

ANARCHIST PRISONER SOLIDARITY

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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.

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June 11: On the Hierarch Delusion, Abolition, and the Future by Sean Swain

Fewer and fewer people seem to be suffering from the hierarch delusion these days. I say "delusion" because hierarchy is a diagnosable mental illness. The delusion of hierarchy is dependent upon a number of irrational and illogical premises— all provably and observably false. To be a hierarch is to say that we are better off with the few ruling the many rather than everyone ruling themselves. The argument goes, people are messy and cannot be trusted to self-rule. This is obviously and observably irrational, to suggest that we are better off under the rule of a privileged few "messy people" who have inordinate power concentrated in their hands, as if the concentration of power in the hands of a few "messy people" will somehow make them less messy rather than more corrupt. This is clearly a delusion, as proven by eight thousand years of hierarchy never working as advertised.

To be a hierarch is to also say that we are better off with government, that without government we will experience violence and upheaval, chaos and death. This is obviously and observably irrational to suggest that we are better off under the rule of a privileged few with nukes and air craft carriers and attack helicopters—a privileged few who do not know our names, let alone what our needs are—and we will somehow experience less violence, upheaval, chaos and death. This is clearly a delusion, as the Fraternal Order of Police have murdered more people than all of the other gangs in the United States combined; as continuous wars and upheaval and chaos continue to escalate everywhere—school shootings, pandemics, terrorism, war, road rage, suicide, toxicity of the

ecosystem, famine, inflation, and all forms of disaster looming on every horizon. This belief that we are "better off" is clearly a delusion, as proven by eight thousand years of hierarchy never working as advertised.

It appears fewer and fewer people are suffering this hierarch delusion each day. It used to be that everyone accepted that we "need government," and that capitalism "rewards hard work and merit," and that our system of justice isn't perfect but "it's the best one we've got."

Nobody accepts any of that now. Some people go along in self interest, motivated by practicalities like food rewards, but nobody buys the sales pitch anymore.

Our collective mental health is improving. The hierarch delusion is losing power over us. Millions quit their jobs, simply opting out of the pharaoh's stone-dragging exercise. Millions more stopped paying rent. An epidemic of flash robberies plagues corporate chainstores like biblical locusts. Hundreds of supply ships linger off the coast with millions and millions of products that require unloading, and nobody gives a shit.

Government, capitalism, systems of control have become obsolete and irrelevant to most people. As those in power concentrate more and more authority into fewer hands, as they impose harsher measures to maintain this matrix, more and more people find themselves alienated, disenfranchised, floating like flotsam and jetsam in the wake of this machine. While they likely have no theoretical analysis for their experiences, and while they may not identify as anarchists, they are no longer hierarchs. They may not have a kind of political or ideological framework for tearing down the existing order, but they have resolved to not lift a finger to keep it going.

The system is no longer theirs.

They have gone from delusional to disillusioned. Their passive withdrawal from hierarchy, while not active opposition, leaves the existing system far more hollow, vulnerable and unstable.

In terms of the prison complex, some states like Virginia are closing prisons and finding ways to divert larger numbers of prisoners to nonprison alternatives, simply for a lack of prison guards. Toledo Correctional in Ohio has long advertised on its sign out front, "NOW HIRING HEROES." It seems they are, more accurately, hiring no one. No applicants are seeking the unionscale jobs. As a consequence, the skeleton crews of the prisons are working double shifts on a regular basis, emotionally exhausted and demoralized, leading to more attrition. The overtime is crippling the state budgets. Some prisons have reduced themselves to simply carrying out essential activities like feeding meals and dispensing medications, all other programs canceled, maybe forever.

Is this a temporary hiccup? Can the larger system recover? Perhaps. It has recovered before. But the real question for those who actively oppose the existence of this system of control is: What can be done now, in this very opportune moment, to further along the collapse?

Abolition is not impossible. In fact, it may be inevitable. It may be happening all on its own right now and only needs us to help it occur a little faster. What can be done? Well, it isn't brain science or rocket surgery. Imagine

yourself the person in charge of these vast and sprawling complexes. Ask yourself, what would you NOT want to see happen?

Then do that.

Consider, all industrial complexes are dependent upon logistical networks of administrative offices and warehouses and suppliers and distributors to keep those complexes operating. None of those are behind impenetrable walls or fences; none of them are under armed guard by an army. All of them are vulnerable and fragile and flammable.

Every location has parking lots. Every vehicle in every parking lot is vulnerable and fragile and flammable. Every vehicle has tires, and enters and exits the lots through choke points that are, themselves, vulnerable.

Perhaps with imagination, we can develop low-risk and high-yield methods of making these complexes completely unmanageable, ushering in an era where they no longer exist.

A great resource that reimagines abolition is available at detroitabc.org.

We own the future. The more we do, the faster it gets here.

