of civil disorder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. As part of the plea bargain, prosecutors dropped the most serious charge against her — discharge of a firearm in relation to a felony crime of violence — which could have carried a life sentence.

University of Colorado professor Glenn Morris, a founder of the Colorado chapter of the American Indian Movement who regards Fallis as a niece, told *The Intercept* that her prison sentence could not be understood apart from a long history of U.S. colonization and the vastly disproportionate violence directed against Indigenous women. "They can bring thousands of guns to stolen treaty territory, and they have the audacity to charge this Native woman who is trying to protect her territory, her land, and the sanctity of her traditions with a crime of violence," said Morris, who testified in support of Fallis at Wednesday's hearing.

Morris and Fallis's sister, Red Dawn Foster, both spoke of Fallis's generous spirit and her contributions to the camps at Standing Rock and her community in Denver. University of Colorado integrative physiology professor Roger Enoka also testified that a phenomenon called "reactive grip response" can lead to accidental discharge of a firearm during a rapidly unfolding traumatic situation.

Hovland declined to consider Fallis's intent as part of his ruling. "I'm not going to go down that path, try to determine what Ms. Fallis's intent was when that firearm was discharged," he said. The judge noted that he had the discretion to sentence Fallis to a lengthier prison term under the statutes in question, characterizing her nearly five-year sentence as "sufficient to the goals of sentencing and not greater than necessary." Prosecutors had recommended a seven-year sentence, while Fallis's defense attorneys had asked for 24 to 30 months.

Hovland said he would recommend Fallis be placed in a federal prison in Phoenix or Tucson. She will receive credit for nearly 18 months of time served. Following her release from prison, currently marked for late 2021, she will be subject to three years' supervised release.

During brief remarks at the conclusion of the hearing, Fallis said her relationship with Harmon had been an unfortunate influence, and poor choices had hindered her decision-making, according to Frances Madeson, communications coordinator for the Water Protector Legal Collective. Fallis took responsibility for the revolver in her possession and expressed remorse for any danger caused to police officers and other community members. She told the courtroom that she would devote some of her remaining time in prison to developing a project called Keepers of the Wisdom, focused on building relationships between Indigenous elders and youth.

Fallis is the second NoDAPL water protector arrested during the police raid on October 27, 2016, to be sentenced to a multiyear prison term. On May 30, Chumash water protector Michael "Little Feather" Giron was sentenced to three years in prison on a federal charge of civil disorder. Oglala Lakota Sioux water protector Michael "Rattler" Markus has pleaded guilty to the same charge in exchange for prosecutors dropping other federal felony counts. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for September.

Glenn Morris sees Fallis's case as part of a larger Indigenous-led struggle for self-determination and protection of the earth. "This case and this issue is not about her solely," he said. "What happened at Standing Rock was an inspiration to Indigenous people from around the world. We're seeing that continuing up in British Columbia with the Trans Mountain pipeline, or the plans to resist the extension of Keystone XL this next year, or the resistance at Ojibwe territory with Line 3."

14 Jul - Continued Support Needed For Eric King

The past few weeks have been rough for Eric and his family. We learned that Eric's partner has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer.

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On top of the solidarity EP we are promoting, we decided to also start a gofundme page for his partner.

As we mentioned in the previous post, incarceration affects the whole family. Eric's partner will now have extra medical expenses and appointments that will require time off of work, and extra childcare. The severity and treatment of the cancer is still being determined. We're hoping for the best, and will keep people posted.

Please help us to support Eric and his family – donate if you can and/or share the fundraiser. Thanks so much for everyone's kind words and continued support.

gofundme.com/surviving-cancer-and-a-car-accident

July 26th - Eric King's birthday is coming up on August 2nd!

Mark your calendars, Eric turns 32 on Thursday, August 2nd and he would love to hear from any and all supporters! Make plans to get together with some friends to fill out a birthday card and/or send off some letters to Eric! Check out our Support Materials tab to see the hand bills and posters that we have ready for people to download and print off to continue in the effort to raise awareness about Eric King and his plight.

