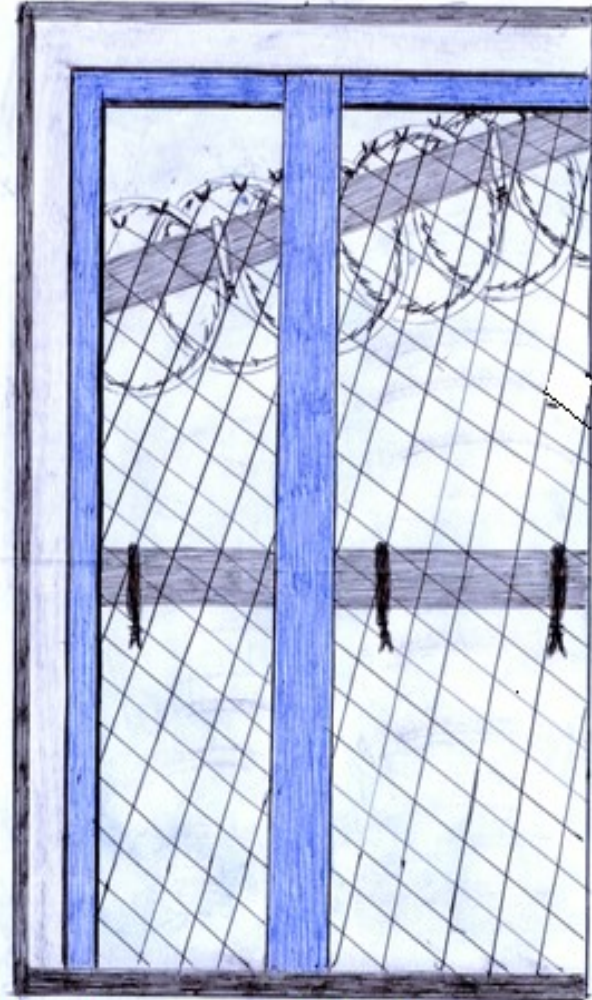


# Prison Action News



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Prison Action News is a newsletter collaboratively published by prisoner support groups worldwide for prisoners to report on their struggles and acts of resistance from behind bars. All submissions must be **received** by Dec 1<sup>st</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup> and be in compliance with the following guidelines. Please note that we retain the right as editors to alter submissions for grammatical or content-related issues. Prison Action News is one part of the multi-faceted Prison Abolition movement. We feel as though the writing that goes into Prison Action News is equally vital but different than other forms of writing, such as poetry, political essays, etc. but is often less represented.

*Please note: for this issue we received several entries about a week late which had been post-marked June 1. For this entry we included them so as to not make them wait until January. However, for all future issues, we will only include submissions **received** by the deadline.*

### History:

The idea for Prison Action News came out of the 2007 Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) Network gathering. We wanted to create a venue for prisoners to share updates of their activities, similar to the updates we wrote in our network newsletter. Recognizing that there is far too much activity occurring in prisons to put in our quarterly newsletter, we decided to create a new newsletter specifically to report activity within prisons. As people on the outside, we can facilitate this dialog of prison resistance, and help our comrades on the inside hear from each other about the inspiring actions they are taking. We have recently opened up submissions to prisoners and prison groups worldwide. With your help this newsletter will be a success!

*Please send submissions and/or questions to any of the following:*

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### Guidelines

- 1. An update must not exceed 500 words.**
- 2. We will not accept submissions with racist, sexist, homophobic, or otherwise oppressive language.**
- 3. An update may be a report on resistance activities of individual prisoners or prison groups (this can include, but is not limited to, radical book groups, hunger strike, general strike, letter writing campaigns, etc.)**
- 4. PAN is accepting artwork for the covers of upcoming issues, so send us your designs!**
- 5. A report should not be a political essay or a report on prison conditions, rather the response and resistance to these conditions**
- 6. One submission per group, per prison, per newsletter**
- 7. We will not report on gang activity.**

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Ronnie had campaigned relentlessly since then for his conviction to be overturned, refusing to become involved in applications for parole or early release. He had wanted to mount a political defense at his trial, arguing that the infamous 'shoot to kill' policy adopted by the British state in Northern Ireland had then been taken up by the Met. Police in pursuit of criminal gangs. His barrister at the time refused to follow his instructions, so he was forced to defend himself in court without legal representation. Although he wanted to focus on police tactics as part of his defense the request was refused on the grounds that a political defense was not permitted.

Handed down a Life sentence (originally with a whole-life tariff, itself highly unusual given the circumstances of his case), Ronnie held one of the longest dirty protests in the British prison system and undertook a 60 day hunger strike 10 years ago to try to force the authorities to review his case. At 78 years old and after 20 years fighting the system, this hunger strike was to be his final act of resistance to the unfair trial and unjust treatment he had received.

Those who knew and corresponded with Ronnie will miss him greatly.

*United Kingdom- Brighton ABC*

*May, 2009*

Brighton ABC has just heard that William Johnston has won his long struggle against the prison Medical Service at HMP Glenochil: to be allowed the painkillers he had previously been prescribed.