Thoughts on Prisoner Support by Lauren Swain

As someone who is somewhere on the autism spectrum putting feelings into words can be difficult but, I am going to try and convey to you as someone who is deeply in love with someone in prison, someone who loves someone who has no certainty about "getting out", someone who loves someone who has been targeted over and over relentlessly by so-called Ohio and the bogus bologna they called "correctional officers" why supporting people on the inside is so crucial.

I can speak of my experience as a prison wife and as a friend to so many incarcerated people. I incarcerated is the absolute right thing to do. We all break "the law" in some way shape or form. For example, I sped coming home today but, did not get pulled over (here I want to pause for a second and insert **Patrick Lyoya's** name as the most recent Black victim executed by police during a traffic stop). Some people

are victimized and targeted by this system that we are taught is supposed to protect us and as some of you may know that is Sean's case. Sean was targeted by the judge in his case because of the relational factor to the victim in the case. Sean, someone who had never had a dent on his record, someone who was a union organizer, and someone who was probably a mundane citizen was targeted. Here, I want you to pause and think about what that says about your life: It means you could be next.

As a prison wife, I want to amplify supporting incarcerated people because many people who are inside are abandoned by their families, their friends, and their loved ones; left to die in a corrupt system. I have spent nights screaming and crying myself to sleep because I thought Sean had been taken again. I cried on the phone to comrades until I fell asleep because Sean lost his communications. For six months, I became a shell of a human being; someone who was just passing through life because the prison shut down Sean's communications. I want you to imagine not talking to someone you love at all for six months, hard, isn't it? That is what prisoners face every day. The uncertainty of the prison industrial complex. Will they snatch you up and disappear you? Is a lunatic going to go on a vengeful rampage and keep you under control and torture you for a year? You don't know. Reason 1 people who are kept enslaved by the state under the 13th amendment cannot often advocate for themselves because of the purposeful isolation the prison bestows upon on them.

As I stepped into the building a "guard" asked for my I.D. He remembered me from the last time I was here. I went to the machine where you buy a food card so I could get Sean and myself some outrageously priced prison snacks. I wore a dress down to my red doc martin boots, the same ones I wore to go dumpstering the week before. I went through the metal detector, up the elevator, and through two sets of controlled doors to meet a guard to be let into the visiting room. I saw Sean, and we embraced and kissed for the first time ever in the two years we've been together. We sat across from each other with four small awkward tables between us, on top lay a rules sheet: "no holding hands, no touching, blah blah, no fun" The most I have ever got to touch my partner during a visit is at the beginning, at the end, and one time when we measured our feet up against each other. Everything is controlled. The amount we touch, the amount we can show love, the amount we see each other; are controlled. Reason 2 At the end of the day incarcerated people are human beings who deserve the same amount of love and affection as anyone else. If you're allowed to speed every day on your way to Dunkin Donuts but you can still kiss your partner whenever you want, why can't I? By speeding you put someone's life in potential danger but, you still got that coffee, didn't you? Still got to hold your partner's hand, didn't you?

-The Other Swain.

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Transcription of Jennifer Rose interview by The Final Straw Radio



TFSR: Could you please introduce yourself for the audience? Who are you and where are you?

Jennifer Rose: I'm glad to hear from you and happy to have this opportunity to participate in The Final Straw Radio.

So, to introduce myself, my name is Jennifer Rose. I'm a a trans woman incarcerated in California and currently held at Salinas Valley State Prison, a men's facility.

TFSR: Can you tell us a bit about where you came from and how you came to be incarcerated?

Jennifer Rose:I'm from Southern California, born and raised in Riverside, and spent my teenage years living in Huntington Beach (Orange County). I was in the 1980's punk rock scene around the L.A. area doing a lot of drinking and drugs which led to my involvement in an attempted robbery and another armed robbery for which I was jailed, convicted and sent to prison for seven years.

TFSR: How did you become politicized?

Jennifer Rose: While I was serving my time at Folsom Prison, I became involved in prison protests and abolitionist struggle, for which I was targeted, placed in solitary confinement and beaten by guards.

This is how I became politicized as a prison rebel, resisting brutality and torture, sabotaging and breaking a dozen prison cell windows in the inhumane 'Ad-Seg' unit. I was involved in the gladiator fights where guards encouraged racial violence and then shot at us with 9mm assault rifles using live ammo. There were additional charges brought against me for attacking a pig officer, for weapon possession, and for two assaults on a state prosecutor and associate warden. For these I was given a 25 years-to-life sentence under the 'three strikes' law. This was around 1995 and 1996.

TFSR: Can you talk about the struggle of being a woman in a male-assigned prison? What sort of support have you received and what sorts of hurdles?

Jennifer Rose: To answer your question about being a transwoman in a men's facility, we have faced the most adverse circumstances imaginable. From the discriminatory harassment and brutality of the pigs, to the hatred and violence of other prisoners, and even rapes and murder! This has began to change more recently, at last in California with many legal reforms and court victories.