On September 16th, not long after Eric turned 28, he was arrested and later sentenced to ten years. For the last four years Eric really has endured quite a bit in the various detention facilities he has been in since the time he was arrested until now. Not only is there the physical toll that prison can bring about but there is a strong emotionally taxing aspect as well.

As you've seen in our previous post, Eric's partner was diagnosed with cancer recently, so we are doing what we can to support them both through this tough time. Please donate and spread the word on the fundraiser that we got started to help support Eric's partner and family, so when you get together to write letters or fill out greeting cards for Eric's birthday don't forget about the fundraiser as well. As usual – every donation counts, no matter how large or how small.

Typically we also take the occasion to make sure we remind you about two other political prisoners who have birthdays during the same week that Eric celebrates his: Debbie Africa's on August 4th and Bill Dunne's is on the 3rd. Since Eric's is on the 2nd, we can easily remember to send a card to all three when we decide to send a card to Eric. Except this year, after 40 years of captivity Debbie Africa was released from a Pennsylvania state prison and into the arms of family and friends on June 17th of this year!!!!

So, as we move forward we would like to remind everyone that Bill Dunne turns 65 on Friday, August 3rd, and has been imprisoned since October 14th, 1979. He is still at FCI Victorville in southern California. While our focus is on Eric King, we here at the Eric King support crew support all political prisoners!

14 Jul - 5th Person Arrested & Charged with Felonies for Olympia Mayday 2017

Over a year later, authorities are going back and charging yet another person over May Day actions in Olympia, in an effort to squash resistance in the streets of the Pacific Northwest, at a time when far-Right violence is spinning out of control.

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A fifth person has been arrested and charged with four counts of felony assault in relation to the 2017 May Day demonstration in Olympia at which people defended themselves from cops, banks and businesses were attacked, and police arrested 9 people on felony riot charges then dropped the charges before the arraignment. In late April 2018 the city filed new misdemeanor charges against four of the nine, and now the county has filed felony charges against one more person.

We would like to have bail funds on hand in time for the comrade's bail hearing in a few days – please donate and circulate this link widely: fundedjustice.com/maydayarrestees

Order shirts and tote bags to benefit bail and legal defense funds at detritusbooks.bigcartel.com/product/benefit-shirts-totes-for-olympia-may-day-arrestees

If you are unable to donate, the most important form of solidarity is to continue the struggle against capitalism and the state in whatever way you can.

15 Jul - Judge Accepts Water Protectors' Climate Change Necessity Defense, March on Wells Fargo Follows

On Friday, July 13, the St. Louis County court accepted the use of a climate change necessity defense.

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via *Unicorn Riot*

The decision comes from a court case stemming from a January 12th, 2018, lockdown by 3 water protectors at a Wells Fargo Bank in Duluth. The defendants are arguing that they committed the lock downs intentionally to stop Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline construction, and said their "actions were necessary and reasonable to avoid the greater harm of climate change."

During their trial set for October 19th, 2018, the defense will be able to present expert witnesses to layout the connection of banks like Wells Fargo to oil companies like Enbridge, and explain how the banks funding of fossil fuel infrastructure increases risks from climate change. The argument was allowed after the judge agreed that climate change was a real risk, but wanted to further understand how banks like Wells Fargo funding companies like Enbridge increases the risk.

After the press conference, water protectors from the new Camp Healing Souls joined local activists, allies, and water protectors and marched again on the Wells Fargo bank where the lockdowns had occurred in January.

The march entered Wells Fargo and shut down the bank until local Duluth police arrived and threatened the water protectors with arrest for trespassing. The march left and went to a local Enbridge office, where they made clear their intentions to continue to resist construction of the company's recently approved Line 3 oil pipeline. Police once again appeared and told those gathered to disperse or face arrest.

After the march began to disperse, police grabbed one of the marchers wearing a 'Guy Fawkes' mask, often associated with the Anonymous movement, and threatened them with arrests for operating a sound system with no noise permit. The police let the person go once they unmasked. Unicorn Riot will continue to follow Line 3 pipeline events, as activists and water protectors have promised continued and increasing resistance to oil pipeline's construction.

