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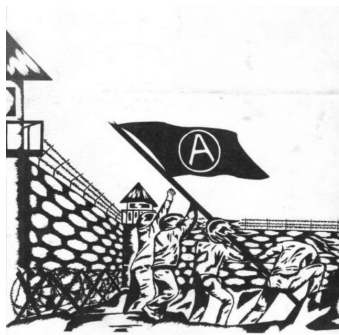
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Casey is a dedicated anarchist and abolitionist community educator, writer, distroist, and printer who has committed their life to struggles for liberation.

A federal investigation by the FBI and several other law enforcement agencies resulted in Casey's arrest for alleged politically motivated "crimes." Since June 17, 2024 Casey has been incarcerated at the Santa Rita Jail facing federal felonies that could result in up to 30 years of imprisonment.

Freeing Casey will likely be a long fight. Just as Casey has persistently for years cared for, supported, and struggled alongside incarcerated comrades, we aim to replicate these actions in solidarity with Casey as they continue their struggle from the other side of the wall. Please follow @freecaseynow on Instagram or email cscommittee@proton.me to stay updated.

Write to Casey

Casey Goonan
#UMF227
Santa Rita Jail
5325 Broder Blvd
Dublin, CA 94568

Casey's Mutual Aid Legal Fund

<https://chuffed.org/project/supportcasey>

All funds will to support C's legal defense, which will be a protracted and costly effort.

As a reminder:

- Do not discuss the case. Casey is still pre-trial and receiving mail concerning their case can seriously endanger them.
- Do not valorize Casey. They are a person and a member of our community, not a symbol or martyr. Casey isn't looking for praise, but rather to maintain correspondence.
- Do not write anything you wouldn't want Fox News, a cop, or a judge to see. Assume that intelligence and law enforcement agencies are reading your letter.
- As you correspond with Casey, they may send requests aside from books or commissary. Please coordinate directly with Casey's Support Committee regarding additional asks.

If you wish to help keep money on Casey's books, there are several ways to do this:

- At the jail via the TouchPay kiosk in the lobby.
- Sending a money order in the mail. The money order must be made payable to "Casey Goonan #UMF227" and there must be no other material in the envelope. No cash or personal checks will be accepted.
- Online with a credit card via one of the vendor platforms run by GlobalTel such as accesscorrections.com or connectnetwork.com. You will have to create an account. If the platform offers different fund options, the fund you want to get Casey money for commissary is called the "Trust Fund".

Your ongoing support is so needed and appreciated.

Statement of Solidarity with Casey Goonan by Stevie Wilson

Many years ago, while imprisoned at SCI-Smithfield, and struggling to keep our study groups afloat, I received an e-message from Casey Goonan. I had no clue whom he was. He said he reached out because he heard about the work I was doing inside and wanted to offer any assistance he could. He did, and he continued to do so. Casey has been one of the most consistent and ready allies/accomplices of imprisoned people. Whether producing zines that center imprisoned voices, mailing zines to imprisoned people at no cost, coordinating phone zaps to combat repression by prison officials, raising funds for mutual aid, building social media presence for imprisoned folx or just lending an attentive ear to the concerns of imprisoned people, Casey has been unstinting in his support of anyone, anywhere, who is being oppressed.

My friend, my comrade, my brother, is currently being held in a county jail in CA. I wish I were out there to do more for him, to manifest by love and solidarity for him. What I want everyone to know is that Casey Goonan is an amazing ally/accomplice of oppressed people everywhere. In this, his time of need, he should be supported and cared for. I ask people to keep close tabs on the situation, show up for Casey and make sure that while he is inside, jail officials do not harm him or exacerbate his condition. I don't ever claim to speak for all imprisoned people, but I feel confident in saying that thousands of imprisoned people across this land have benefited from Casey's efforts. We ask you support our comrade and care for him.