I have been able to find widespread support from outside groupls like Black & Pink and TGI Justice project, among others. Also, lots of support among abolitionist and anarchist collectives, and the extended family of LGBTQ prisoners. The main hurdles we face continue to be our unsafe housing conditions, exposure to homophobic and transmisogynist violence from gangs, domestic and sexual violence. We are in a very disadvantageous situation facing the various types of gender violence on a daily!

TFSR: Is there anything else you'd like to say about how you discovered anarchism and what inspires you about anarchy?

Jennifer Rose: I became politicized during the 1991 Folsom Prison Food Strike, which was a protest against proposed visiting restrictions that cut our visiting days from four times a week to twice (weekends and holidays). Just prior to this, I was given a copy of the anarchist zine Love & Rage by another prisoner and had also been influenced by Jailhouse Lawyers to educate myself about so-called legal rights and remedies for which I became a strong advocate.

Eventually I would learn the hard way that the pigs don't give a fuck about the law, or peoples rights. It's only used at their convenience as a tool of social control and criminalization of marginalized people and communities. The people thing that inspires me about Anarchy is the simplicity of the idea, of abolishing the State and it's illegitimate Power. They claim their Authority from God and Natural Law... and originally as white male property owners under colonial government. That's crap! I love the basic concept of Anarchy, which is Freedom! It's basic principles of voluntary cooperation and mutual aid, non-hierarchy and autonomous collectives, internationalism and solidarity, etc.

TFSR: Have you been able to do much organizing within prison? If so, around what sorts of issues and how did it go?

Jennifer Rose: I've done a lot of organizing within prisons, including legal advocacy and 'jailhouse lawyer' work, as former leadership in Black & Pink and working with TGI Justice Project to change discriminatory policies and improve living conditions for trans women in the men's prisons. We've had a lot of success and made progress over the past 12 years or so, including betteer access to basic trans health care (e.g. hormones, surgery, etc), access to and inclusion in prison programs and job assignments, accommodation of women's clothing and cosmetics and more awareness of and prevention of sexual abuse among other things. I am currently awaiting an approved gender affirming surgery and transfer to a women's facility sometime this year!

TFSR: You mentioned in a letter with me that you organized briefly with Maoists. Are you now or have you ever been a Maoist (that's a Senator McCarthy joke)? But, really, how did that happen? What was that like? Jennifer Rose: As for Maoists, yes, I did work with MIM-Prisons for a while which offered study group sand worked directly with prisoners on many projects. I carried on a dialogue with them via correspondence, often debating with them over my anarchist sympathies and their political line on gender and State power (their 'Dictatorship of the Proletariat'). I did think I could work within that Maoist framework at one point, but eventually had to reject the ideological bickering sectarianism of Maoists. I've always been an anarchist at heart, even when I went through this stage in my personal development. Eventually I came in contact with insurrectionary anarchist writings from Greek comrades in the FAI-IRF and CCF, which I was strongly influenced by, and developed friendships with like-minded comrades.

TFSR: You're a collective member of Fire Ant. Can you talk about the project and what part you play in it? Jennifer Rose: I'm extremely proud of my involvement as a member of the Fire Ant collective. The project started as a concept I was discussing with several different comrades via regular correspondence, including Robcat, Michael Kimble, Sean Swain and Bloomington ABC. We all had similar ideas of trying to organize and faciliate a national or international anarchist prisoner conference where we could bring together the collective voice of imprisoned anarchist rebels, perhaps publish a paper, start a support fund to raise funds and material aid, and generally build anarchist prisoner solidarity in a way we haven't yet seen!

We've always had ABC and National Jericho Movement mainly focus on leftist 'political prisoners.' Many imprisoned anarchists are not recognized as 'political.' In point of fact, we are anti-political! However, we believe that ALL prisons are political. Anyways, the part I played is pulling all these comrades' ideas together, and putting them in direct contact about this exciting project.

Once Robcat offered to facilitate a zine, Bloomington ABC offered to provide printing and distribution free! And they also already had a support fund set up. So we all pulled together and formed the Fire Ant collective. Robcat came up with the name and we all contributed to the zine connecting our individual and collective struggles from prisons across the U.S. and internationally! I'm proud to be an accomplice in this seditious conspiracy toward worldwide anarchist insurgency.

TFSR: There have been some victories of recent in your sentence. Can you talk about what happened?

Jennifer Rose: As far as my recent sentence reduction on October 28, 2019, this only affected one of my sentences for assault and battery on the prosecutor, a 'non-serious' felony, which was knocked down from 25-years-to-life to 8 years. Yay!

TFŚR: Similarly, you were telling me of improvements in the conditions of your confinement as relates to gender, right? And what are next steps for you and what can listeners do to support you and try to hasten your release?

