



Who is Mumia Abu-Jamal and why does the 1% want him to die in jail?

Only a worldwide movement stopped Mumia Abu-Jamal from being executed. He was taken off death row in 2011 but the Pennsylvania prison authorities have denied Mumia medical care and wanted him to die of hepatitis. Why was Mumia framed? Check out the facts:

- Mumia Abu-Jamal was driving a cab in Philadelphia on Dec. 9, 1981 when he saw a policeman beating his brother. Mumia was shot by this cop, Daniel Faulkner, as he ran to stop the beating.
- Mumia was tortured by cops. His head was rammed into a light pole. Mumia was then driven around for nearly an hour—in hopes he would bleed to death—before being dumped on the floor of an emergency room.
- Over 120 witnesses were present. The prosecution called only six. Two of these witnesses—Cynthia White and Veronica Jones—later said they were forced to lie because cops threatened to jail them. Three key witnesses either died or disappeared within days of the shootings.
- Mumia's licensed gun, carried for self-defense, wasn't even tested for the smell of gunpowder. A medical examiner said that Faulkner was killed by a .44 caliber bullet. Yet Mumia's gun was a .38 caliber. A bullet fragment that could prove Mumia's innocence "disappeared" from police files.
- Photos taken by Pedro P. Polakoff right after these shootings prove that police moved evidence in order to help frame Mumia Abu-Jamal. Police-man James Forbes can be seen smudging both Jamal's and Faulkner's weapons, destroying any potential fingerprint evidence. Prosecution witness Robert Chobert testified he was parked directly behind Faulkner's car, yet the space is empty in Polakoff's photo.
- Some witnesses saw the shooter run away. But Mumia was found lying at the scene.
- Philadelphia is over 40% African American, yet only two of jurors in Mumia's trial were Black. Prosecutor Joseph McGill excluded at least ten African American jurors. Later in the 1980s, Assistant D.A. Jack Mahon actually made a training film on how to kick African Americans off juries!
- The late Albert Sabo, the judge who sentenced Mumia Abu-Jamal to death, said in 1982 "I'm going to help 'em fry that n----r" in the presence of court stenographer Terri Maurer-Carter.
- As a 15-year old, Mumia Abu-Jamal helped found the Philadelphia chapter of the Black Panther Party. Later as a radio journalist, he exposed police brutality. Former Mayor Frank Rizzo, who told his racist supporters to "vote white," threatened Jamal at a news conference.
- The wealthy and powerful who put their fellow billionaire Trump in the White House want to silence Mumia forever. Will we let them?

Join the struggle for justice! Why are over two million poor people in jail while the rich get tax cuts? We need to fight to free all political prisoners including Mumia Abu-Jamal, the MOVE 9, Leonard Peltier and Ana Belén Montes. For more information check out www.FreeMumia.com or call the NY Free Mumia Committee at 212.330.8029 or the International Action Center at 212.633-6646. *Labor donated.*