William had been on hunger strike for more than 2 months following the withdrawal of his medication, as part of a wide range of cost-cutting measures introduced by a newly appointed prison doctor. Numerous complaints were made to the prison governor, MPs, the Scottish Government and the General Medical Council-- initially to no avail. The governor even boasted in one letter that "It may be of interest that when I went to see William not a single prisoner questioned me or challenged me about our care of him. I do not know how familiar you are with our prison culture, but I can assure you if William's fellow prisoners had even the slightest concern about him, I would have been vigorously and directly taken to task".

This was a mistake; When the prisoners on William's wing found out, they organised a petition to the governor, which they all signed, condemning his actions. The Prisoners Advisory Service also arranged to send a visitor to check on conditions there.

In the end, it seems that the pressure from both inside and outside took its toll on the prison's resolve; they had to give in to William's perfectly reasonable demands.

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This "investigations into the conduct of" said inmate started with the confiscation of a zine I composed which, "spoke of ways to organize and act on Anarchist beliefs against the Department of Corrections."

"Through discussions with offenders" I "attempted to organize inmates to resist the system by utilizing sit-downs as forms of protest." As this investigation moved beyond the bounds of my current institution into other detention centers it was found that I "had attempted to organize some forms of resistance at other institutions."

Of the five confidential informant statements written on my person, statement #3 is my favorite stating that, "a number of conversations" with me "pertained to plans [challenging] numerous organizations." In which I "spoke of ways to organize and act on Anarchist beliefs, also statement #4 calls me a "self proclaimed Anarchist" that "discussed such things as critical movements, anti-government actions, abolitionist actions, etc." But to really get into the mind of the snitches who supported the system in this case we must fully quote statement #5 where I'm quoted as saying "If we all stopped working we could shut down the DOC." Then the system supporting snitch states succinctly, "I never agreed with [him] as I told him it could lead to lockdown and I didn't enjoy that." So he obviously enjoys long chains to short ones, I on the other hand do not. I want to destroy all chains.

Essentially what I did was to compose a zine and give it to prisoners. The zine critiqued the present system of punishment and discussed ways to resist it. I also had conversations with others regarding resistance to all forms of coercion. The end result was 180 days of solitary confinement.

Upon my release I immediately got down to business attempting to break through the societal conditioning that domesticates those around me, because without their support the system does not function, it falls apart. This will ultimately lead to more sanctions, but I see no alternative. In the words of Duke Atreides, "The sleeper must awaken." Hamartia, 2009.

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### International

*United Kingdom- Brighton ABC*

*May, 2009*

Ronnie Easterbrook died on hunger strike May 10th

Ronnie Easterbrook was convicted in 1988 for the attempted murder of a policeman during an armed robbery that was set up by the police and a police informant. The only person who died was his fellow would-be robber, who was shot dead by the police. Police had lain in wait, with a TV camera crew in tow, and ambushed the gang. The man shot dead by the police, Tony Ash, was unarmed and already surrendering to them.

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### Arizona

*From Political Prisoner News*

*May 20, 2009*

1,800 prisoners in Arizona jails have been hunger striking to protest food and other conditions under Sheriff Arpaio there. They've been intermittently striking for the past two weeks to demand better food. The Sheriff retaliated yesterday placing the majority of the county jails on lock down and denying all prisoners their phone calls and visitations.

The Sheriff has been coming under fire for his actions under the federal 287g program that enables local law enforcement to enforce federal immigration laws. Arpaio has used this program to deputize hundreds of volunteer posse members, including known white supremacists, and set up ski masked check-points and round ups in Latino and indigenous communities. 5,000 people marched in February to demand that former Arizona Governor and now Dept of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano end Arpaio's 287g program.

The Puente movement in Phoenix is rallying around the prisoners and attempting to break the media silence around this incredible collective.

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An all points bulletin from the S.H.U. at Pelican Bay State Prison!

My name is Kijana Tashiri Askari and I recently became an Afrikan black political prisoner of war! I am the founder of a proposal entitled The New Afrikan Community Response Network. The sole purpose of this proposal is to organize the oppressed and free communities of Babylon around the critical issues of combating the long standing violations of the first amendment of the constitution and abuses within prisons. We, the captive class of prisoners, are routinely subjected to violations of our constitutional rights. In particular our mail is often stolen, confiscated, or disallowed under the spurious premise of promoting, or being involved in some type of unlawful, criminal, or gang activity -thus sabotaging our ability to sustain any viable relationships with the free community.

The New Afrikan Community Response Network will serve as a defense mechanism towards negating these abuses with the understanding that every community is impacted by this dilemma that is caused by the incessant proliferation of slave camps (prisons) that remove and kidnap many from oppressed communities. The success of this proposal will largely depend upon the support that is offered from the free communities. If you are interested write to the following address for a copy of the NACRN proposal:

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All power to the people!!

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### Florida

Union Correctional Institution

Spring, 2009

I am presently working on two lawsuits against the Florida Department of Corrections and certain staff members for physically beating me, causing severe injury. Due to having money on my prison account, I do not qualify to file in forma pauperis, meaning having no money. On October 14, 2008 while in N-Dorm here at Union Correctional Institution, I was pulled out of my cell to see medical because I had declared a psychiatric emergency. Six officers were waiting for me on the 2nd floor quarterdeck

ready for action when the call to arms sounds. It's not 'if,' it's 'when.'

