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Updates for December 4th

20 Nov - Statement of Love & Respect from your brother, Leonard Peltier

It has been hectic at the National Office of Leonard Peltier's support committee, and they want to bring you up to date on their needs for financial help.

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We need help on paying Leonard's legal fees for his transfer and his First Amendment case in Washington State. We are estimating that we will need to raise \$5,000 by the end of 2018. For supporters that need a tax deduction we are a 501c3 organization and will happily send you a tax statement for 2018 tax year.

Leonard requested a transfer from USP Coleman, Florida to FCI Oxford, Wisconsin. This transfer would place Leonard at the closest federal facility to his family. It would be a 7-8 hour drive rather than the 24 hour drive to see Leonard in Coleman. He has been given a clean bill of health by the doctor who performed his heart surgery last September, and he has completed his management program at Coleman which makes him eligible for this transfer. However, the prison authorities say that he has a medical hold and cannot be transferred at this time. Leonard is going to appeal this through the prison legal system. If they deny his request for a transfer we will file in federal court for the transfer. We hope to have more information on this situation and will be requesting your support for letters in the near future!

Leonard's 1st Amendment case with Attorney Lawrence Hildes, of Bellingham, Washington {PELTIER V. SACKS, 17-5209 RBL, USDC FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON} is proceeding. A small summary from attorney Hildes follows: "After reviewing the evidence and the arguments, a conservative Federal Judge in Tacoma denied the State's dismissal Motion holding that, unless the art is owned by the government, the right to control its message belongs to the artist, that it is unconstitutional to censor artwork or other expression because the artist/speaker is controversial—in fact, that is where the First Amendment protection is greatest, and that the exhibition was advertised to the public, as was Leonard's participation, and the public was encouraged to attend the exhibition and its various speaking and cultural events, and, that therefore, it was a public forum with full protection for Leonard." We are awaiting a trial date early next year, and attorney Hildes plans to have Leonard brought to Tacoma for the trial. See you all there!

On another positive note, Leonard's American Indian Movement (AIM) brother, Edgar Bear Runner from Pine Ridge will be coming to visit him the first weekend of December and be back in Pine Ridge for the swearing in and inauguration of his grandson Julian Bear Runner, as Tribal Chairman of the Oglala Lakota Sioux Nation.

In closing is Leonard's statement to all his friends, family, and supporters on the National Day of Mourning, November 22, 2018.

LEONARD'S STATEMENT

Well here it is, sorry to say, another year, and I'm still writing to you from a prison cell. I am still in pain from my illnesses with no knowledge of whether I will ever get treatments for them. BUT I'm alive and still breathing hoping, wishing, praying for not just my pains, but for all Native Nations and the People of the World who care and have positive feelings about what is happening to Mother Earth and against the evils committed by Wasi'chu in their greed for HER natural resources .

It doesn't seem as if any changes for the good or safety of Mother Earth will happen soon. But the good hearted People are fighting back, and some good People are winning in the struggles to beat back some of this evil and to make THE Changes, the safety networks, we need for our grandchildren and great grandchildren so that they will be able to live happy successful lives, at least decent lives, that most of the poor underprivileged in my generation never got to experience or enjoy in our short lives.

So, I sit back and look at the world, and I wonder if I will ever get to see the outside world again, free from this prison cell? At 74 it is not looking too good for that to happen. BUT I keep my hopes alive and pray as hard as I can that it will happen. If not, when they bury me I want to be laid to rest face down and with a note pinned to my ass with the words in large bold letters, 'KISS MY ASS!!'... just in case someone wants to study my bones years from now :)!!

On a more pleasant issue one of my granddaughters Ashley is in college at University of Arizona, Flagstaff, and she wants to be a Medicine Woman! How awesome is that? My Baby, a doctor! Wow! How proud am I! You would not believe just how much I am! I could use a little help now and then for her; don't send it to me, but send it to ILPDC earmarked for her use ONLY !!. She is going on a long hard journey, so she will need help now and then. One day, if she continues her studies to be a Medicine Woman, I know things can change as time goes by, but if she makes it, she will be an enormous help to Native Nations' hospitals.