Videos of the latest action are at unicornriot.ninja/2018/judge-accepts-water-protectors-climate-change-necessity-defense

16 Jul - Angela Davis Speech Encourages International Solidarity

Professor Angela Y. Davis calls for international unity amongst social activists at home and abroad.

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by Yakira Levi (Chicago Defender)

Recently, the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression hosted a welcome home Rally at Trinity United Church of Christ, with keynote speaker Professor Angela Y. Davis. The Rally celebrated the recent prison release of 50 people wrongfully convicted of crimes, and the triumphs of the civil rights movement so far. The large crowd eagerly anticipated Davis's speech, which provided motivation for the campaign to pardon all victims of police torture, encouragement to continue the struggle to free all political prisoners, and the call for international solidarity among social activists.

"The struggles that we have engaged in against institutionalized police violence are very much related to what is happening in Europe, and Australia, and Latin America, and Africa, and Asia, and the Middle East," said Davis. "We have to learn how to value those who have expressed solidarity for our struggles in the U.S. —We need to not think of ourselves as so ensconced in domestic struggles that we fail to recognize how important international solidarity is."

Education Director of the Chicago Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, Frank Chapman fully endorses the idea. "Angela knows from experience that international solidarity is important," said Chapman. "Before her acquittal, we had over 200 Free Angela Davis committees in the United States and committees in 67 different countries. We have been involved [with freedom and activism] for over 45 years. We maintain the stance of international solidarity to this day."

Forty-six years ago, Angela Davis served 18 months in jail for charges associated with assisting in the attempted prison escape of George L. Jackson and the Soledad Brothers. In 1973, The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression was founded by members of the United Committee to Free Angela Davis. She was acquitted of those charges on June 4, 1972. After Davis was released, she continued the

fight to help others gain freedom. Professor Davis and the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression also fights against racist violence, mass incarceration, and family separation by immigration policies.

“I don’t know how the movement for Black Lives would have unfolded had it not been for the fact that Palestinian activists immediately offered solidarity and were at the forefront of an international solidarity movement that further emboldened people in this country to stand up and fight police violence,” Davis said.

Black Lives Matter Activist Aislinn Pulley said one of the most remarkable accounts of international solidarity on U.S. soil includes the fact that “Palestinian organizers were some of the first responders to tell the protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, how to respond to tear gas. Providing instructions on using milk – not water, to offset the burning caused by the tear gas fired at protesters.”

Pulley said, “Another connection was the fact that the tear gas canisters used in Ferguson [on people demonstrating against the fatal police shooting of Michael Brown] and in Baltimore [on people protesting the death of Freddie Gray] were the exact same canisters [brand of tear gas] used on the Palestinians in Gaza [trying to observe Nakba Day]. We must support each other against military repression, domestically and around the world.”

International solidarity is the call to action. “I wanted to say a few words about the importance of linking up with struggles around the world,” said Davis. “Anti-Muslim racism, Islamophobia has to be understood as intersecting with and reinvigorating anti-Black, anti-Asian, anti-Latinos racism.”

She also stated that “people in struggle all around the world can look to the Palestinians for that steadfastness and that persistence and that belief that freedom is still on the horizon.”

“Mondo we Langa died [in prison],” said Davis. “Ed Poindexter is still in prison [Mondo, formally David Rice and Ed Poindexter of the Rice/Poindexter case, (1970 bombing that killed local police officer Larry Minard). Both members of the Black Panther Party. Leonard Peltier – one of the longest held political prisoners, is still behind bars and we really need to bring Leonard home [Native American activist and member of the American Indian Movement. Convicted for the deaths of two FBI agents who died in a shootout at the Pine Ridge Indian reservation.]” She paused dramatically before acknowledging Mumia Abu-Jamal [Former Black Panther Party member and MOVE organization. Sentenced in the 1981 case of police officer Daniel Faulkner’s death].

Davis spoke about some of the recent cases worked on in Chicago. “We worked to prevent the deportation of Rasmea Odeh [Palestinian activist deported to Jordan for failing to disclose an Israeli military court conviction charging involvement in two bombings in Jerusalem in 1969 that killed two people and claimed she was a member of a U.S. listed terrorist organization.], and we were not entirely successful in that battle but Rasmea continues to fight back,” said Davis. “We who believe in freedom can not rest until it comes.”

