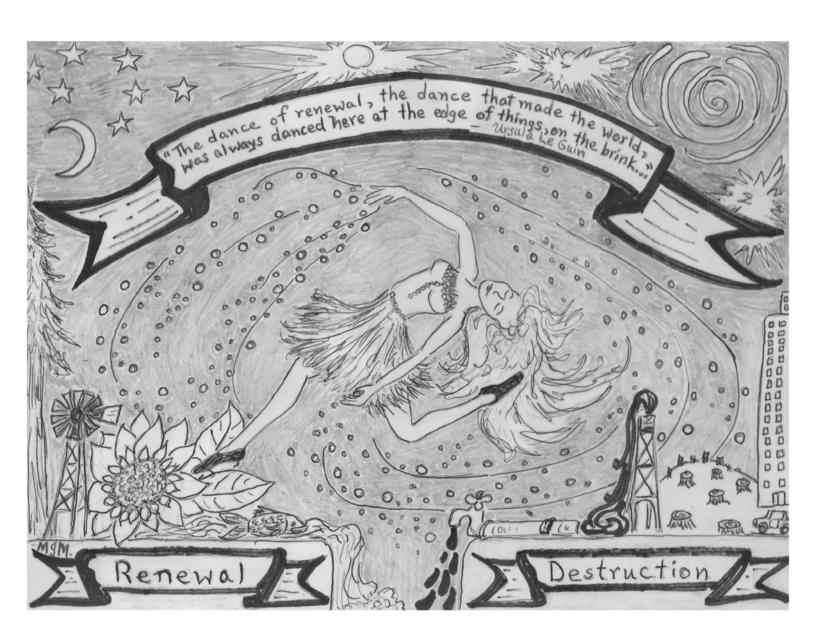
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ANARCHIST PRISONER SOLIDARITY

This issue of Fire Ant is dedicated to the memory of our sister and comrade Marsha Burnett.

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-Fire Ant

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A Poem by Thomas Meyer-Falk

He's Doing Time

at the bars he sees the birds moving on before it becomes winter

he is cold he looks outside wanting to touch the snow

he smells the fresh grass sees former companions in the sky the birds come back

the sun blazes he wants out he is still doing time

Art by Noah Coffin



Dear robcat,

Hello my friend! Thanks for your letter of 8/3/19, I'm always glad to hear from you! I'm glad to hear of so much progress and productivity! Damn! We're already on issue number 5? Wow!

So, to update you on my situation. I've recently enrolled at Hartnell College as a student and am taking two courses in Ethnic Studies: Chicano Cinema and Latina Studies. This counts as elective credits toward a sociology degree. I already have 22 credits from other schools toward an A.A. degree. I also just received a certificate for completing an alternatives to violence program (basic course).

I have a Board of Parole Hearings consultation on 9/5/19 and my resentencing hearing in Sacramento Superior Court on 9/6 or 9/9 (there's some confusion on the exact date between my attorney and online). A member of Sacramento prisoner support contacted me about rallying supporters locally to attend my hearing, and others are writing support letters to the judge, or for my attorney, supervising public defender Alice Michel. Call her at: 916-874-6411. Support letters can be used for both my court hearing and BPH consultation.

I will be 50 years old on October 6th. We are the same age!

I did write to the Final Straw, but haven't yet heard back from them. I offered to do an interview through written question and answer format and represented myself as a member of the Fire Ant collective.

Additionally, I've been building a working relationship with comrades at RAM-NYC on a project called the

Kuwasi Balagoon Liberation School. They are impressed by Fire Ant and offered to post an endorsement online for our fund. They also issued an online solidarity statement to rally support for my hearings! These are great comrades with a similar focus as ours. They produced a great book titled "Burn Down the American Plantation: Call for a Revolutionary Abolitionist Movement". They and I are also working with another collective called No New Jails.

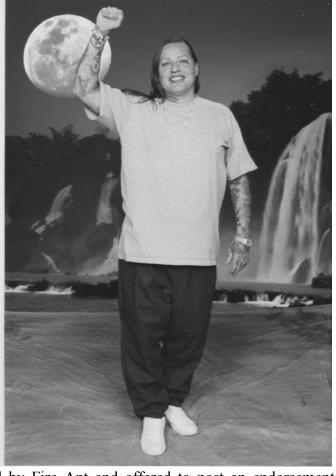
Our comrades from Nashville ABC and AFA have informed me of two of their friends facing state repression and charges as a result of their work. Three antifascist comrades are facing charges stemming from the 2016 counter demo against the nazi rally in Sacramento. They have a trial later in September at the same courthouse as me.