My friend Harvey Arden passed yesterday on Saturday, November 17, 2018 5:20 P:M. He was a very good and kind man who loved Native People and the poor and sick. We are all going to miss him. I hope he has a good safe journey to the Spirit World, and I hope our Relatives will all be there to greet him with open arms; that would be very pleasing to him. See you soon, my Kola.

Politically we are finally making gains in Congress; two great Native ladies made it in the House of Representatives! They are Shanice Davids, Ho Chunk of Wisconsin, for Kansas and Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, for New Mexico. On Pine Ridge MY nephew Julian Bear Runner made it as President of the great Lakota Nation! I'm hearing more states are doing away with Columbus Day! Hell, we may just win the War for Survival yet.:)

My last thoughts on this day, that we Native People call a Day of Mourning, are for my Sisters' and Brothers' family by blood and by AIM that are now in the Spirit World, and to them I say Lila Pilamaya, thank you for your love and work for The People.

My thoughts are also with the youth such as the Water Protectors and all people young and old who are working to protect Mother Earth. I hope someday in the near future to be with you and part of this march and join you in the feast prepared by Native People and wonderful supporters who have joined together today to honor our Ancestors.

22 Nov - Casey Brezik's Parole Board Hearing

Casey had a parole hearing on November 21. It seems to have gone well.

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There were lots of hard questions and remarks about the reasons he is locked up from the two man parole board. They weren't physically there; instead they were being televised to us from an office in Jefferson City. Off camera, there was a victim in the room. It's unclear whom or if they were there to recommend he not be released. It's possible that the victim was there in a somewhat sympathetic capacity—Casey has mentioned in the past that he heard one of the victims had openly considered his mental health and drug abuse issues as a reason for his actions. Ultimately, Casey seemed to satisfy the boards remarks and

questions as much as he could. The two men said a number of times that they were impressed by Casey's answers and reflections.

Unfortunately Casey is currently in Ad-Seg for an alleged assault (he was being bullied and had to stand up for himself) that happened just last week. This was brought up in the hearing. But it seemed like the parole board was somewhat sympathetic, agreeing and saying that sometimes you have to stand up for yourself in prison, it's a hard place, etc. We should know in the next two to three months whether he has been approved for parole.

Fingers crossed!

23 Nov - Update from Walter Bond

Below is part of a letter received from Walter Bond on 11/21/18.

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"Well it's Saturday the 10th of November and the entire CMU is on lockdown. One person was stabbed and another murdered. I don't know how he was killed but I saw his corpse as the coroner brought him down the stairs in front of the cells. They got the guy who did it but I have no idea how long we will be on lockdown or what they, the administration, is going to do.

This has never happened before here but it doesn't surprise me. The two main groups in the CMU are Christian right wing extremists and Muslim extremists.

It seems like a recipe for disaster. Anyways, please let everyone know the situation and that I can't currently read or respond to my [CORRLINKS] emails. However, letters still work.

Oh yeah, the mail regulations have changed a little bit. We can no longer receive letters in manila envelopes, no postcards or card stock and no address tags."

26 Nov - Prisoners File Unique Environmental Lawsuit Against New Federal Facility on Strip Mine Site in Kentucky

Lawyers with the Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons and the Abolitionist Law Center (ALC) have filed an unprecedented environmental lawsuit against the Bureau of Prisons (BOP) this week on behalf of federal prisoners from across the country.

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via Earth First! Newswire

Plaintiffs in the case say they were not properly informed about the \$444 million dollar plans to construct a new federal prison on top of a former coal mine, next to an active mine and coal sludge pond, which could house them in the near future. Twenty-one prisoners are listed as plaintiffs, along with the ALC.

The lawsuit comes after more than three years of a controversial Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process conducted by the BOP and the consulting firm, Cardno.

The lawsuit states that federal prisoners should have been considered as parties with legally-required access to EIS documents, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EIS process outlines a wide range of social and environmental impacts, including potential health risks and alternatives to construction, which prisoners are uniquely situated to provide insight on and particularly vulnerable to the results stemming from the final EIS approval which occurred earlier this year.