Always,

Stevie

In the Belly

Message of Support to Free Casey Goonan from Hybach LeMar: Free Them All!

My name is Hybach LeMar and I'm a member of the Black Autonomy Federation Chicago Local Organizing Committee. I'm sending this message to support the release of scholar activist dedicated community organizer and friend Casey Goonan.

When I was houseless, he let me eat and sleep in his home. Each morning we asked each other, "What's your positive affirmation for the day?" We take a meaningful moment before sharing a positive truth, both of us knowing it's significance in our lives when we internalize it as an instrument of our liberation. More often than not, for the years I've known Casey, he's neglecting his own needs to prioritize those of others, has led me to ask him instinctively, if he's taken his meds yet. And I've lost count how many times he thanked me for reminding him before asking if I remembered to take mine too.

With barely anything in his pocket, I watched him fill a perfect stranger's diabetic medication prescription. He's loved, and I don't mean by me, but by street walkers and other commoners throughout Chicago.

He's organized fundraisers in one particular area of the city on several occasions. We'd pass out \$20 bills he prefilled in envelopes, for every single houseless person on the street, or asking for change. From one corner to the next, up one gentrified block and up another, not letting him know the contents, or lingering around for thanks; often with the clenched fist of unity and a solidarity smile.

It was heartwarming to hand out gloves, masks, hygiene supplies like cases of hand sanitizer, chips, and other community needs for free, under the el train one blistering winter amidst the pandemic from a

makeshift warming center he'd open each weekend. A smile on people's faces glow from appreciation, from those of us who know him, to the newcomers asking 'And this is for free?' when glancing at the fold-out tables, not far from the turnstile.

"Mm-hmm! Yep! Help yourself," Casey responds, wishing them a good day and to take care, which is substantial to folks rendered socio-economically invisible in the city.

Free, the root word in freedom, has been top priority as an agenda item for Casey from dusk til dawn every day of every year that I've known him.

He likes to remind everyone how special we are in this world, by showing how easy and necessary it is to care for each other, and to help a world that could certainly use it, offering a space and a table of togetherness, and free education.

As a publisher, he provides an invaluable resource for writers. With freedom inspired by billions of us, it speaks not only to our conscious, but to our collective benefit to know we're substantially freer in this world with him inside it. We, particularly poor folk throughout the city, appreciate him.

The socio-economically engineered gentrification spiraling genocide by poverty in Chicago's northside has been as politically protracted as an alienated southside housing he helped me leaflet. His spirit of spending his last to buy insulin for the diabetic outside the electric doors at Walgreens is the same one alive in the Holy Land 5 that sends medicine and food supplies to orphans in Palestine.

Casey Goonan is a walking model of our aspired-after ideals as Human Beings. A genuine listener, whose aura is evident in the integrity of

compassion. His ideals against genocide are shared by me and each of us around the globe who envision a world released from its grip.

Free Casey Goonan! Free Jack Mazurek! Free the Cop City 61! Drop the charges against the Merrimack 4 and the Mountain Valley pipeline defenders! Free the Holy Land Foundation 5! Free Leonard Peltier! Free Mumia Abu-Jamal! Free Cletus C Rivera! Free them all!

In solidarity with the Columbia University Hinds Hall demonstrators and the CUNY 22.

Love and soli,

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Statement of Solidarity with Casey Goonan from the Hinds Hall 46

Free Casey Goonan! Free Jack Mazurek! Free the Cop City 61! Drop the charges of the Merrimack 4 and the Mountain Valley Pipeline land defenders! Free the Holy Land Foundation 5! Free Leonard Peltier!

Free Palestine; Long Live the Intifada.