Meanwhile, trump and the fascists are labeling antifascists as a "terrorist" group. The majority of mass shootings and domestic terrorist incidents have been by white nationalists and trump supporters! When will our side fight back?! Antifascists are the only people confronting these idiots in the streets.

I also continue to work with Oakland IWOC and TGI Justice Project, or at least maintain regular contact.

Well that about wraps up my personal update, which you can feel free to edit and use for FA5. Keep your head up! Fist up!

Solidarity! Jennifer



9/19/19

Dear Fire Ant,

First, I'd like to give gratitude to all those who have shown me solidarity in the last few years. I've been able to exist in this human tomb in better fashion than most. You have clothed me, fed me and inspired me. I don't know how I would have continued without your solidarity and support.

Second, I was convicted and sold out by a court appointed attorney, and sentenced to life for protecting myself. And since that time I've refused to participate in the judicial system as a form of protest. Now I've decided to reenter the courts in a post-conviction motion for sentence reduction.

During my initial trial I was represented by a court appointed attorney. I will never again allow a court appointed attorney to sell me out!

I need funds to hire an attorney of my own choosing. I don't know the exact amount, but I need help raising funds. The goal of reentering the courts is my immediate freedom from prison. You can find info at anarchylive.noblogs.org as we move forward.

Until All Are Free! Michael Kimble

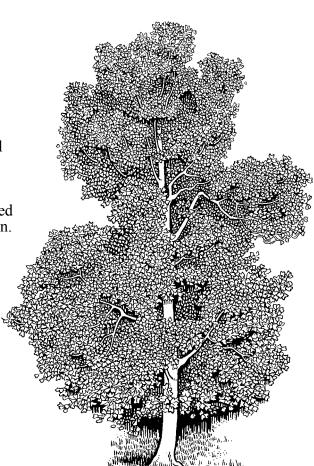
In the News by Michael Kimble

- 1. September 1st, 2019, former circuit court judge Charles Graddick was appointed as director of Alabama Board of Pardons and Parole. Graddick immediately suspended the three person panel that made up the Parole Board. Problems with notification is the reason given for the suspension.
- 2. September 20th, 2019, members and supporters of the Free Alabama movement and others marched on Washington protesting mass incarceration, prison slavery and corruption.
- 3. The Alabama legislature passed into law on August 29, 2019, new marriage laws. No longer does a couple have to file an application for a marriage license. Nor do you have to have a ceremony performed. You can now simply just order a marriage certificate, sign it, and mail it in. Prisoners may use this to get married, but the ADOC has stated that if any prisoners are found to be married they will be separated and transferred.

Ghosts in the Wind by Michael Kimble

There is a people who walks this mighty land with dignity and strength, goes they. In their collective struggle they never stands alone. For look at their company.

Harriet Tubman is at their side "good cheer children" cries she. "The slavers also wanted my head, but our brave people still fought free of the slavers chains Gabriel Prosser is with them wherever they go and his voice rings clear as a bell "I died to uphold the spirit of equality. Defend it til the freezing of hell" And the martyred Nat Turner is here with them too. Staunch Nat with never a doubt "I staggered the slavers in my day, children. Defeat yours and knock them out." And gaunt and tall against the wall, Denmark Vessey speaks out his mind "Insurrection people! Insurrection!"



FREE MICHAEL KIMBLE



"The path to liberation is dependent on the building of new relationships, the destruction of prison society and those that uphold it through their silent complicity." Rob!

I've got a lot of mail from you to respond to, and I need to write something and draw up some art for FA.

I was forwarded your letter of April 8th, sent to OSP in Ohio, then your letters from August 3rd and September 2nd. At least mail is (sometimes) getting to me. I'm going to be taking some pictures soon. You mentioned needing a picture for posters? I'll send one in a couple weeks with a quote.

The turtle you saved, got me thinking- when we talk about "saving" the "environment" or "saving" the Earth, we're not saving it from alligators or buffalo or crows or cats...or turtles. They've all been here longer than us but none of them are fucking everything up. We are. So when we strive to "save" the "environment" or the "planet"- whatever that means- we're saving it from us, from what we've done.

No other species is the problem.

We are.