(Rage Against the Machine) Word is born, Fight the war, fuck the norm, Now I got no patience, So sick of complacence, With the D - E - F - I - A - N - C - E, Mind of a revolutionary, So clear the lane, The finger to the land of the chains, What? The land of the free? Whoever told you that is your enemy, Now something must be done, About vengeance, a badge and a gun, Now action must be taken, We don't need the key, We'll break in.

I feel the time is nearing for revolution as the bloodthirsty U.S. overextends militarily overseas, and opportunities and weaknesses are becoming exposed here at home. Every small strike or rebellion we cause matters. We must remember that, and I want to say RIGHT ON to P.A.N. and all those that uphold the struggle by letting our voices be heard. We, as captives, have really no choice but to struggle. Either we struggle as a whole or lay down. But these ABC Networks and others have my, and I think I speak for us all, appreciation and respect, for all the tiresome, time consuming work and support you all provide for us convicts.

In Unity! Up the Struggle!  
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### Wisconsin

Oshkosh Correctional Institution

2009

I don't believe that a detestable condition can be ameliorated. And with that thought prison is the most detestable condition I have experienced or can imagine. Since it is impossible to amend the horrific nature of prison it must be rendered useless and ineffective. With this goal in mind, I find the most effective way to bring about a inefficient prison is for prisoners to cease all support of the system. Prisoner support is the warp and weave than maintains their condition, therefore the absence of support negates their present condition.

In December of 2008 I was placed in a Temporary Lock-up Unit (TLU) after a two month long investigation I was charged with Inciting A Riot, Group Resistance and Petitions, Enterprises and Fraud, and Damage or Alteration of Property.

The underlying theme of this Conduct Report pertained to my actions in "organizing, recruiting, meeting and disseminating information consistent with actions resisting Department of Corrections policies and procedures through sit-downs, lay-ins or work stoppage." As to organizing and recruiting I did no such thing. I am not a leader, on the other hand I most definitely am not a follower. But as to disseminating information that is in the direct opposition to the stated goals of the DOC, I must admit, I am more than just guilty.

neglect. Therefore, all Texas citizens, voters, taxpayers, family members, friends, and prisoner support groups, and civil rights groups who 'truly care' about the freedoms, rights, and the wellbeing of Texas Prisoners are hereby called upon to support and promote political and legislative discussions, education and action centered around the Texas Prisoners' Freedom Agenda, and to work collectively to ensure its complete implementation by the Texas Legislature as soon as possible.

Freedom, Justice, and Equality for All Texas Prisoners,

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### Utah

*Utah State Prison, Draper*

2009

I wish strength to all comrades worldwide. Last year on April 16th I caused a code red count by not racking in and having the SWAT Team deployed. For a couple hours I was considered AWOL from this Utah plantation. I sat in protest of the conditions and unjust treatment we were subject to last spring.

Since then I've been housed here in supermax, and along with the escape attempt they charged me with last year, there've been several inciting riots and disorderly conducts. My comrades in these actions have since been moved, if that's the word. One terminated or paroled and I wish him luck on the streets. The other, after continual abuses, resorted to hanging himself last month. And I want to just say to Spider and all those that choose that route, you're not forgotten and may you finally rest. I'm exposing as much as I can about these sadistic guards and have been studying law to better arm myself and eventually bring a rock solid case against the USP.

One pig was fired because of me documenting his exploits, but he has since been rehired, though it seems, and I hope, it's only temporary. The pig got a lawyer and he's suing the DOC for firing him. Sgt. Feikert doesn't realize that in a way he's now fighting on our side, the oppressed side. His lawsuit will weaken his and the prison industrial complex's capital. No matter who eventually wins, it's still a pig-on-pig fight and I can think of no better way at their throats than that.

By refusing OMR, I and others, especially almost all of section 3, have pretty much shut down most all moves and the pigs have had to come up with new policies and rules to move us. One comrade in section 3 has been back here over 15 years, but his story is he's been kept here because the pigs fear his mind and political actions. The section 3 strike has, I assume, been his resistance and I want to wish strength to him and all those who are down.

Amerikan prisons are growing and no way a body looks at that fact is positive. Yet as a presence, us comrades are growing also. Both in numbers and knowledge, strength, and solidarity. We must all not become complacent but train our bodies and minds to be

and began beating me with their fists, kicking me and kneeling me in the back and sides. I was thrown partially down the stairs and dragged the rest of the way downstairs. Upon reaching the 1st floor, I was beaten again for about 8 minutes. The whole time I was restrained with handcuffs behind my back. Officers fractured my tailbone, two of the ribs on my right side, and my right wrist.

I'm constantly harassed by these members of staff as well as others. One of my lawsuits is for deliberate indifference for the physical abuse I suffered. The other is also for deliberate indifference, but is on administration for allowing security a free hand to abuse inmates such as myself.