We stand here today united by our action and the Palestinian cause. The state has attempted, once again, to divide us, dismissing some of our cases and offering others deals in accordance with their “outside agitator” narrative. As ever, we categorically reject this division as one drawn along arbitrary, classist lines meant to preserve the sanctity of Columbia University—not an institution “in the City of New York,” but always above and apart from it. All of us who took part in the liberation of Hind’s Hall were driven by the same necessity to escalate, to escalate for Gaza, to resist the savage genocide of our siblings in Palestine. We exercised our shared right to oppose the U.S. war machine, by putting our bodies upon the gears of Columbia, one of its most well-oiled domestic components.

We follow the lead of the CUNY22 and others facing felony charges, in not taking any deals and presenting a united front against state repression. Those of us offered deals today have unanimously opted not to accept them. In this moment, we face counterinsurgency tactics that the state has spent decades perfecting, that we currently see weaponized with extreme brutality against our comrades in the movement with little to no public attention. We refuse to abandon our co-defendants, or to tacitly endorse the state’s definitions of “legitimate” and “illegitimate” protest, while the same state perpetrates a genocide. We insist that property is not sacrosanct, but life is. We call on all people to stand in solidarity with those who take direct action to resist the genocidal and ecocidal force of imperialism.

Just during the first week of June, the U.S supported the Israeli massacre of over 300 Palestinians in the Nuseirat camp.

Meanwhile, this Monday in Berkeley, California, Casey Goonan was arrested for allegedly setting fire to university property and burning cop cars in defense of the Student Intifada. Their bail has been set at one million dollars. We say: DROP THE CHARGES!

This February, Atlanta PD, the Georgia State Patrol, SWAT, and FBI arrested Jack Mazurek for his involvement in the Stop Cop City movement, for alleged arson. We say: DROP THE CHARGES!

This past November, 4 Palestine Actionists were arrested and are currently facing over 30 years in prison for allegedly targeting an Elbit facility, one of the largest arms suppliers for the Israeli genocide in Gaza. We say: DROP THE CHARGES!

This past September, 61 Atlanta forest defenders and nearby music festival attendees were arrested and slapped with racketeering, domestic terrorism, and RICO charges intended to criminalize protests, fundraising, and legal advocacy against Cop City. We say: STOP COP CITY, STOP COP NATION, DROP THE CHARGES!

In Virginia and West Virginia, Mountain Valley Pipeline protestors face trumped up felony charges for defending their land against extractive industries that destroy our planet and all life on earth. We say: DROP THE CHARGES!

The Holy Land Foundation 5 are five Palestinian men who were wrongfully convicted and imprisoned over fifteen years ago for the “crime” of sending food and medicine to orphans in Palestine. Three of them remain incarcerated with decades-long sentences. We say: FREE THEM ALL!

These types of state repression are part of a long standing effort to isolate our freedom fighters and sentence them to death by incarceration. This is why we say **FREE LEONARD PELTIER AND ALL PRISONERS OF WAR AGAINST U.S. EMPIRE!**

Under the condition of U.S.-led genocide against the Palestinian people, the expansion of the militarized police state, and the devastation of our planet, we must continue escalating in our tactics until we make life for the war mongering ruling class absolutely untenable. The settler-colonial university, the dozens of cop cities being built nationwide, and the global regime of U.S. empire are all dealers of death, not just in Gaza but also here in our own communities. We say that all forms of principled action taken against genocide are justified. We stand with everyone who has put themselves at risk to fight against the imperialist machine. We demand their freedom.

We refuse to operate under the fiction that the American legal system upholds justice. Our oppressors will not grant us liberation through sanctioned channels for dissent. Let us be clear: the aim of punitive legal procedures is to intimidate and stifle the movement, to divert energy and urgency from the genocide the U.S. and Israel have been carrying out for the past nine months. This is a blow meant to finish what the pigs started with their pistols, circular saws, and flash grenades during our arrests, namely, the goal of intimidating us into silence.

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We reject all efforts to divide our movement. We reject state repression in all forms across all fronts of struggle. We stand in full support of any and all efforts to liberate oppressed people everywhere, by any means necessary. Free Palestine.

— The Hind's Hall 46

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