Your observation on political prisoners... I don't use that term anymore either. And folks who write me and reference me as one, I attempt to dispel them of that kind of thinking.

Show me an "apolitical prisoner". Show me someone who got locked in a cage by a government where it was not a political act.

All imprisonment undertaken by the state is done in preservation of the state and state power. Therefore, all prisoners are political.

When we create a special designation of "political prisoner" we are making a distinction between the prisoners we like and want released and prisoners we don't like or simply don't know.

I believe imprisonment is a crime. I don't want to be on the other side of the fence; I want an absence of the fence altogether.

Including an "open letter" to Eric King as a submission to Fire Ant. Will try to include some art.

Hope things are good on your end.

Stay dangerous.

Freedom, Sean

P.S. Trying to get calls and emails in support of my pending pardon request.

Anyone calling or emailing should say

- 1.) They support releasing Sean Swain A243-205, through granting a pardon, and
- 2.) They are a registered voter in Ohio.

It doesn't matter if they really are; politicians only care about what registered voters say. Contact for governor's council, Matt Donahue, who makes the decisions: 614-644-0825 or matthew.donahue@governor.ohio.gov

Support the Clarion Book Project!

Prison seeks to isolate our friends behind walls both physical and psychological. Separated from loved ones, anarchist prisoners are removed from the daily dialogue and exchange of ideas that give birth to liberatory projects and experiments. Imprisoned anarchists will find very little in prison libraries and network television to keep them informed on outside struggles, and, in absence of comrades on the outside mailing in magazines and books, they are left without access to subversive literature of any kind.

Since 2014, Bloomington Anarchist Black Cross has been sending monthly packages of literature to a handful of anarchist prisoners in the United States. These generally feature recently-published anarchist periodicals and zines, historical texts, and articles on current events. In addition, we send packages of books every other month. The project has fostered dialogue on current struggles, enabled US anarchist prisoners to express solidarity to anarchist prisoners around the world, and led to sharing of anarchist literature throughout the prisons where our friends are held captive.

While we have been happy to quietly work on this initiative without publicizing our efforts, we would like to expand its capacity. While we are able to print zines, we lack the funds to regularly purchase quality anarchist books for our imprisoned friends.

If you are an anarchist publisher who feels affinity with this project and would like to send us books for distribution to anarchist prisoners, please email us at bloomingtonanarchistblackcross@riseup dot net.

We are in this for the long-haul, and appreciate the help.

with toner in our DNA,

Bloomington Anarchist Black Cross

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An Open Letter to Eric King from Sean Swain

Dear Eric,

Not sure how current this information is, but I heard you were tossed in the hole on a disciplinary frame-up, that one of the fartgoblins provoked you with violence and then blamed the confrontation on you. I have heard that this is likely a response to your anti-state political orientation, and maybe even directed from beyond just the local prison fuckweasels.

I'm writing this to you (and to anyone else subjected to the same targeting) to share something of my own experiences, hoping this will encourage and empower you throughout this orded.

throughout this ordeal.

Some context for anyone who doesn't already know: beginning in 2012, Ohio prison officials, under supervision of the FBI, tossed me into the Special Management Unit and tortured me for a year. A regime straight out of the CIA Kubark manuals: sleep deprivation, freezing cold, starvation, lack of soap or laundry, interception of mail, etc. They have control over every aspect of our lives and can use everything as a weapon in a full spectrum 360 degree mind-fuck.

I resolved to survive, no matter what. And I developed a strategy, an approach to the situation.

First, an observation: fascist fuckweasels subject us to all of the torments that they know would break them if they had to endure those torments. They assume that we are built like they are. They assume that we are as weak, that we are as fragile, that we are as addicted to creature comforts and meaningless amenities, that we will easily crumble and will sell our very souls to regain those comforts and amenities.

They have no idea how dedicated we are to freedom, to a future we all deserve, and what we will endure, motivated as we are to bringing about that future.

A future without oppressors.

A future without them.

They really have no idea how their terrors and torments, their petty attacks on us, fail to bring us to our knees but, rather, fuel our burning rage.

I sometimes paced for days, shivering, sleepless, kept warm only by my hatred, a hatred that burned like a bonfire in my heart.

I survived. I'm not special. If I did it, anyone can. You can, and you will.

Start here: I will survive this.

Say it again and again. Saying the words makes it real. "I will survive this". Whatever "this" is, you will survive.