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*Union Correctional Institution*

May, 2009

I'm an INDIGENT Lifer. I write all attorneys whose ads re personal injury I see as well as all certified Health Attorneys listed in 2 nearby big cities asking for pro bono help to get a retrial based on ineffective trial counsel based on U.S. Supreme Court's ruling. Attorneys are like ships' helmsmen and defendants are captains & if they refuse our expressed desires & we're convicted we're entitled to retrials, as well as "contingency fee." Attorneys help sue over guards brutality, and mental abuses. Most of my letters vanish w/o answers, so I FEAR they're trashed 'stead of mailed, tho they charge me for postage to mail 'em. Latest batch in April included a letter to "The Washington Post" newspaper's General Counsel & in March I wrote "Newsweek" magazine's GC. I enclosed SASE to T.W.P.'s attorney so why didn't I get it back with just the envelope I'd used to send 22-page letter? The guard who inspected that letter for mailing questioned the SASE, so I told him its purpose & I was charged \$1.34 postage, but no way is \$1.34 the correct amount! :( 42¢ for 1<sup>st</sup> oz. & 17¢ per each extra oz. would be \$1.27 for 6 oz., so how'n BLAZES did they come up with \$1.34? If it were 7 oz., it'd cost \$1.69...

I write grievances regarding being starved & beaten by guards, as well as other complaints which recently prompted a guard to search my cell 3 straight days taking a total of 4 pens & a week later he got 2 more to stop my writing grievances. They're required by law to supply indigent's "writing materials" for 1 free letter a month, which they've never done for me, as well as grievance forms & pens as needed, but since my 9-5-08 arrival in "Hell on Earth," aka Union Correctional Institution they'd refused to supply me any pen 'til early April '09, & very few forms. Since my 3-25-09 arrival in my dorm they've only given 3 pens, 5 grievance forms & 14 "Request Forms" for informal grievances. There's something wrong as all meals so I need 3 forms daily just for that. But I've had to forego grievances for meals to do grievances about serious abuses & not informal forms & pens, getting Spurious answers or NO answers at all! I

got 11 informal grievances answered by Lt. Butler today but only 4 were to him & none was answered within 10 days allowed. One was only 1 day late, but 2 were 46 days late & all rest were 15, 19, & 29 days late! I get Disciplinary Reports when I don't follow their rules, but when they don't follow rules, there are no sanctions! They make the rules & BREAK 'em more often than obey 'em! :- ( When I hold doors flaps in order to see a Lt. re not fed, etc. I get force used on me & DR-ed. I have to trade food for pens, forms, etc., trying to obey rules, but guards don't even pretend to obey rules much of the time! Is there a lawyer out there who'll help me? If so I hope they'll contact me SOON, so I can get out of "H.O.E." aka. U.C.I. & spend money courts award for my suffering B4 I die. I'll be 74 years old on 5-23-09! If I die here, I'll go to "Boot Hill" outside fence. If I die @ home, I'll go to a Freeworld Cemetery! :- ) No I want to "R.I.P." in Prison Cemetery! In fact, there's probably NO rest there! Even a friendly letter'd lift my spirits, but DON'T send me money, as there's over \$60 in medical co-pays & legal postage liens on my account! :- (

In Solidarity!

Howard Banks, Union Correctional Institution, Raiford, FL

## Indiana

*USP Terre Haute*

*Spring, 2009*

Round and Round the Marberry Bush

This is the 3rd week of the lockdown at USP Terre Haute, due to a guard being stabbed by a prisoner. In response, Warden Marberry locked down the prison, stopping visits, access to the law library, education programs and hot meals. We've been served 1 slice of bologna and cheese twice a day and 1 milk and cold cereal for breakfast the first 1½ weeks. All TVs were unplugged so that the double celled prisoners have no way to pass the time. After a rash of flooded toilets, the warden ordered the TVs to be turned back on, so they can be watched through the cell window and a 'hot' meal was implemented. Personal property is being run through a fluoroscope and all property over the limit is being trashed by staff. I personally missed 2 legal deadlines and 1 medical procedure as a result of this lockdown.

I just did 22 years straight in the rectum of Ohio's 'Just Us' system. I spent those years in resistance, fighting unconstitutional conditions there, only to be turned loose to society without any re-integration or halfway house to help me adjust after 22 years of hell. 10 weeks later I was arrested for possession of a SKS assault rifle with ammo. After beating the state charges, I was indicted under federal law. After a 1½ year fight, a jury found me not guilty of possession of the rifle, but guilty of the ammo. I was sentenced to 17½ years as an armed career criminal for a handful of bullets!! I didn't even know they were a federal offense. Here I sit wondering how I got 17½ years for the same convictions I just served 22 years on.

## *B. Mediation Panel/Informal Resolution Committee:*

That Texas Legislature enact law requiring that no disciplinary case can be approved for formal filing/prosecution unless a 'Mediation Panel' or 'Informal Resolution Committee,' composed of one elected inmate representative elected by the inmate population, one lieutenant correctional officer selected by the warden and one non uniform staff member selected on weekly rotation basis from the educational, chaplaincy or grievance departments and selected by the head of said department, determines by majority vote that the informal resolution of the inmate disciplinary violation is not appropriate or available and provides the accused inmate a specific written statement explaining the reasons for its determination.