17 Jul - Dion Ortiz Reaches Non-Cooperating Plea Agreement

Dion Ortiz appeared in federal court in Bismarck on July 17 for a change of plea hearing as per the terms of a non-cooperating agreement with prosecutors.

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Dion had been charged with Civil Disorder and Use of Fire to Commit a Federal Felony Offense, arising from events of October 27, 2016. Under this plea agreement, the second charge – which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and the possibility of up to 15 years in prison – will be dropped entirely, and Ortiz will take responsibility for committing civil disorder.

Presiding Judge Daniel L. Hovland accepted the plea agreement by prosecutors and the defense. At the time of sentencing, the prosecutors have agreed to recommend up to three years, while the defense is free to argue for any sentence they wish. The judge has the authority to go as high as five years. This is a non-cooperating agreement relating only to Dion's own actions and does not require any testimony or information about anyone else.

Dion and his legal team were facing monumental challenges including the prospect of trial with a hostile jury pool and the risk of a draconian 10-year prison sentence because of minimum sentencing.

In December of 2016, WPLC brought in an expert to poll the potential jurors to determine the extent of local bias against Water Protectors. The findings were clear: 77% of potential jurors in Morton County and 85% in Burleigh County had already decided that defendants were guilty and many potential jurors have close connections to law enforcement or the oil industry.

Dion is a member of the San Felipe Pueblo in New Mexico; he went to Standing Rock in September 2016 to participate in the prayer camp.

Dion's parents and siblings traveled to Bismarck to be in attendance at today's hearing, which was also attended by LaDonna Brave Bull Allard of the Standing Rock reservation and congregants from the local Unitarian Universalist church who came as "moral witnesses."

At the conclusion of the hearing three U.S. marshals took Dion from the courtroom in Bismarck to the Burleigh-Morton Detention Center to await sentencing. The family gathered with supporters to express their love and support for Dion.

"My son is always helping out people in need; he just puts the sunshine on a cloudy day," said his mother. "He will always be there to help out with anything that is asked of him, he has a big heart and puts others first," his dad added. Dion's sister said that Dion was known in the family "for always making jokes and bringing a smile to their faces," and his little brother described Dion as "a caring person who wants to make everybody happy and warm their hearts."

Information on how to support him during this difficult time is available on his Facebook support page: Justice4Dion.

He is represented by attorneys Robin V. Waters and Thomas Anthony Durkin of the Durkin & Roberts law firm in Chicago, and its pro bono arm, The Rerum Novarum Human and Civil Rights Center of Chicago, who will return to Bismarck for his sentencing hearing, currently scheduled for October 22.

"We think this was a fair resolution under the circumstances, especially in light of the 10-year minimum sentence that would have been imposed if Dion had been convicted of the second charge," Durkin said. "We look forward to being able to present an enormous amount of mitigation at the time of his sentencing hearing."

This agreement comes shortly after the sentencing of another Water Protector with federal charges: Red Fawn Fallis was sentenced to 57 months, to be followed by three years of federal supervision. Rattler (Michael Markus) will be sentenced on September 27. Water Protector Legal Collective is also currently handling 22 state cases that are still open and proceeding to trial, and another six cases being appealed.

19 Jul - Why I believe that Edward Poindexter is innocent of murder

Ed Poindexter is in his 48th year of imprisonment for a murder he says he did not commit. Author Michael Richardson believes him. [so does NYC ABC]

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by Michael Richardson (*Op Ed News*)

When I began researching the August 17, 1970 bombing murder of Omaha policeman Larry Minard for a book, that would take me ten years to write, I did not know Edward Poindexter and was unsure of his guilt or innocence despite attending his 1971 trial. Poindexter and Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa (then David Rice) were put on trial for their lives for the death of Minard, implicated by the confessed bomber, fifteen year-old Duane Peak. In exchange for his testimony Peak, who admitted laughing about Minard's death, never spent a day in prison.