The prisoners are asking the courts to halt progress on the plan until they have received access to documents for review and comment.

One prisoner listed on the lawsuit, Manuel Gauna, stated: “I believe that construction of this particular prison is neglecting the people in Letcher and the people in the prison system. We as prisoners should have had the opportunity to participate in this public comment period for this project. Correctional officers are overworked at my facility [FCI Mendota]. I wish that the BOP would spend the money that it wants to use to build a new prison to properly staff this prison.”

Another prisoner named in the suit, Mark Jordan, currently at USP Tucson, explained, “Just last week President Trump publicly announced his support for the FIRST STEP Act, a reform bill aimed at reducing the federal prison population. The Letcher County project flies directly in the face of this reform narrative.”

Jordan continues, “Despite serious environmental and health hazards, the Justice Department solicited public comment from everyone except those most directly impacted by the project, the prisoners themselves. Health and safety issues aside, this is but a needless pork barrel project ushered through by Kentucky Representative Hal Rogers at a time when public opinion and policy-makers are trying to reduce the population of the federal prison system, not build more prisons merely for the sake of building more prisons.”

Prisoners aren’t the only ones concerned about the facility. Letcher County resident Elvenia Blair, who lives close the proposed prison, has been contesting the prison for several years.

She states, “Eastern Kentucky has the highest cancer rate in the nation. Forcing prisoners, correctional officers and their families to live, work and visit this environment is discrimination.”

Blair is also a board member of Friends of the Lilley Cornett Woods and North Fork Watershed, one of multiple local organizations which have expressed concerns about the impact of prison construction.

She continues, “With coal mining on its way out, the natural history of our mountains and wildlife is what we have left to attract people to the area. That will be disturbed with barbed wire, shooting ranges, heavy traffic flow of transporting prisoners. We won’t see economic growth from this.”

Emily Posner, Attorney for the Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons, also notes, “Federal legislation indicates a downward trend in prison population. My clients are in agreement with local residents who feel that there are much better ways to generate federal support in Appalachian communities than wasting hundreds of millions on an unnecessary prison.”

26 Nov - Update on Jeremy Hammond

After a couple of weeks of anxious waiting and worrying, we now have and can share details about Jeremy’s current situation.

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Jeremy is currently in solitary confinement and is at risk of being transferred to a higher security prison because of an incident that occurred sometime last week.

The incident occurred either Monday, November 19th, or Tuesday, November 20th. Jeremy was exiting his unit and either pushed or bumped a door. The door he was exiting through did not have a window or any

way to see through to the other side. There was an officer on the other side of the door, and, when the door opened, it allegedly bumped the officer. In response to being bumped with the door, the officer grabbed Jeremy, threw him up against the wall, and took him to the SHU (segregated housing unit), without placing Jeremy in handcuffs or calling for backup, as is prison protocol. Once in SHU, he was written up for “assaulting a staff member” for the original act of bumping the officer with the door. Thankfully, Jeremy was not injured when he was thrown against the wall, but he has been in solitary for the past week while he awaits his disciplinary hearing. The hearing should be sometime this week.

This situation is extremely serious for several reasons. The first is that when he was brought to SHU, Jeremy was placed in true solitary confinement. Most times, when Jeremy is placed in SHU, his placement is two prisoners to a cell. While time in SHU is never pleasant, true solitary confinement has been denounced by the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture Juan E. Méndez as “cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment” that may cause “severe mental pain or suffering”. A Human Rights Watch report has described it as “emotionally, physically, and psychologically destructive.” The UN Special Rapporteur on torture also strongly recommended a complete prohibition on solitary confinement in excess of 15 days. As far as we know, Jeremy has been in solitary for seven days.