## *C. Good Conduct Time; Parole and the APA:*

That Texas Legislature enact law allowing restoration of lost good conduct time, and that no disciplinary case result in denial of consideration or eligibility for Parole or preclude eligibility for restoration of lost good conduct time or promotion in line class unless it:

1. Is less than six months old;
2. Involves conviction for a level one (1) offense;
3. Involves imposition of major punishment.

That prisoners be afforded an opportunity to appear in person and with a representative of their choice before a Parole Panel and make statement on their own behalf concerning their suitability for Parole.

## *D. G.E.D. College and Rehabilitation Programs:*

That Texas Legislature enact law prohibiting the denial of access to G.E.D., college, and/or rehabilitative programs and services because of disciplinary record, line class or custody level, that these programs and services be made available to all prisoners who request or indicate a need for them either in classrooms, or, if security and order require, in their prison cells. Thus, prisoners should enjoy access to academic education and rehabilitation programs similar to the access provided under prison law library access to Courts programs.

## *E. Prison Labor and Wages:*

That Texas Legislature enacts law prohibiting prison officials from requiring prisoners to do field or farm work or other manual labor that is done by machine in the free world, requiring prison officials to pay all prisoners a fair wage for their labor. These modern day slave institutions have replaced the slave plantation with the prison farm and factories. This exploitation and abuse of prisoners for cheap or free labor is counterproductive and undermines their efforts at rehabilitation and self-improvement.

## *F. Criminal Prosecution for Violating Inmates' Civil Rights:*

That Texas Legislature enact law requiring the 'Special Prosecution Unit' or 'Civil Rights Division' of the Texas Attorney General's office to receive, investigate and respond in writing to every complaint or report received from an inmate or any other person alleging a violation of the civil rights of person in custody. Requiring public and quarterly reporting of the number and type of complaints received, prosecutions undertaken and convictions obtained for violation of the civil rights of the person in custody.

## **III. The Call for Support**

Prisons are created by legislative decree, thus it follows that many abuses suffered by prisoners on a daily basis all originate in the legislature, because of legislative intent or

He repeatedly turns a blind eye and a deaf ear to our pleas. We inmates need assistance to avoid this unjust treatment and punishments. The upcoming months will be getting hotter, and humid; and unforgiving. There are many of us who are elderly and could succumb to the stifling conditions in Texas in summer.

Then about 3 weeks later Sgt. Bellnap and Lt. Miller confiscated 15-20 copies of our Petition/Affidavit we were circulating for signatures, there were the signatures of about 65 inmates by then on the sheet; this was in direct violation of our 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment right to Assemble and Redress a Grievance. Lt. Miller's excuse for confiscating the sheets was that I can't make copies with the names of other inmates' on them; but all the inmates gave their consent to put their signatures on there – I told him it's just harassment and a way to justify his taking them.

I've been backing off of any action for almost 2 years, but it's getting real bad again in the Chow Halls and the staging in the Dayrooms on this unit!!! Time to go back to work!!

(Update 5/20/09): I wrote Senior Warden Simmons and the mailroom Supervisor Olvany, and got the 15 copies returned, and told Lt. Miller I wanted "Confiscation Papers" to prove him and Sgt. Belnap took my Petitions. He called Olvany and she told him to send me up there to pick them up; this was just an act of intimidation on their part.

-Later Bro, Frank "Back in the fight"

*Texas Prisoners' Freedom Agenda for 2008-2010*

### **I.The Goal:**

The goal of the Texas Prisoners' Freedom Agenda is to advance the freedom and rights of all prisoners incarcerated in Texas as follows:

- A. By identifying the problems which concern Texas Prisoners the most, and articulating their fundamental demands with regard to them.
- B. By appealing to the Texas Legislature to pass laws to take other necessary action to implement the Texas Prisoners' Freedom Agenda and protect Texas Prisoners from abusive prison policies, conditions and practices.

### **II.Problems and Fundamental Demands:**

The Texas Prisoners' Freedom Agenda for 2008-2010 includes the following problems and fundamental demands [abridged]:

#### *A. Inmate Grievance Procedure and the APA (Administrative Procedure Act)*

That Texas Legislature enacts law establishing a 'Citizens Independent Inmate Grievance Review Board' to replace or supplement the current TDCJ Inmate Grievance Procedure which is inherently biased and discriminatory against inmates, and which only deceive the public and shield prison officials guilty of misconduct from being held accountable. If we fix the discriminatory grievance procedure, then it will fix everything else and act as a permanent check against prison abuse.

During my confinement in Ohio, the federal courts stepped in making radical changes in prisoner's rights. Imagine my surprise when I came to federal prison and was told I can't even seal my own outgoing mail. That it had to be left open for censorship by the cellblock guard. Copies of grievances (administrative remedies) I filed were included in all my prison files, for review by any BOP official.

In many ways federal prisons conditions are worse than state, with no one to intervene on the prisoners' behalf. I was surprised to see how arbitrarily federal judges in rural areas played 'gatekeepers' to prisoners H.C. and Bivens' actions dismissing them immediately after filing. They then not only collect the \$305 filing fee, but immediately collect the \$455 appellate filing fee without the expense of a lengthy litigation. We referred to our plight as Sisyphean, constantly rolling a boulder (litigation) up to the top of the hill, only to have it roll back down (judge's summary dismissal) without rolling it over.