Remind yourself: "this is temporary". The fuckweasels impose this on you to make it feel permanent. When it feels permanent, it feels hopeless. It feels like there is no help, that you are isolated, alone. That no one knows, no one cares.

None of this is true. Breathe deeply when it feels overwhelming. Close your eyes. Remember all of the people who care about you. Picture their faces. Try to remember their voices. Open your eyes and gather those people around you, everyone who wants happiness and success for you, and make them present in the cell with you. Speak to them. Share with them, the good and the bad.

Optimize your time and resources. What can you accomplish from where you are?

I was once held two weeks in a suicide cell. Nothing in the cell with me. A shrink came by and asked, "What are you doing in there?"

I said, "I'm writing a screenplay."

He asked, "They gave you pencil and paper?"

"No", I answered. I pointed at my temple. "In my head."

I spent two weeks plotting out the whole thing for when I got out of the suicide cell.

All of this is temporary.

We can maximize and optimize our time and resources. We can live these moments with meaning and purpose.

Whatever happens, make sure the eyes of the world are watching. Develop the means to get information to the other side of the fence so that you can bare witness to the atrocities and expose everyone participating in them.

Remember, the enemy finds their way to that prisons parking lot every single day. If they can find it everyday, it can't be that hard to find.

They make it home daily too. Their homes can't be that hard to find either.

My point is, never forget that this is not the war- this is just one battle. The war continues beyond this battle.

When things are really dark, consider your circumstances. Really think about them. How much pain do you feel right now? If it is not the worst pain you have ever felt, then you know it is tolerable. You endured worse and survived. Consider all that you do have- food, water, shelter, clothing. What is it that you lack right now that you need for your survival?

When approached this way, you find that it really isn't that bad. It sucks, but it will pass.

This is the worst they can do to you.

Imagine what you will someday be able to do to them.

They have created us.

They can't win from here.

We own the future. And we know it.

Freedom, Sean

Note: Anarchist prisoner Sean Swain's testimony before an international court exposing the United States domestic torture regime is posted at swainrocks.org and seanswain.org

October 8th, 2019

Here are the things I hear most:

What are you doing, we heard this, I don't think so, we'll see, maybe, Chow!, Count!, who's mess is this, who's shaking the bars, lights out, mail call, rec call, you want a shower, clean this mess, nope not today, not

happening, I'll check on it, put in a cop-out request, doubt it, quit trashing my tier, cuff up...

These are the robotic responses, the bullshit give and take, that in the SHU we hear everyday. Here in the Englewood SHU I await trial on brand new charges. They punish us not only with segregation, but also with horrible cliches and dialog. Is it not enough to ban my phone use, must you also act out a horrible prison novella? Good cop/ bad cop seems to be mandatory. Sending in an officer to dangle a carrot, if you behave like a good boy, we will give you this, but if you're a naughty one, well then you'll force us to withhold it. Assuming we aren't aware that our badged captors are violating their own policy during their withholdings. We see your lies.

Sometimes I spend hours pondering revenge fantasies, most time I think of my wife and kiddos. Fourteen months in segregation minus 4 days at Grady County, plus 6 at McCreary. We haven't been in the same room since August 11th, 2018. Now these bastards drag me back to Colorado to force more time, and have the audacity to block our family visits, due to a bad check from 15 years ago. Maybe people who read this will be disgusted by this news.

That said, I'm hurting friends. Being attacked sucks. Being charged with new federal charges for that attack is sickening. Never forget how horrible these people are. This system exists from the top to the bottom which is

why reform is such a joke. You don't reform cancer, you destroy it. We must destroy this system.

Until all are free,

RIP Tom Manning & Willem, never forgotten

-EK

One of these days im gonna break these chains

I wake up alone in a box that ain't my home without the love I call my own people who live in glass houses I envy them all people who live in cages must throw stones tear the skin sticking to my bones got a spoon to dig down straight only digging the plot to my own grave if my body can't, then my mind will escape my enemy wears authority instead of a face I wake up alone but we cannot break freedom is on the phone she holds me in one piece I wake up with a hole that she fills complete battered & bruised but on my feet one day I'll awake within a home that's all our own we will bury the past start our own damn show I wake up with a heart that is filled with gold love so powerful it could explode.