The second reason the situation is so serious is that if this infraction is upheld during his disciplinary hearing, Jeremy possibly faces a transfer to a higher security prison. Assaulting a staff member is a very severe charge, and would place Jeremy at a higher “offender level”. This is extremely worrying, as it means he would be transferred to a medium security prison, where he would enjoy less freedoms and, even more disheartening, would be unable to finish his college classes or earn the degree he has worked so hard to complete. A transfer with a record of “assaulting a staff member” at his previous prison would also make Jeremy a target for prison staff at any new prison he was sent to. Jeremy is also very close to family at his current prison and is able to enjoy frequent visits from friends. Being taken away from that would be a devastating blow to both Jeremy and the people close to him.

However, there is hope. If the disciplinary infraction is upheld during his hearing, Jeremy can request to stay at FCI Milan under something called “management variable”. This would mean he has the “points” that would normally place him in a medium security prison, but he would nevertheless be housed at a low security prison. This would, ironically enough, be made possible because of the college classes he has worked so hard on and is now in danger of being transferred away from. We will not know if this is an available option until we know the results of his disciplinary hearing.

These are all the details that we know as of the time of this posting. Calls are being made to Jeremy’s case manager and possibly to the warden to see what, if anything, can be done to help the situation. Please, at this time, we are asking that members of the general public do not call the prison. The situation is extremely delicate.

November 30th - Jeremy In Solitary Confinement and Facing Possible Transfer: An Update

It is with a heavy heart that I write this update to Jeremy’s situation.

I wish I could write that the disciplinary hearing went well, that the prison dismissed the charges that Jeremy was facing, that he out of solitary and safely and happily attending classes again, but I cannot. The outcome that we feared the most happened: the charges against Jeremy were upheld, and he is still in solitary.

Jeremy’s disciplinary hearing was Wednesday. It was held over the phone, and he was not allowed to attend in person. The corrections officers that was hit with the door claimed that when Jeremy hit him with the door, Jeremy both “stood his ground” and pushed his shoulder into him when the guard asked if he

“wanted to go”. The disciplinary charges against Jeremy were upheld and a transfer to a medium security facility was recommended. For now, Jeremy remains in solitary and will remain there until this case reaches its conclusion. This is devastating to all involved, but especially to Jeremy, as he was especially enjoying taking college classes at FCI Milan and was so close to graduating. He expressed that, among other things, one of the most distressing aspects of being in SHU was that he was missing his classes, and was not able to turn in assignments or take finals. Jeremy was to be in the inaugural graduating class for FCI Milan’s prison education program, and leaving prison with a college degree would have been a huge asset.

While this is the worst possible outcome, and the one that we feared the most, the fight is not over. Jeremy could still possibly avoid a transfer due to something called “management variable”. This means that he would have the “points” that would normally cause him to be housed at a medium security facility, but he would be able to stay a low security facility. This would ironically be made possible due to the college classes that Jeremy has been taking, that he is now missing due to his time in SHU. Letters to the warden have already gone out, and it is now a matter of more waiting and hoping that he decides to intervene and allow Jeremy to stay at FCI Milan. We ask that members of the general public not write their own letters to the warden at this time.

I want to say a special thank you to the person who made a trip to the prison and was the one who relayed all of this information to me. While I will not name them for privacy reasons, without them, we would all still be waiting and wondering and would not be able to take action as quickly. Jeremy’s support network is vast, and the love and solidarity of his supporters extends around the world. It has carried him through his sentence and continues to be a beacon of hope in dark times. From the bottom of my heart, I thank every one of you who has written, visited, sent books, or even just tweeted in support of Jeremy.

26 Nov - 2018 Summary from Family and Friends of Mutulu Shakur

2018 was a big year for Dr. Mutulu Shakur and there's more in store for 2019!

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After a long time coming, Mutulu, represented by the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law, the Post-Conviction Justice Project (USC Gould School of Law), the National Conference of Black Lawyers, and the National Bar Association, filed a federal court case challenging the government's interpretation and application of U.S. law by the U.S. Parole Commission that has unjustly held him past his max release date. Family and Friends of Mutulu Shakur (FFMS) will update via Facebook and Twitter as it works its way through the courts.