To all my brothers and sisters out there who remember me, I've come back to the fold. I had been trying to be 'low profile.' I have no financial outside support and do not work for the government.

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*Wabash Valley Correctional Facility*

*Spring, 2009*

Unity and Solidarity: Weapons of Mass Destruction (Let us build an Emergency Response Team)

The U.S. government launched a war based on a great lie that the government of Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Many people have been killed and nations have been divided as a result of these lies. Religious wars have been exacerbated due to the unending personal war George W. Bush started. The president of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, was a hated man by his own people because of his abuse and genocidal nature towards them. When a leader fails to respect, protect, and care for the needs of the people, those same people will not protect the leader when help is needed most. When you harm your people, you will destroy the possibility of unity and solidarity, which, if utilized properly, are two systems that could withstand anything.

Locally, here in the state of Indiana, there exists a lot of untapped revolutionary potential. This potential exists most when the basic needs of the people are not being met. Wherever you have oppressed communities, you'll find a people looking for guidance, insight, empowerment, etc. If a group, organization, or *team* was to become visible among them, one capable of meeting the basic needs of the poor elements (white, black, Hispanic alike) with food, clothing, and shelter, then you would ultimately have the full support of the community.

People who have been denied power ultimately will seek an alternative to it. By engaging in "lumpen" activity, i.e. drug dealing, glorifying the criminal mentality, poor elements are getting a false sense of empowerment by obtaining fast money and influencing other peoples' lives. Having been oppressed, those men and women who glorify that criminal mentality do so by oppressing other poor people, engaging in psychological psychosis, derived from prolonged abuse and deprivation of encouragements such as self-empowerment, self-esteem, self-identity, as opposed to self-hate or self-destruction. People that oppose peace, love, and goodwill thrive on the existing disorder that seems to overwhelm the black communities here in Indiana and poor communities in particular. They enjoy the proliferation of social distractions because in most cases these distractions obscure the problems affecting their lives.

So building bridges of unity and solidarity in our respective communities must begin first by making ourselves available to them. Also, trying to meet their needs as best we can. They will support our struggles, and join us in defense of building a force for good works.

#### Unity and Solidarity (As unified weapons for change)

Today, we have witnessed a rash of killings by Amerikkka's rogue police establishment of countless young black and Hispanic men across this country. Ritualized community murder is masqueraded as crime fighting, but it's actually a strategy to instill terror in the hearts and minds of oppressed poor people. For some time now, the struggles occurring on the outside simultaneously joined forces with the prison activists on the inside exchanging strategies and ideas, creating an unshakable momentum for change. The politics of prison are ultimately connected to the oppressive laws being used to control the masses on the outside; this is crucial.

Every organization working on behalf of prisoners must be prepared to respond to emergency situations such as: retaliatory transfers, physical abuse, hunger strikes, etc. SO I am of the opinion that we need "**emergency response teams**" through which we organize a list of genuinely committed comrades that will heed the call to support a prisoner in need. This list of outside people would maintain an "active database" of email contacts. The emergency response team would commit to emailing, calling, writing, even organizing demonstrations outside of prisons to expose inhumane treatment of prisoners. This team would also arrange or set up media interviews here in Indiana to raise awareness. Indiana Prisoner Support Response Team sounds like a good

*Reeves County Detention Facility  
From Houston Indymedia*

*February 4, 2009*

Immigrants awaiting deportation who are being held in the Reeves County Detention Facility, a private jail run by the GEO Group in West Texas began a protest last Saturday, January 31. The protest began after a group of immigrant prisoners attempted to meet with the detention facility's authorities, demanding that a gravely ill detainee be released from solitary confinement and be taken immediately to a hospital. The prison authorities refused to listen and did not take action. The detainees responded by protesting after being ignored.

After the detainees began a spontaneous protest, a melee ensued. A fire broke out during the protest and guards immediately left the premises, locking in the prisoners behind. Some prisoners broke windows to get to other detainees who were choking and fainting, overcome by the smoke. Afterwards, the prison guards forced the immigrant inmates to stay outdoors in the prison facility yard on Saturday night. Since then, they have only been fed once a day; they have little or no water and have only three restroom facilities for almost 3,000 prisoners.

The Geo Group already has more than 2,800 prisoners in a facility meant to hold 2,400. Now, GEO guards are trying to force them to be held in the hallways and in around the cells. This is the second riot to take place in as many months, in December there was a riot and taking of hostages over lack of medical care and the death of an inmate.

In 2007, two prisoners at the Val Verde detention facility in Del Rio Texas, also managed by GEO Group, died from a mysterious disease.

*TDCJ-CID POLUNSKY UNIT*

*May 20, 2009*

Inmates and Officers are being placed in Life-Endangering situations daily here, due to "rank" officers violating rules for Dining Hall capacities; they are allowing up to 3-times the set capacity of "112".

On 4-24-09, Alvin Harris let the Dining Hall capacity swell to 300 persons, (nearly 3-times capacity) with only (one) Staff Officer inside, and in an over-heated environment. The over-crowded Dining Hall soon was a hollering & banging on tables to get the officers in to relieve the situation. Sgt. Robert Allen then comes to the door & hollers back... "the more y'all holler and beat, the longer y'all will stay in there."