After a decade I finally finished the book, *FRAMED: J. Edgar Hoover, COINTELPRO & the Omaha Two* story, and can pursue efforts to help gain freedom for Poindexter, who I now believe innocent of the crime. Poindexter was head of Omaha's Black Panther affiliate group the National Committee to Combat Fascism and was a target of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's clandestine, and illegal, counterintelligence program code-named COINTELPRO.

My purpose in writing the book was to make a record of what happened. The story, until now, has never been told in full, in the context of its time and place. Much of the story only came out years after the murder. In writing the book I followed the advice of Mondo to follow the truth. What I came to learn is that both men were innocent and prosecuted for murder because of their political beliefs.

The Minard murder trial was not a search for truth, the outcome was fixed. The trial was marred by contradictory police testimony about discovery of dynamite; withheld exculpatory evidence, the 911 recording of a killer's voice; and planted evidence, dynamite where it doesn't belong.

I didn't meet Ed Poindexter until my second or third trip to the prison to interview Mondo. I had known Mondo before his arrest but never knew Poindexter. I remember our first meeting in a tiny visitor room. The close quarters put me up close to him. I hadn't yet learned enough from my research into the role of the FBI and the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms Division to know about Poindexter's innocence. I remember my apprehension and unease as I contemplated the horrific crime for which he was accused. As I looked into his eyes and closely studied his demeanor I began to slowly learn of Ed's dignity. Over time, as I uncovered more pieces of the story, my understanding of what had happened to Ed & Mondo deepened. The more I learned, the more I became convinced their claims of innocence were valid.

I can't rewrite my book in this article but it can be read free, in installments, at NorthOmahaHistory.com. The critical elements are the only two pieces of evidence that pointed to Poindexter's guilt. There is nothing else in the controversial two-week trial that implicated Poindexter.

Duane Peak, the teenager who made a deal with prosecutors to trade his freedom for that of Mondo and Poindexter, gave a half-dozen different versions of the crime and denied any involvement of pair at the preliminary hearing. After a court recess, when Peak was threatened with the electric chair, he changed his tune and claimed the two Panther leaders put him up to the bombing. That night, in his cell at the Dodge County Jail, Peak wrote in a letter that he "betrayed those two bloods."

The dynamite evidence used against Poindexter were some dynamite particles in his jacket pocket. Poindexter tested clean when examined for traces of explosives. The jacket, which was seized at the time of arrest, was transported to the ATF Laboratory by agent Thomas Sledge whose brother James Sledge was an Omaha policeman injured in the fatal bombing. Sledge also transported two glass vials of dynamite particles for analysis at the laboratory. Sledge had both motive and opportunity to salt the jacket with particles.

Dynamite particles were also found in Mondo's pants pocket. However, a Omaha World-Herald photo of Mondo on his way to jail with his hands jammed into his pockets proves the particles were added after the pants were taken from Mondo as his hands tested clean moments after the 1970 newspaper photo. The significance of the the photo was not noticed for over two decades later and still did not lead to a new trial.

That's it. The word of a perjuring, self-confessed bomber and dynamite particles that mysteriously appeared in a jacket pocket. There is no other evidence linking Ed Poindexter to murder.

The Omaha Two, Mondo and Poindexter, were caught in a triangular cross fire from command officers of the Omaha Police Department, the clandestine COINTELPRO operation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and compromised evidence handling by at least one agent of the Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms Division.

Not one, not two, but there were three law enforcement conspiracies against the Omaha Two. The implausibility of three police agencies competing with misdeeds to convict has carried the day for forty-seven years since the trial. However, after studying the record, much of it revealed by the Freedom of Information Act, I understand that is indeed just what happened in Omaha.

Ed Poindexter has always said he is innocent and had nothing to do with the murder. I believe him.

20 Jul - Nicole Kissane Released From Prison!

It is with great joy that we announce that Nicole was released from FCI Dublin on July 20th!

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She is now home with her family and friends celebrating. Thanks to each and every one of you who offered her support and solidarity while she was serving her sentence.

24 Jul - Robert Seth Hayes Released on Parole

We are elated to report that respected elder Robert Seth Hayes was granted parole and released July 24, 2018, having met all criteria for release according to his sentence.

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The parole commissioners recognized his progress after serving 45 years in prison and granted his parole application at his eleventh parole hearing.