Incoherence by Michael Kimble

So many thoughts flowin' through my mind at unbelievable speed that I hear only jumbled noise. Better than silence some say. Love affair gone bad, haywire, betrayal. You see I'm constantly trying to come up with ways to end this nightmare called life that I'm livin' existing in without ending a life, my life. I get a notion that's dynamite, it's fleeting. I grab out at it, but it escapes. This has to be the effects of lengthy

incarceration; needing, wanting. I didn't use to be this way. Suffer this way, feel this way. Am I crazy, I don't think so, but neither do I know. I just need some relief from the pain and suffering. People tell me get over it, move on. To where suicide orrevolt don't know which will win

in

the end.

-EK

Dear Rob,

Here's my black and white poster image. The quote I'd like to put on it, "Struggle not and you are but a slave to conformity. Struggle alone and you are just another tragedy."

Simple, but I believe it says it all. Thanks a lot, Robcat. Sorry I had to fold it, but I'm out of big envelopes. Thanks for showing you care and not just saying it. When you tell me solidarity, it means something.

Summer is not going down easily, and it's still hot and sticky, but not terrible. Next month, I will be trying to turn up my hustle on art, while it's cooler. Looks like I'll be here in segregation still. I need to accept the "starving artist" fate of flipping work for dirt cheap. Fuck man, this shit's getting old! I love you man, and I love Fire Ant. It's the only thing that feels to be real in this whole mess. I'm swimming upstream, emotionally. Even though I realize it's the intended effect of my captors. That alone should fuel a fire inside, hot enough to burn the fog off. I'm struggling to shake it.

I'll send another article soon, and a poem.

I've got a request if you could put it out there. People inside mostly like tattoo art or "prison ink". So if I could get my hands on some then I could maybe increase sales to support myself. Also sharpen my skills. I can only draw what I see. Having a book, zine, or photo makes things very simple. What's hot inside prison is black and grey realism tattoo art.

Anyone with computer access probably could just type in "tattoo realism/ black and grey" and print some images, I think? Not sure. I don't really care for dark art, ie. skulls, etc., but people will pay to get those things drawn.

Well, even if nobody is up to it, I felt asking beats keeping silent. I need to dig in my heels and refocus my energy. I've done 6 years in solitary confinement and the worst they can do is give me 6 more. Give my love to all the Fire Ant crew. Thanks Rob, you're a real comrade. Even though I'm a little known nobody in the collective struggle, you have been better than family.

Solidarity forever,

Noah

The World of Tomorrow is Not My Home by Noah Coffin

As the Earth continues to suffer from the Industrial Revolution and blatant disregard for the future, a real understanding has presented itself to me. The effects of climate change are here. The ones responsible for the damage are long gone before the damage shows itself. How far will people like this go? Take Blake Roberts, the president of his local Chamber of Commerce in west Texas, which sits upon the booming permian basin oil field. He has proposed a new plan to

establish a repository in the desert outside of Andrews, Texas for forty thousand tons of nuclear waste. Roberts knows this will only affect his bank account. The future is of no concern or consequence to him. Scientists can only speculate, but estimates of the deadliness of radioactive

waste could remain volatile for several thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of years. The world's rulers fire test missiles into our oceans each day as if it's a toilet, and this Roberts asshole thinks to treat the deserts of Texas as one. Where is the push

back? People who do not resist concede by default. What's going on in the heads of people today who will desperately fight against each other over such small things as parking spaces, yet will watch dispassionately as the whole world around them is being poisoned into a wasteland? There's an indifference toward life, and I am starting to see some aspect of that mindset. The fact that simply for the flavor, many people eat animals. I grew up doing it, and it's subtle, but does in fact give us a sense of destroying and devouring life for self-satisfaction. So, is it any wonder that a powerful leader, or president of some Chamber of Commerce, would so easily disregard life not their own, to achieve massive wealth? Our humanity is sick and the world growing sicker. So where does it end? When are we going to draw a line in the sand and all stand together to say "no more!"? How many of our problems would be nonexistent if we all started treating life as if it mattered? Think about that. Think of the things you feel are worth fighting for... is not the air you breathe or the water you drink worth fighting for? How about the children of everyone you love?

Solidarity, Noah

Indefinite Detention in Germany: A Letter from Thomas Meyer-Falk

Letter from Thomas Meyer-Falk, a comrade who has been imprisoned in Germany since 1996 for bank robbery to fund political struggles.