After that, the uproar became even more serious, with hollering and beating on tables that brought in Lt. Harris, who told us to, "shut-up or he'll leave us in there all day."

This is a record of just one day of this inhumane treatment that goes on every day in the Dining Halls. I, Frank Hadamek Jr., and numerous inmates have addressed this issue verbally, and in writing to Fire & Safety Officer Colquitt.



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oppression of all kinds. As long as people want to view themselves in a “one-up, one-down” relationship to the other, they are feeding into the white/capitalist/ criminal-ist/ able-ist/ homophobic patriarchy.

In feminist disability theory and activism, the term “temporarily able-bodied” (TAB) is used by people with disabilities to refer to non-disabled persons. It is intended to remind people that they will too be disabled at some point in their lives. Perhaps we need to create a term for those who are not-yet-arrested, not-yet-incarcerated (NYA/NYI) to remind those on the outside that in our patriarchal, police-state of a country, it's only a matter of time before the cops arrest you or a loved one.

We are all interconnected and interdependent. If we'd all remember that, then maybe Barack Obama's statement would be true: “It is that fundamental belief- that I am my brother's keeper, I am my sister's keeper- that makes this country work” and we could “reclaim...America from violence and despair.”

NEVER GIVE UP! Remember to act in accordance with your theory. You have to do the right thing, whether pretrial arrestee, inmate or NYA/NYI.

In solidarity and sisterhood,  
Dr. Cathy Marston  
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1916 N Hwy 36 Bypass  
Gatesville, TX 76596

P.S. IMPORTANT, URGENT WARNING: A Texas activist has been pushing Hazel v. Bell in US District Court in Lufkin. The Plaintiff actually asks as a remedy for the judge to lock down ALL of TDCJ because of problems on the Eastham unit. This violates our rights and is a slap in the face to those of us who were hurt and/or nearly died in the fall TDC-wide lockdown. Write to these judges to express disapproval of that remedy. (Please note: Brother Hazel otherwise suggests a mass release of prisoners due to under staffing, per 18 USC 3626 and the recent rulings to release 57,000 prisoners because of overcrowding in California. Now THAT is worthy).

Epilogue: On May 14, 2009 I was abducted to the Skyview psych torture facility without warning for 8 days without any writing supplies whatsoever. Upon my return, it was explicitly stated to me that the SV trip was ordered to retaliate for my lawsuit: since the trip coincided with my need to respond quickly to a Motion for Summary Judgment from the Texas Attorney General to dismiss my lawsuit filed on 5/11/09.

idea for a name. Both prisoners and non-prisoners can join with us. We have basic solidarity due to our casual communication; we have unity because we have common objectives. Now let us turn it all into weapons of mass destruction by confronting injustice inside/outside of Indiana's Department of Corruption. Unity and Solidarity is our objective...

*“Settle your quarrels, come together and understand that fascisms is already here. That people are already dying who could be saved, that generations more will die or live poor; butchered half-lives if you fail to act. Do what must be done, discover your humanity and love of revolution. Pass on the torch, join us, give up your life for the people...”*

-George L. Jackson

In real solidarity,  
Bro. Khalfani Malik Khaldun #874304 (Leonard McQuay) B-Unit  
Special Confinement Unit, PO Box 1111  
Carlisle, IN 47838

### Maine

*Maine Prisoner Advocacy Coalition*

*May, 2009*

Hunger Strike at Maine State Prison!

On May 3rd ten men in the Special Management Unit of Maine State Prison began a hunger strike. The men are protesting the harsh regime of long term solitary confinement and demanding the use of radios to ease the psychological burden of 23 hour a day isolation. “Most states recognize that it's a necessity to have a TV or radio to keep sane in solitary confinement”- Hunger Striker Jesse Baum.

### Missouri

*Southeast Correctional Center*

*March 11, 2009*

I've been incarcerated for eleven years now, serving a life without parole sentence for a murder I am actually innocent of and wrongly convicted. My attempts to vindicate myself in courts have been met with various plots to hamper and deny me access by MODOC employees. Since I've wrote extensive poetry, and have been published several times in anthologies, I've become a target of MODOC employees. Most recently, I'm enduring taunts and harassments to instigate violative behavior. Along with threats, mail obstruction and tampering, retaliation, and confinement in inhumane conditions for which I've three pending 42 USC 1983 law suits in US district court.

I've been active, pulling together several class petitions with prisoners here for various constitutional rights violations and sent them to the ACLU, National Prison Project, 915 15th Street, NW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20005-2112 (202) 393-4930 on behalf of myself and other prisoners here at S.E.C.C. I am an indigent prisoner welcoming assistance of internet access, typing; copying; research; distribution; support and financial contributions that won't burden. I can be contacted at the following address and can receive letters from prisoners.