He is looking forward to being reunited with his family and friends. We welcome him home!

NYC Jericho recently spoke with Seth, and he is grateful to all of his friends and supporters. Once he gets settled in, he plans to write a statement of his own.

24 Jul - How to spot the hidden costs in a “no-cost” tablet contract

There's no such thing as a free lunch—or a free tablet.

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by Wanda Bertram and Peter Wagner (*Prison Policy*)

If someone offered you a free computer, you'd rightly be suspicious that there were strings attached. So when private companies offer "free" tablets to incarcerated people, politicians are understandably skeptical, looking for hidden costs to the state.

But in their quest for an answer, politicians will often fail, as we saw in New York State earlier this year. Private company JPay signed a contract with the New York Department of Corrections to give free tablets to 52,000 incarcerated people. Facing questions from legislators, the department insisted – truthfully – that taxpayers wouldn't pay a dime.

Legislators dropped the issue without asking the bigger question: What would motivate a company to give away 52,000 tablet computers for free?

We filed a public records request, and got a more complete answer: The 52,000 "free" tablets are part of a package deal (or "bundled contract") of several JPay services that gouge incarcerated people and their families.

The contract contains virtually every exploitative trick we've documented in the past several years:

- Taking over the state prisons' banking system, so they can add fees for services like depositing money. Transferring just \$10 to a loved one's account in a New York state prison will soon cost between \$3.15 and \$4.15.
- Selling \$0.35 "stamps" for a product they have the nerve to call email. (We all have a love/hate relationship with our inboxes, but calling prison messaging email is not fair to email.)
- Providing refunds to incarcerated people when they are released, not in a check, but via a pre-paid debit card rife with fees – such as monthly "service" fees, fees for checking your account balance, or automatic fines for inactivity. (You can request a paper check instead – for \$10.)
- Offering video chats at \$9 for every 30 minutes.
- Charging above-market prices for media, such as music and e-books.

These provisions explain how JPay expects to make almost \$9 million in five years from a contract that is free to the state: by selling profitable, fee-laden services against "complementary" products like tablets.

Companies like JPay are offering "free" tablet programs to a growing number of states, and legislators should approach these offers with caution. You don't need an advanced degree to find the hidden costs in New York's "no-cost" contract. The trick is looking not only at taxpayer costs, but also at the exploitation of incarcerated people and their families. New York state legislators never bothered to solve this mystery, but it's ironic how close some of them got. Take Republican Assemblyman Steve Hawley, who demanded: "If it's this easy to encourage vendors to provide free tablets to inmates, why aren't they being provided to our students?" The answer, as columnist Erica Bryant points out, is that students would never purchase a fake "stamp" to send an email to their parents.

28 Jul - Leonard Peltier Freedom Ride to Florida

Ken Four Cloud, Crow Creek Sioux, from Fort Thompson, South Dakota and a rider with the Mankato 38 +2 will be riding on horseback to highlight Leonard Peltier's continued struggle for freedom.

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This ride will kick off on July 28th in Mankato, Minnesota arriving in Coleman, Florida mid-September. Ken wrote Leonard's support committee, asking for Leonard's blessing and Leonard responded "I am honored and in full support of the ride. The ride is a way to honor our ancestors and for me to honor my relation White Dog who was one of the Mankato 38, I want the Committee to help them by raffling off one of my paintings, it is going to be a long ride for almost three months, and I want my brother and sisters to get here safely." If you go to their facebook page <facebook.com/groups/2168963039841348/about> you will be able to see the route they will be taking and if you can help along the way, Leonard would be most thankful.

2 Aug - Breaking Bars: Fighting Incarceration from the US to Palestine

WHAT: Discussion

WHEN: 7:00-9:00pm Thursday, August 2

WHERE: Barnard College, Diana Center Room 504, 3009 Broadway, NYC

COST: FREE!

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An event hosted by Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), Jewish Voice for Peace, and Addameer Prisoner Support and Human Rights Organization. Join us to explore systems of domination and parallels of structural violence between the US and Palestine. Featured speakers include Lana Ramadan, David Joseph Deutch, and Laura Whitehorn.