In 1933 the Nazis passed the Law against Dangerous Habitual Criminals, allowing the courts to indefinitely imprison "habitual criminals" if they consider the person to be dangerous to society: so since 1933 the state can keep people in prison after their regular sentence has finished. In the 50s, the High Court of GDR (East Germany) declared that the law had to be overruled, because it was a "Nazi concept", but such doubts never existed in West Germany; the Federal Constitutional Court has always accepted PD (Preventative Detention).

However in 2011 the courts declared the conditions in the PD prisons to be a violation of the German constitution. The inmates have finished their sentences, the court said, so their living conditions have to be better than in a regular prison, and the state has to do its best to ensure that any inmate gets a realistic chance for parole as soon as possible, also offering therapy to the inmates.

At the moment we have around 500 PD-detainees in Germany, only two or three of them are female inmates. But there are some nonetheless – the courts imposed the PD to some women: one who has burnt a supermarket, and one who has sex without a condom, and so on.

I am living in Freiburg's PD unit. Freiburg is an old town in the south-west of Germany. The prison where I have to stay was built in 2001 for people who were waiting their trial; after the court's decision in 2011 the state has transferred these inmates elsewhere and renamed this prison "PD-unit". We don't live in cells, we live in rooms; the funny thing is: on 31.05.2013 the same room was called "cell", but on the 01.06.2013 we got the new PD-living-conditions law and it declared the cells into rooms. So we have bars at the window, steel doors, but the cells are now "rooms". This rhetoric trick is symptomatic of the whole situation. We should get a realistic chance for parole, but in the last few years more inmates have died in prison than were released on parole.

That's the reason why we call it "House of Death": in all 16 PD-units in Germany there are mostly old and ill men. In 2011 more that 70 PD detainees were released after a few judgements of the ECHR (European Court of Human Rights). What had happened? The PD-law said that every detainee has to be released after a maximum time in PD of 10 years, but in 1998 the Parliament changed that law into "lifetime", not only for inmates convicted in the future but also those who had already been sentenced. In 2009 the European Court of Human Rights decided that this law violated Article 5 and 7 of the Human Rights Convention, and also the part of the Convention which forbids the states to apply their laws retrospectively.

So, how many of these inmates, who were called "maximum flight risk for public safety" lapsed back into crime? Only a few: most of them are living without any violation of the criminal law. Why? Because the original prognosis was completely wrong – all these "expert witnesses" who testified that all these inmates were maximum risks, were wrong!

But these "experiments" (we can call it this because dozens of "high risk inmates" were released, most of

them without any warning or preparation, and most of them had been long term inmates, kept in prison for decades) have changed nothing in the experts' minds, or in the minds of the prison staff.

So, most of the inmates in PD-units have to wait only for their death. We have better living conditions now, i.e. a 5kg parcel with food 6 times a year, we can wear our own clothes, the cell has 14m2 (instead of 7m2), we can cook in a kitchen. But in reality we have no realistic chance to get free on parole. Well, the prison staff would contradict this analysis, but that doesn't mean anything, because they get paid by the state, it's their job to defend its system.

All PD detainees have finished their regular sentences (i.e. for my own: 16 years & nine months for an attempt bank robbery and for writing letters which "insulted" judges, politicians and public prosecutors) and now they are kept behind bars only for a suspicion. For the insinuation they maybe can do a crime in the future.

Kept in prison maybe for life, only for an insinuation!

Thomas Meyer-Falk freedomforthomas.wordpress.com

Support Noah Coffin!

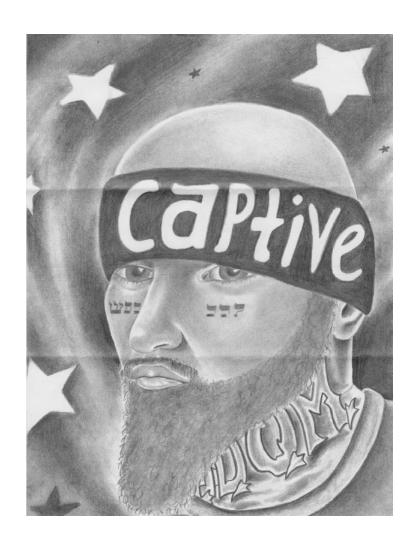
Noah Coffin is a anarchist prisoner who has spent the last six years in solitary confinement.

He gets very little support. Write him a kind letter:
Noah Coffin #1795167
2665 Prison Rd #1
Lovelady, TX, 75851

We have been trying to send Noah a little money each month for commissary funds.