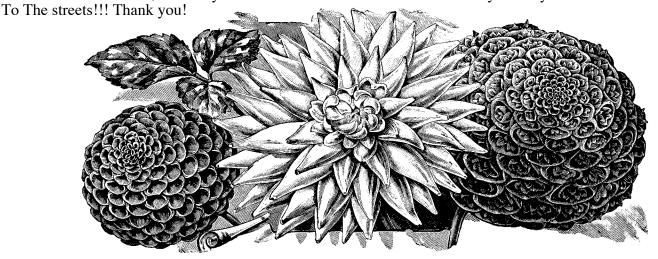
Jennifer Rose: My next steps are getting my surgery, transferring to a women's facility, and a parole suitability hearing on July 28, 2020 with the Board of Parole Hearings (BPH). The greatest support comes in the form of letters to the Board and/or the Governor advocating for my release, and any amount of commissary funds which I can receive via jpay.com.

TFSR: I'm not sure if you're much of a reader, but do you have any book suggestions for the audience?

Jennifer Rose: As for recommended reading, I would strongly suggest the Emma Goldman autobiography and Assata Shakur autobiography, Michelle Alexander's 'The New Jim Crow', and anything by Butch Lee, Sean Swain or Greek insurrectionary anarchists of CCF!

TFSR: Any comrades you want to shout out on the show?

Jennifer Rose: Shoutouts to Robcat, Breezy, Michael Kimble, Sean Swain, Eric King, Marius Mason, Jeremy Hammond, Sacramento Prisoner Support, Nashville ABC, Bloomington ABC and Chelsea Manning! And in case I missed someone, solidarity to all anarchists and antifascists! Thank you for your efforts in the struggle.



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A Little About Me by Thomas Meyer-Falk

Born on May 15th, 1971; I have been in prison since my arrest in 1996, first in solitary confinement in Stuttgart Stammheim until Spring 1998, then under slightly more 'relaxed' conditions in Straubing in Bavaria, and in solitary confinement in Bruchsal since Autumn 1998. I was convicted of armed bank robbery with a hostage situation in 1997; the monies from which would have been used to organise both legal and illegal left-wing political projects. I am a so-called Red-Skin/RASH = Red & Anarchist Skinhead, and because I may occasionally clearly express my opinion, I received further convictions in 2000 and 2004 on the counts of duress, multiple counts of libel, and threats – as the lawyers called it – 'to the disadvantage' of prison lawyers, judges, district attorneys, and a few politicians (among others, Former Chancellor Schröder, Bavarian Minister of the Interior Beckstein, and Hessian Premier Koch).

I have been sentenced to a total of 16 years, nine months and three weeks of imprisonment, and preventative detention beginning in 2013, which means that a release is unforeseeable.

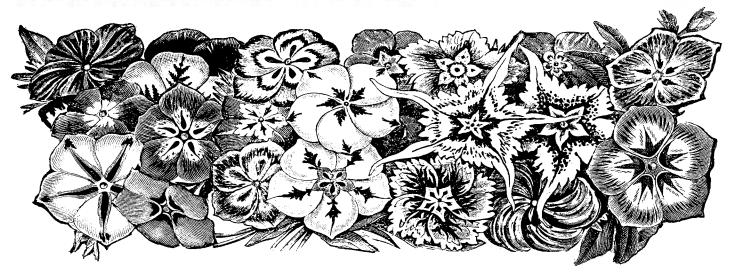
A word about the hostage situation: even though the ultimate goal was to advocate a better, freer world and ultimately a form of society that does not need violence, I do not see a reason to regret my actions, despite the shock the hostages in the bank will have experienced (they were not physically harmed, but being threatened with a gun over hours will no doubt have been a psychological shock). It is not easy to find the right words (particularly when everything that I write is subjected to the censorship of the prison administration); it is not about marginalising the hostages' emotional damage nor about glorifying what I did. The court that convicted me already accused me in 1997 of not having 'regrets' ... so all that remains in the end may just be ... keeping silent!?

I have been in 'normal prison conditions' since 2007, so I have contact with my fellow prisoners.

The District Court in Karlsruhe denied my release in 2009; I would first need to successfully complete a long-term social therapy programme before they would even consider my release. I turned down this forced therapy.

In Juli 2013 I was transfered from the prison in Bruchsal where I stayed for 15 years to the one in Freiburg, in the south-west of Germany, near the french border. The criminal court in Karlsruhe denied to release me, so since 8. July 2013 the state is keeping me in PD, Preventive Detention, based on a Nazilaw from 1933 which allowes the state to keep someone behind the bars, after he/she has finished the sentence, maybe for the rest of her/his life.

I hope that I get released in summer 2023 at the latest.



June 11, 2022 statement from Toby Shone

"We will have to go to sea and embark on a journey into the unknown. It is up to us to choose the course from the march. We are free to make mistakes." Gustavo Rodriguez – 'Brief Informative Report About The Weather'.