In April, Mutulu was honored at an event in Puerto Rico organized by the SAPP (Salud y para el Pueblo) Project. This project provides essential healthcare to underserved populations in Puerto Rico, especially critical in the wake of Hurricane Maria. Colleagues of Dr. Shakur-- Drs. Mario Wexu of Montreal, Walter Bosque and Urayoana Trinidad of NYC-- represented him and their work at this inspirational event. FFMS is assisting with a party to benefit SAPP to be held in January in NYC, so stay tuned on social media for more information as details are finalized.

In the fall, an Atlantic magazine article and Jenna Bliss' 'The People's Detox' film-- both documenting the important history of acupuncture detox especially poignant now that society is recognizing the opioid crisis-- were released with contributions from Mutulu. Stay tuned for 2019 when a feature-length documentary on groundbreaking work that healers, including Dr. Shakur, accomplished in detox treatment and addiction recovery is due to premier! We also want to give a shout-out to artist Sophia Dawson who has been making waves with her #tobefreeproject featuring paintings of Mutulu. FFMS is grateful for and

inspired by the artists shedding light and bringing depth to community-based healthcare and political prisoners.

We sincerely thank everyone who has already donated and who helped make all of the accomplishments of 2018 possible and sustained Dr. Shakur's spirit and strength all this year! As we move into 2019, funds are needed for ongoing legal efforts as well as basic necessities to supplement what a prison wage is able to provide for.

To make a tax-deductible donation to Family and Friends of Mutulu Shakur send a check or money order made out to Community Aid and Development Corp. to Post Office Box 361270, Decatur, Georgia 30036-1270 with 'FFMS' as the memo.

If you do not need a tax deduction for your donation, but would like to become a monthly sustainer recurring donations can be set up through the FFMS PayPal. Even \$1-5 per month would help immensely as we move into a new chapter of juggling and struggling.

Again, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being here with us along this journey!

28 Nov - Mujahid Farid, 69, Ex-Prisoner Who Advocated for Older Inmates, Dies

Mujahid Farid, a former prisoner who became a prominent advocate for the timely release of elderly inmates, died on Nov. 20 at his home in the Bronx. He was 69.

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by Katharine Q. Seelye (*New York Times*)

The cause was pancreatic cancer, his brother Randolph Howard said.

Mr. Farid was a founder and a lead organizer of the organization Release Aging People in Prison, known as RAPP. His interest grew directly from his own experience.

He was incarcerated after being convicted of manslaughter and the attempted murder of a New York City police officer in January 1978. He was given concurrent prison sentences of 11 to 22 years for the manslaughter conviction and 15 years to life for attempted murder.

At the end of the 15-year minimum, the state parole board denied him parole nine times. Court documents show that each time his case came up, the board dwelled almost exclusively on his crimes and his conviction as a violent offender, ignoring his model behavior in prison and his advancing age.

On his 10th attempt, in 2011, Mr. Farid was released after 33 years. He was 62.

Upon his release he dedicated himself to trying to change New York State's parole system. In 2013, he received a fellowship from the Open Society Foundations, created by the philanthropist George Soros, to help found RAPP, one of the first organizations to advocate for the release of aging people in prison. The group's prominence and success inspired similar campaigns in other states.

The graying of the prison population is a national phenomenon, with people over 50 becoming the fastest-growing segment. In the next decade, they are expected to make up one-third of inmates nationwide.

Experts consider inmates old starting at 50 because they have higher rates of chronic illnesses as well as stress and poor diets, causing them to age more quickly than people on the outside.

Instead of calling older inmates “lifers,” Mr. Farid helped reframe the public debate — and get more community support — by calling them elderly.

His efforts helped push the New York State Board of Parole, which had been slow to comply with a change in state law, to consider the reduced risk to society posed by older inmates, who have lower recidivism rates than younger inmates.

His organization’s rallying cry became “If the risk is low, let them go.”

Mr. Farid and Laura Whitehorn, a colleague at RAPP, came up with that slogan one night while riding the subway, Ms. Whitehorn said in a telephone interview.