Please send donations to: Noah Coffin Fund c/o Fire Ant PO Box 164 Harmony, ME 04942

Cash only, please. Or better yet, write him for info on how to send him funds.



Jeremy Hammond



Who Is Jeremy Hammond?

Jeremy Hammond is an anarchist and antifascist hacktivist who is serving a ten-year prison term for disclosing information about the private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting, Inc. (Stratfor), revealing that they had been spying on human rights defenders at the behest of corporations and governments. WikiLeaks later published these files as the "Global Intelligence Files." Included within the release is evidence of corporate corruption; instances like the US government spying on the personal health of Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez; the Department of Homeland Security's report of the Occupy Wall Street movement and its plans for infiltration; the spying on activists in Bhopal following the Union Carbide gas disaster in 1984; and Coca Cola hiring Stratfor to spy on animal rights' activists.

Why Is his Case Important?

The government says this is "cyber-terrorism." We say Jeremy is a whistle-blower – an essential role in a free domestic society, the basis of which is an informed public. People have a right to know what their governments are doing behind closed doors, in emails, when there is corruption. Do not prosecute the messenger, rather, hold accountable those that are holding information hostage against the people. Jeremy's case is an example of a governmental increasing of digital dissent, in which the laws are bent in order to prosecute activists who are speaking out against corruption.

As part of his statement at sentencing, Jeremy said, "I targeted law enforcement systems because of the racism and inequality with which the criminal law is enforced. I targeted the manufacturers and distributors of military and police equipment who profit from weaponry used to advance U.S. political and economic interests abroad and to repress people at home."

"I targeted information security firms because they work in secret to protect government and corporate interests at the expense of individual rights, undermining and discrediting activists, journalists and other truth seekers, and spreading disinformation."

Jeremy Fights a Grand Jury

In August 2019, Jeremy was summoned to appear before a grand jury in the Eastern District of Virginia. It is the same grand jury believed to the one that is currently imprisoning Chelsea Manning for bravely refusing to testify. Like brave grand jury resisters before him, Jeremy firmly believes that grand juries are repressive tools of the government, used to investigate and intimidate activist communities and are abused by prosecutors to gain access to intelligence to which they are not entitled. The U.S. government's blatant abuse of the grand jury process in this case continues a clear pattern of targeting, isolating, and punishing outspoken truth-tellers and activists. We must stand up and say that enough is enough. We cannot allow the government to use fascist intimidation tactics to target, imprison, silence, and torture, those who threaten their power.

Jeremy has no intention of coperating with this, or any other grand jury he may be called in front of. Simply by calling him in front of this grand jury, the government has already added a minimum of nine months to his sentence by removing him from a program he was participating in at the federal prison he was serving his sentence at. He faces up to an additional 18 months in prison for contempt if he refuses to cooperate with the grand jury.

How Can I Help?

There are many ways you can help Jeremy.

The most important is writing to him. His address is:

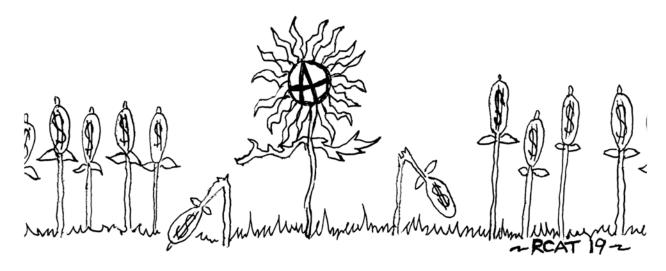
Jeremy Hammond, A0182888
William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center
2001 Mill Road
Alexandria, VA 22314

Please see bit.ly/5easyactions for all the information you need about writing to Jeremy, including rules of what is and isn't acceptable to send through the mail.

You can also follow updates on Jeremy's case at freejeremy.net or twitter.com/freejeremynet.

ANARCHIST PRISONER CONTACTS

WE ARE WEEDS IN THE GARDEN OF ORDER



Since our last issue, the remaining imprisoned members of the Conspiracy of Cells of Fire - OLGA OIKONO-MIDO, GIORGOS POLIDOROS, MIHALIS NIKOLOPOULOS, GIORGOS NIKOLOPOULOS, THEOFILOS MAVROPOULOS - as well as Greek anarchist AGGELIKI SPYROPOULO & Chilean anarchist TAMARA SOL are FREE! Please continue to write to and show support for those still held in the state's cages.

MARIUS MASON

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