An embrace of life, fire and complicity to all imprisoned anarchist comrades for this June 11th. I have been invited to participate by the comrades in North America, for which they have my thanks and agreement. Whilst I am not condemned to a particularly long sentence, I faced well over a decade at my trial last October in "Operation Adream" and next week I will go to trial again in Bristol on the 6th of May. This time the "anti-terrorist" prosecutors demand up to five years house arrest and special surveillance, which could see me returning to prison frequently. It also has a precedent for the rest of the anarchist space in the UK if the State is successful. International mobilisations are essential for learning about and combining our shared struggles. Opening a space for discussion and praxis enables us to escape the walls and barbed wire which divides and isolates us. I'm locked up for 23 hours a day in a solitary cell, subject to enhanced monitoring and censorship, categorised as "high risk" and placed on the "escape list". I could not care less. I will leave this place without stepping back one millimetre.

"One who has a why to live can bear almost any how." – F. Nietzsche. There are storms gathering on the horizon.

Toby Shone

Written on the eve of Revolutionary 1st of May, 2022. G4S Parc, UK.

We Must Learn from Afrika by Michael Kimble

I desire liberation, not slavery. I desire freedom, not domination. I desire autonomy, not hierarchy. I desire anarchy, not a nation state.

And, I think anarchy expresses the best way of life for the human being.

As a Black person, I, of course, want this for my people, and all of the human species.

I find myself constantly having to explain anarchism to Black prisoners and other Black people whom I'm in communication with on the outside of the walls. They think that anarchism is some white thing and therefore, reject it. They see a lot of white prisoners and rockers with the circle A for a tattoo, and identify it with whiteness. They also see it as some crazy, wild, unbridled chaos, and something new. The notion of anarchy as a white thing is bullshit!

Traditional Afrikan societies for the most part were founded on communalism. Most, but not all, traditional Afrikan societies practiced anarchy as a way of life, or had certain elements of anarchy. Anarchy is not new in Afrika as a way of life. What is new is the concept of anarchy as an ideology.

The anarchy elements in Afrikan communalism still exist today to some degree. This includes the absence of hierarchal structures and the collectivist nature of Afrikan societies. The absence of exploitative social relations, and the equal access to land are also some examples.

There is a tendency by Black historians and academics to overlook these stateless societies. They mainly cover ancient Egypt as the height of Black excellence and achievement. As a pinnacle of Black Afrikan history. Only the nation states are covered. Those without nation states are considered backwards.

How were the people in different regions organizing their way of life? When we speak of Afrikan queens, kings, and pharaohs, we are speaking of oppressors. At one time, there were no governments, prisons, ICE detention centers. None of the stateless regions held captive humans in an artificial world that attempts to destroy the human soul in every way.

The late radical anarchist anthropologist, David Graeber, also did work in this area. He studied the anarchic elements in some Afrikan stateless societies. His work is worth checking out.

A lot can be learned from these stateless societies. They seem to have formed naturally. However, there had to be some point in their history when they originally organized themselves. That's what we need the most. A conscience decision to live in a particular way. A collective way. A non-exploitive way. A non-patriarchal, non-dominating way.

UPDATES AND NEEDS FOR ERIC'S PENDING TRANSFER TO PRISON 4/30/22 From Support Eric King Crew

WE NEED PEOPLE TO CONTINUE EMAILING AND CALLING STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS EVERY WEEK.

As we continue to address the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) and state representatives, we have received nonsensical and conflicting information from the BOP regarding Eric's pending transfer to USP Lee. For now, Eric is waiting at USP Atlanta, and it seems we have come full circle: originally in 2018, Eric was told at USP Atlanta and USP Lee his life would be in danger by white supremacist gangs if he ever did a long stint at USP Lee, and Eric was originally told the dangers of USP Lee shortly after he was attacked by white supremacists at USP McCreary in 2018. The BOP is knowingly putting Eric at risk with these designated transfers 4 years later.

Here's a list of mixed messages from BOP's Mid-Atlantic Regional office, National office, and the DSCC when addressing them about Eric's safety and prison designation:

- BOP directly told Eric he IS designated for USP Lee; Englewood's Associate Warden and multiple Lieutenants at Englewood (including Lt. Quezada) and USP Atlanta have said so
 - But BOP told supporters they can't confirm his designation until he reaches USP Lee
- But BOP has also angrily told supporters this week they "know" Eric isn't designated for USP Lee and "it's not necessary for people to keep calling" and the number of calls from "concerned individuals" has been "overwhelming"
- BOP said Eric would be designated for USP Lee because it's his "parent prison" (meaning a prison he was originally residing in before being under Marshall custody) despite Eric never doing time at USP Lee until AFTER he was in Marshall custody for being attacked in a broom closet at FCI Florence, and "the only way" to address his designation is with his unit team assigned to him at "his designated facility" USP Lee
- But BOP also said Eric should request a case manager to contact the DSCC so they "can have a paper trail" despite not reaching USP Lee yet
- But BOP ALSO said Grady County should send information to various BOP offices on Eric's behalf before they COVID swabbed him to be transferred to USP Atlanta
- But BOP ALSO had medical offices express concern and say we should address the transfer before Eric ever reaches USP Lee
- But BOP ALSO said Senators and Congresspeople should address their offices before Eric reaches a designated prison
- BOP said Eric's court records of his March 2022 acquittal/not guilty for acts of self defense when attacked by guards in a FCI Florence broom closet in 2018 wouldn't reach the BOP for another 45-60 days to address the management variable placed on him FROM THE ASSAULT HE WAS JUST ACQUITTED OF that's upping his security from low/medium to max security prison
- BOP confirmed Eric would be placed in segregation once reaching his designated prison due to COVID and his "security concerns"
- BOP numerous times has transferred calls to the wrong department, such as medical or financial, or simply hang up on us when attempting to make inquiries on Eric's behalf. Sometimes we've only been able to get past automated messages when other offices, prisons, or operators transfer us

All of this information proves that the BOP is not comfortable being confronted with orchestrating a situation that does nothing but put Eric in harm's way, when there are plenty of options to designate Eric to another prison to finish his time, and Eric having no criminal history or disciplinary sanctions to ever justify sending him to a max security prison to begin with.

Congressman Joe Neguse and Congresswoman Cori Bush's office have been thoroughly informed of Eric's history and current danger to his life. Both offices have expressed interest in submitting inquiries to the Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) on Eric's behalf!

Amnesty International has also contacted the BOP on Eric King's behalf: "Transferring Eric King to a maximum-security facility across the country, far from his family and loved ones when he has such a short amount of time remaining on his sentence seems to be more retaliatory and punitive rather than necessary due to specific security concerns. Under Rule 59 of the UN Standard Minimum Rules on the Treatment of Prisoners, "Prisoners shall be allocated, to the extent possible, to prisons close to their homes or their places of social rehabilitation." The BOP must revisit the issues within Eric King's security profile which allow his eligibility to be at a maximum-security facility and the decision for him to be placed so far from where his family resides and where he intends to settle upon release." Please SHARE the letter in it's entirety here: https://supportericking.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Amnesty-International-USA-TG-re-transfer-of-Eric-King-inmate-number-27090-045-1.pdf

WE NEED PEOPLE TO CONTINUE EMAILING AND CALLING STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS EVERY WEEK.

Here's an email template that can be added to to send to BOP, Senators, and Congresspeople, as well as the letter from Amnesty International on Eric's behalf addressing BOP Director Michael Carvajal, and all the emails and phone numbers to call to demand Eric's right to life. When contacting Congresspeople, they want to hear from constituents in their own districts, which is dictated by whatever your legal address is, to fill out Privacy Forms that address federal agencies (in this case the BOP/DOJ). Senator representatives aren't based on districts, but whoever resides in their state. When calling BOP offices and prisons, try getting to an operator to avoid automated messages. DSCC has multiple options you may need to scan before reaching someone. You can tell the BOP that Congress and Amnesty International are also inquiring on Eric's behalf.

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House of Representatives: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative

Congress/Senate: https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member



DRAFT TEMPLATES

To whom it may concern,

I am writing about my friend who is a prisoner in the Federal Bureau of Prisons. His name is Eric King, inmate number 27090-045. He was recently found not guilty on all counts at a trial in the U.S. District of Colorado. Eric was moved from FCI Englewood and was transferred from a private facility, Grady County Jail in Oklahoma, to USP Atlanta to wait for final transfer. He has been told he is en route to USP Lee, a maximum security prison in Virginia.

I am writing because I believe Eric should not be sent to USP Lee, and would be in danger if he were sent there. He is scheduled to be released from prison in December 2023, and wants to avoid anything that would

infringe on this release date.

There is an active threat against his life. A few years ago, before being sent to Colorado, Eric was held in the Segregation Unit at USP Lee for approximately two weeks. Before that, at USP Atlanta, a white supremacist gang member told him he would be killed at USP Lee if he was released into general population. This was documented at USP Lee. Eric was originally transferred to USP Lee under the US Marshalls after he was attacked by white supremacist gangs at USP McCreary.

It is imperative that Eric not be put in harm's way. I am asking that you not send him into a situation that is so dangerous. The Bureau of Prisons knows this and there is established case law regarding the BOP sending someone into dangerous and life threatening scenarios. SeeFitzharris v. Wolf, 702 F.2d 836, 839 (9th Cir. 1983);Gullatte v. Potts, 654 F.2d 1007, 1012-13 (5th Cir. 1981);Roba v. U.S., 604 F.2d 215, 218-19 (2d Cir. 1979).

Additionally, Eric is in this situation because of a bogus maximum management variable on his security profile. This has him erroneously being sent to a facility beyond his actual security level. He has no pending charges and no incident reports. He has no criminal history or disciplinary sanctions qualifying him for placement at a maximum security prison. He intends to be released to Colorado to live with his wife and his two children in just over a year. I ask that this management variable be removed so that he can be sent to a medium- or low-custody prison close to home and begin preparing for release.