“Farid said, ‘We need a slogan, like Johnnie Cochran had,’ ” she recalled, referring to O. J. Simpson’s lawyer, who memorably told jurors in Mr. Simpson’s murder trial, referring to a glove, “If it doesn’t fit, you must acquit.”

Mr. Farid also advocated for more minority representation on the parole board. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo ordered that it become more diverse after a New York Times investigation in 2016 documented severe failings of the parole system, including racism and understaffing.

Before these changes, about 25 percent of inmates eligible for parole were released; afterward, the rate nearly doubled.

Mr. Farid, who adopted his name in prison when he became a Muslim, was born William Howard Jr. on Sept. 3, 1949, in Richmond, Va. His mother, Revia (Lightner) Howard, was a nurse; his father was a truck driver.

In addition to his brother Randolph, Mr. Farid is survived by his mother and two sisters, Patricia A. Martin and Denise C. Howard. Another brother, Theodore, died almost a decade ago.

The family moved to Manhattan in the 1960s. Mr. Farid graduated from Theodore Roosevelt High School in the Bronx and became a printer.

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In 1977 he fatally shot a man outside a Manhattan bar. The police, after arriving at the scene, said that he had aimed his gun at them and tried to shoot, but that it had malfunctioned, according to court documents. His brother said in a telephone interview that to his dying day, Mr. Farid maintained that he had never aimed at a police officer.

While in prison, he earned four college degrees: an associate degree in business through the New York State Department of Corrections; a bachelor’s in arts and sciences from Syracuse University; a master’s in sociology from SUNY New Paltz; and a master’s in ministry from New York Theological Seminary.

He also counseled fellow inmates, learned sign language to help the hearing-impaired and helped start a program that educated inmates about H.I.V. and AIDS.

Once he was released, “he’d get to the office at 7 a.m., work all day and go to social justice events at night,” Ms. Whitehorn said.

“He fought with every cell of his being for the people he left behind.”

30 Nov - Phase 2 of the Clemency Campaign for the VI3 Starting Now

This is the urgent phase 2 of the clemency campaign for the Virgin Island 3.

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Email the Executive Assistant to the Governor with why you support clemency for Warren Ballentine, Beaumont Gereau, Meral Smith: carmen.potter@go.vi.gov

Call the three officials in charge of reviewing the commutation applications as much and as often as possible to express support for their clemency:

Governor Mapp's Office: 340.774.0001

Lt. Governor Potter's Office: 340.774.2991

Attorney General Claude Walker: 340.773.0295

Legal Counsel E. Henderson: 340.712.2212

Leave messages letting them know you support the commutation applications for Warren Ballentine, Beaumont Gereau and Meral Smith.

A few talking points if desired, but feel free to keep it short and sweet:

- After 46 years of incarceration, they are of seriously ailing health and are extremely unlikely to re-offend... Warren alone is on 6 different types of medication after a massive heart attack a year ago. Hanif is in need of expensive diagnostic testing on his liver. All of these health issues would be taken care of and paid for by supporters if released from prison.
- It is costing the state a TON of money to continue to house them and pay for medical care.

30 Nov - Court Update: Last Child Camp Case Dismissed

All Charges Dismissed for Water Protector Waste'Win Young, former Historic Preservation Officer for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

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via Water Protector Legal Collective

North Dakota District Judge David Reich today dismissed misdemeanor charges of Criminal Trespass and Engaging in a Riot against Waste'Win Young because the State did not follow the law that requires them to turn over discovery material to defendants. The dismissal came in an Order that responded to a Motion to Dismiss that'd been filed by Young's defense team on October 4, 2018. In it the judge specified the State's "failing to disclose the existence of depositions of its law enforcement officers." In a hearing on the Motion held on November 5, 2018, the prosecutor asked that the judge grant a continuance so that the materials could be provided, rather than dismiss the State's case outright.

Stating that he had "no inclination to spend more judicial time and resources on a case which: (1) is nearly two years old; (2) has been twice continued; (3) which has already consumed numerous hours of court time and which has required the defendant and her attorneys to make numerous appearances before the court; and (4) which involves misdemeanor charges against a defendant with no criminal record and who would at most in all likelihood receive a deferred sentence if convicted," Judge Reich dismissed the charges that had been hanging over Young's head since February 1, 2017.

“The judge wrote that the Prosecution’s discovery violations here ‘fail to pass the smell test for due process and fundamental fairness.’ To us, the whole case did,” said WPLC Cooperating Attorney, Andrea Carter.

“Ms. Young as well as many Standing Rock members have traversed and accessed that land for their entire lives. There are treaties and laws which recognize their right to do so. It is known as an area containing many sacred and burial sites as well as areas people prayed and collected medicine,” Carter added.

“The charges and conduct that was alleged of Ms. Young was baseless,” she said. “We believe the depositions that were withheld from the defense by the State would have exposed contradictions of opinion and testimony in law enforcement witnesses as well as the State’s close cooperation with private security and other facts that would be unfavorable to the State and exculpatory to the defendants charged that day.”

1 Dec - International Call For New Year’s Eve Noise Demonstrations

This is a call for a raucous night of strong solidarity with those imprisoned by the state on one of the noisiest nights of the year.

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On New Year’s Eve gather your crew, collective, community, organization, or just yourself and come together to raise a racket and remind those on the inside that they are not alone.

Internationally, noise demonstrations outside of prisons are a way to remember those who are held captive by the state and a way to show solidarity with imprisoned comrades and loved ones. We come together to break the loneliness and isolation.

We know that prison is beyond reform and must be completely abolished. It is a mechanism of repression used by the state to maintain a social order rooted in white supremacy, patriarchy, and heteronormativity. To come together outside of the sites of repression is to also stand in defiance of what they represent.

The logic of the state and capital—of punishment and imprisonment, must be replaced by a rejection of oppression and exploitation. This call is one step in that direction.

Wherever you are, meet on New Year’s Eve at the prisons, jails, and detention centers, be loud in solidarity with those imprisoned and to push forward the idea of a world free from domination.

We send this call in solidarity with those defying state repression of large scale dissent: from the Yogyakarta prisoners in Indonesia to those in Russia facing repression as anarchist anti-state organizers, to all of those in the spaces between.

We want a world without walls and borders.

We will fight together until everyone is free!

7 Dec - Metropolitan Anarchist Coordinating Committee General Assembly

WHAT: General Assembly

WHEN: 6:30pm, Friday, December 7th

WHERE: Verso Books—20 Jay Street, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

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The assembly will begin at 7:00 PM, orientation for newcomers begins 6:30 PM.

MACC assemblies are open to all anarchists, antifascists, anti-authoritarians and those interested in anarchist ideas and organizing so please invite your friends and share widely!

If you haven't attended before, these assemblies are an opportunity to get plugged in with MACC, its various committees and working groups, and other NYC based anarchist projects.

There is an orientation before the assembly starting at 6:30 PM for those interested in familiarizing themselves with MACC, the history, process and politics that undershirt general assemblies, and anarchist ideas.

As with all assemblies, we encourage everyone to come with ideas about what they would like to see for future campaigns or actions and what direction they'd like MACC to take in terms of building a more powerful, militant anarchist movement.

For more information contact us at info@macc.nyc.

7 Dec - A Conversation with Mariame Kaba & Vikki Law

WHAT: Books through Bars Fundraiser

WHEN: 7:00-9:00pm, Friday, December 7th

WHERE: Repair the World NYC, 808 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn 11216

COST: \$20

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NYC Books through Bars is very happy to announce their end of year event!

This wide-ranging panel discussion between Mariame Kaba and Vikki Law, prison abolition activists and authors, will focus on a number of topics important to understanding the role of mass incarceration locally and nationally.

Mariame Kaba is an organizer, educator and curator whose work focuses on ending violence, dismantling the prison industrial complex, transformative justice and supporting youth leadership development.

Vikki Law is a freelance writer, author, editor, mother, and co-founder of NYC Books Through Bars. Her work focuses on the experience of women in prison, including *Resistance Behind Bars: The Struggles of Incarcerated Women* and *Tenacious: Art & Writing from Women in Prison*.