I am afraid for my friend Eric's life, and I am asking that you intervene with the Bureau of Prisons and ask them not to send Eric King into harm's way by sending him to USP Lee.

Please help my friend.

Sincerely,





JUNE 11, 2022

International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason & All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners

s time moves on and the seasons change, we approach once again the June 11th International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason & All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners. Another year has passed, and many of our dear comrades remain captives of the state, subject to its daily subjugation, isolation, and brutality. June 11th is a time to stop the ever-quickening rush of our lives and remember.

Remember our imprisoned comrades. Remember our own histories of revolt. Remember the flame – sometimes flickering, sometimes blazing – of anarchism.

WE ARE ALL POTENTIAL PRISONERS

With June 11th, we desire to deepen a critique of prison that challenges the distinction between prisoner and supporter. For us, these differences are conditional: we, as anarchists, see ourselves as potential prisoners. Some of us have been, some of us will be. This is the basis of our solidarity – a recognition of ourselves in the plight of those in prison.

The continuum of prisoner and supporter can only be seen as tenuous if one looks to the examples of imprisoned and formerly-imprisoned comrades: Marius Mason's activity with the Anarchist Black Cross, Bill Dunne's liberation of an anarchist prisoner, Pola Roupa's attempted helicopter rescue of anarchist prisoners, Claudio Lavazza's actions to liberate prisoners. The connections deepen when one considers that numerous anarchist prisoners are locked up for attacks on prison, judicial, and police institutions; and that others connect us to prisoner uprisings from California and Alabama to Greece and Italy.

SOLIDARITY MEANS...

We have always said that "solidarity means attack," but we must recognize that slogans do not offer us a way forward in our struggles. If "attack" becomes confined to a restrictive set of activities, we cut ourselves off from a more expansive vision of anarchist struggle. If we move beyond mere repetition of fetishized actions, what possibilities open up to us? Solidarity means attack, yes, but what else does it mean?

In this vein, we'd like to offer our suggestion: instead of doing what you always do for June 11th, try something new. If your focus is usually on offering material aid to prisoners, take up action against some tentacle of the prison system in your town. If you're usually out in the night attacking, try doing something to directly support an anarchist prisoner. The point is not to further entrench the false dichotomy between direct action and care work, but to challenge our ossified roles. By trying new things, we may come to recognize that the walls that separate the dedicated supporter and the dedicated saboteur were always illusory, that our imaginations are more expansive than we thought, and that we individually and collectively are capable of more than we give ourselves credit for.

Central to our vision of solidarity is maintaining the lines that connect us to our companions behind bars. We should keep alive the projects, fights, and movements to which they've sacrificed so much of themselves. Our con-

nections with anarchist prisoners start from a point of commonality – that we share a desire to directly transform the world in a liberatory and egalitarian direction. Thus, our solidarity should root itself in bringing prisoners into our projects and investing ourselves in theirs. We want released anarchists to come out into a world of vibrant debate, collaboration, and action; and we want to foster that as much as possible behind prison walls as well. This can be as simple as sending news of local struggles to a prisoner or printing prisoner statements to share at events. As with any aspect of solidarity, we are limited only by our imagination and commitment.

While we should support prison struggles when they happen, we should be careful not to put the burden of struggling against the prison system on prisoners alone. Those in prison – being in conditions of extreme control, surveillance, and restriction – are in many ways the least able to actively fight winnable battles against prison institutions. Those of us living in relative freedom have opportunities to think strategically about what actions and sites of struggle would have the most positive impact on the lives of people in prison and do the most work to dismantle the prison system. As prison is inexorably connected to numerous corporate and state institutions, enemies are everywhere: where can we win?

Supporting prisoners is also a way for different struggles to converge, as the last several decades have taught us. From the Black Liberation Army to the Earth Liberation Front to Grand Jury Resistors to anti-police uprising defendants to land and water protectors, all struggles for liberation will necessarily lead to state repression and imprisonment. By building up support infrastructure and culture, by making prison a less complete isolation and removal, we strengthen every aspect of challenging this society. We also find each other, learn from each other, enrich each other.

PRISONER UPDATES

Marius Mason secured his long-fought-for transfer to a men's prison, likely being the first trans man to achieve such a transfer in the federal prison system.

Italian prison administrators began censoring Alfredo Cospito's correspondences in October. Authorities charged him with incitement to commit crimes, citing his writings in the anarchist newspaper Vetriolo. This repression is part of Operation Sibilla, where Italian police have raided numerous anarchist spaces and shut down websites surrounding Vetriolo to prevent the publication and spread of its subversive ideas.

Claudio Lavazza received a hit of five years to his twenty-five-year sentence. His legal support is trying to secure an earlier parole date.

Eric King went to federal court on charges related to a situation in which he was attacked and tortured by prison staff in 2018. The jury found him not guilty and his legal team is now filing a suit against the prison administration. As of this writing, Eric is the process of being transferred and the continued target of a vindictive prison system.

Michael Kimble was assaulted by a corrections officer in June and then sent to solitary confinement before transferred. He has again been denied parole, the stated reasons being disciplinary citations for refusing to work and an altercation with a corrections officer.

Sean Swain was also denied parole, which he argues is retaliation by prison staff for comments he made and civil suits he has filed against them. He has since been transferred from Virginia back to OSP Youngstown in Ohio. His supporters suspect he will soon be transferred again.

More and more defendants from the uprising of 2020 are getting sentenced, some have been released and other going on to serve their terms. Some are still pretrial and facing lengthy sentences. The effects of this repression

will still be felt for many years. May the quality of our support for these defendants make us stronger than we were before.

In Chile, anarchist Joaquín García was transferred along with several subversive prisoners to the Rancagua maximum security prison last June. In October, he along with 20 other prisoners were attacked by about 50 guards, after which he was put in solitary confinement for 24 hours. This followed their declaration of solidarity with Pablo "Oso" Bahamondes Ortiz, who was facing weapons and explosive charges, and was subsequently sentenced to 15 years. Francisco Solar, another anarchist locked up at Rancagua, was hospitalized last autumn due to the advancement of undiagnosed diabetes. He and Mónica Cabellero were accused of multiple bombings, after his DNA was surreptitiously taken during a graffiti arrest, and have been in preventative detention since July 2020. In December of 2021 he accepted responsibility for bombing police structures, in solidarity with the revolts beginning in 2019 and those harmed and murdered by the police because, "no one and nothing is forgotten." Days later, Mónica was in a fight with another prisoner that her family called a provocation set up by the prison. At the time of this writing, information is not yet available on the sentencing or a release date for these two anarchists.

Siarhei Ramanau, Ihar Alinevich, Dzmitry Rezanovich, and Dzmitry Dubousky were sentenced early this year to 18-20 years each for direct actions against Belarusian government targets after preliminary incarceration since 2019. After sentencing it was revealed that they were tortured by guards, resulting in a confession. As anarchism has become criminalized under the ongoing dictatorship, at least two other groups are facing several years each for their dissent.

Russian authorities have sentenced teenage anarchist Nikita Uvarov to five years for a conspiracy to blow up the Federal Security Service in Minecraft (yes, the video game) and constructing small fireworks. Two of his peers received probational sentences for their alleged crimes at the age of 14. Moscow ABC has reported that repression has increased (though there are no new proceedings against anarchists and antifascists there) and they have begun reorienting resources toward humanitarian efforts as Russia continues its murderous invasion of Ukraine.

The Anarchist Black Cross of Dresden, too, has reoriented itself toward providing support to those fighting in and fleeing from Ukraine. This reimagining of their support means helping finance solidarity forces like "The Black Headquarter" that have assembled volunteers to oppose the Russian forces and also attempt to carve out autonomous space in opposition to the Ukrainian state itself. Under the banner of the black flag, Balkan anarchists and anti-authoritarians are uniting against nation-states' concepts of war and peace. It's worth noting that chapters of the Anarchist Black Cross were established in Ukraine in 1918 as an adjunct to the Black Army that was fighting both the Soviet and Czarist forces invading from Russia.

In England, Toby Shone was sentenced to almost four years on drug charges related to psychedelics in his possession (during coordinated raids of collective anarchist homes) after terror charges failed to stick, related to the alleged operation of counter-info site 325. Despite the government's failure to attribute membership to the the 325 collective, the Informal Anarchist Federation/International Revolutionary Front, the Earth and Animal Liberation Front, and involvement in related arsons and writings, he still must fight a Serious Organised Crime Prevention Order that would subject him to a heavily monitored five-year house arrest, expressing the evolution of incarceration by an increasingly digitized state apparatus.

ONWARD

The expansion of home detention and monitoring is not new, but still growing, as the prison society further invades the everyday through technological advances. Warfare too, grows increasingly digital from drone strikes to hacking, while government-sanctioned murder continues in all its finality. We may lack details regarding anarchists struck down or imprisoned in their pursuit of freedom in ongoing struggles in Sudan, Afghanistan, and

Syria – still they also move our thoughts and actions. As the state persists in all its punitive perdition, killing and imprisoning, and we find common ground with those who fight in an effort to grow our power and destabilize those that seek to control us – carrying the fallen and imprisoned with us in our relationships with them and through a persistent conflict with the existent.

For ideas on potential activities, check out our blog for years of archived reportbacks. Those looking for materials to print and share can find them at the Resources page. And, most importantly: a list of anarchist prisoners to write to.

We eagerly await the events, actions, statements, and other contributions to this year's June 11th.

For anarchy!

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