8 Dec - The Gentleman Bank Robber

WHAT: Benefit Film Screening

WHEN: 8pm sharp, Saturday, December 8th

WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221 (directions below)

NOTE: Interference Archive is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible, and has a gender neutral toilet.

COST: FREE (This is a benefit, though, so bring your wallet)

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Join NYC ABC and Page One for a benefit screening of *The Gentleman Bank Robber*. This short documentary tells the story of Rita Bo Brown, a working-class butch from rural Oregon, an anti-

authoritarian, anti-capitalist, ex-prisoner and member of the militant, underground George Jackson Brigade, active in the 1970s in the Pacific Northwest.

In the summer of 2016, bo was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, a terminal neurodegenerative disease. There is an active call for donations to support bo's in-home medical care. We will pass the hat to collect cash donations if preferred. To donate directly, and to spread this campaign please visit the GoFundMe: gf.me/u/ndbkn6

9 Dec - Send Love Through the Walls 2018

WHAT: Send Love Through The Walls Holiday Card-Writing For Political Prisoners

WHEN: 3:00-8:00pm, Sunday, December 9th

WHERE: 263 Eastern Parkway, Apartment 5D (Direction Below) phone: 718.783.8141

COST: FREE (Donations to cover the cost of stamps greatly appreciated)

MORE:

In what many prisoners have told us is their favorite event of the year, Resistance in Brooklyn and NYC Anarchist Black Cross again join forces to bring you the annual holiday card-writing party for U.S. held political prisoners, prisoners of war, and prisoners of conscience. This event is always a lot of fun, the food outstanding, the camaraderie lively, and the handmade cards flat out amazing. This year will be no different. So plan to bring your friends, your creativity, and a healthy appetite. We'll have updates on the pp/pow campaigns as well as paints, markers, crayons, and envelopes.

Directions:

Getting to 263 Eastern Parkway is simple:

From the 2/3/4/5 or Franklin Avenue Shuttle:

Franklin Avenue Stop: Walk west on Eastern Parkway (away from Franklin Avenue, toward Classon Avenue). We're about half a block down on the north side of the street. When you go into the building, take the elevator to your left.

For more information, contact:

Resistance in Brooklyn– resistanceinbrooklyn07@gmail.com

NYC Anarchist Black Cross– nycabc@riseup.net

15-16 Dec - Social Justice Holiday Market

WHAT: Holiday Market

WHEN: 12:00pm Saturday, December 15th; 1:00pm Sunday, December 16th

WHERE: Mayday Space–176 Saint Nicholas Avenue, Brooklyn

COST: FREE

MORE:

Mayday's Social Justice Market is BACK & BIGGER than ever!

JOIN US for the WHOLE WEEKEND AT MAYDAY for a delightful indoor gathering of small vendors selling all things social justice-y... so you don't have to buy corporate crap for your loved ones, and can instead uplift local artists, makers, and community-led efforts.

→ hot cocoa, cider, and other treats

→ → beats by DJ Sabine Blaizin on Saturday, Dec 15th

→ → → beats by DJ Christopher Cali Torrez on Sunday, Dec 16th

accessories + art + body care + books + buttons + calendars + cards + clothes + comics + cosmetics + food + herbals + home decor + jewelry + kids stuff + photos + posters + stickers + textiles + vintage + zines y mucho más!

Most of our vendors are poc, immigrant, queer, femme, low-income and/or longtime local residents. many are donating proceeds to a range of causes and are part of broader grassroots movements and the solidarity economy. Full list of vendors at maydayspace.org

16 Dec - Anarchists Care About Books (ACAB): Worshiping Power

WHAT: Book discussion

WHEN: 4:00-6:00pm, Sunday, December 16th

WHERE: The Base – 1302 Myrtle Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11221 (directions below)

NOTE: The Base is on the ground floor, is wheelchair accessible, and has a gender neutral toilet.

COST: FREE

MORE:

Join us to discuss *Worshiping Power: An Anarchist View of Early State Formation*.