William Irving #182906, SECC 300 E Pedro Simmons Dr., Charleston, MO 63834

May 2008, fascist control-freaks threw me in the hole for writing FREEDOM: The Insight, Rage, and Fury of Political Prisoner Sean Swain (available free to prisoners from South Chicago ABC Zine Distro, P.O. Box 721, Homewood, IL 60430). And that's illegal. It's free speech retaliation. So I've been working on a civil rights action. The problem is, the Prisoner Litigation Reform Act requires me to exhaust the grievance process first, so I have to file grievances and appeals. Institutional Inspector Bill Bartleson, in order to stop me from ever getting to court, simply refused to answer my grievances. If he never answers, I can't file appeals and then go to court.

So, I sued his dumb ass. I filed a mandamus in the court of appeals to compel him to do his legal duty and answer my grievances. It's only the third time I know of where a prisoner tried to do this. The action was dismissed on a misapplied technicality and I'm appealing in the Ohio Supreme Court.

By my calculations, the State has spent more money on this litigation so far than if they would have allowed me to file and win my civil rights claim. And I suspect I'll win in the Supreme Court and get back to the court of appeals and get reheard on the mandamus action. Meanwhile, Chief Inspector Gary Croft is ignoring my appeals, so I'm filing a mandamus on him too, requesting a court order to make him answer my appeals. When that's done, it's off to federal court to wash their dirty laundry in the public fountain and show free speech retaliation and all kinds of lawless fuckweaselry.

On another front, I'm looking to file a claim in my criminal case to challenge the legal jurisdiction of the Ohio courts. I saw a PBS special on Native Americans and it appears that the Shawnee Nation never validly ceded this land to the settlers. If that's the case, this is legally still Shawnee territory and Ohio courts have no jurisdiction. It's a claim I plan to take all the way to the Inter-American Court for Human Rights at the Organization for American States and make the United States defend its genocidal land-grab in international courts. Problem is, I can't find information on the Ohio treaties ANYWHERE. If anyone has information on how I can locate those treaties, I could use it.

Lastly, I'm running for Ohio Governor in 2010 as a Zapatista Party Candidate. My platform is:

- Empty the prisons through executive clemency
- recall the national guard from the Oil Wars and decommission them, handing their weapons to the people
- refusing to sign any budget so the entire state government crumbles, and
- announcing a one-time-only sale at WalMart: Everything 100% off.

I'm hoping to get anti-imperialists and anti-authoritarians to migrate to Ohio, the state with the fastest shrinking population, so we can steal one election, destroy hierarchy, and create the Ohio Zapatista Autonomous Zone. End civilization, vote for Swain!

In another big outrage, Lane Murray Warden/Dictator Kelly Strong has been ratcheting up harassment and retaliation on this grievance-writer and lawsuit-filer by trying to put my repetitive-strain-injury (RSI) and knee-injury-riddled, doctoral-educated, firebrand body back on the dreaded "hoe squad" TWICE this spring. She failed in Feb. So she tried again in April and hit the jackpot in just blocking me from seeing a provider for my increasing seizures and in using the Americans with Disabilities Act as toilet paper.

Still not done: on 5/6/09 Warden/Dictator Strong put all of medium custody on disciplinary lockdown (all 160 of us) because one inmate assaulted one guard. We are starved on sack lunches (johnnies) and denied all rec; law library and library visits; commissary, etc. In the Jan 09 PAN y'all read a statement I prepared anonymously during the FIVE WEEKS she had medium custody locked down from late Sept 08 to early Nov 08 (ran a week concurrent with the notorious, statewide "cell-phone" lockdown). I almost died from low blood sugar (yes: starvation) on 10/24/08: my blood sugar was 77 after breakfast and all Nurse Lawson did was give me hot water, lying that was normal.

Please note: incarcerated battered woman Merrie Lehning tried to contact Silja J.A. Talvi (author of *Women Behind Bars*) with her story for Talvi's book. Dictator/Warden Strong dropped Merrie 2 "levels" in Ad Seg. and is "monitoring" her mail (read: blocking. Mail-tampering is a federal offense under 18 U.S.C. Sections 1702-1709)

Dessie Goodsen, 68, with numerous disabilities and petite in size, has been assaulted by staff FOUR TIMES in front of me- where the staff turn around and lie SHE all 4-feet-tall and 90-pounds of her) assaulted them. I watched in early April 09 as seg staff starved her for four days in a row because she was too ill to even get up. (On Day Four, someone finally went in and checked on her). Dessie is also a grievance-writer and a vocal, articulate advocate for herself and others.

There's more, but I hope y'all will see that without these folks being held accountable from the OUTSIDE, we don't stand a chance. The forces of "the Octopus" (The System) are many-tentacled and persistent. You get one tentacle under control and then another grabs you.

No one seems to be interested here in Texas in doing the right thing for incarcerated, battered women when arresting the battered woman is clearly against the law. Feminist black writer Bell hooks notes in her book *All About Love: New Visions That Most People Believe That Domestic Violence is Wrong*: "However, if you then explain that we can only end male violence against women by challenging patriarchy, and that means no longer accepting the notion that men should have more rights or privileges than women because of biological difference or that men should have the power to rule over women, that is when agreement stops. There is a gap between the values they claim to hold and their willingness to do the work of connecting thought and action, theory and practice to realize these values to create a more just society."

I believe the male-female power dualism is the root of all power dualisms. Irene Silverblaff, a feminist anthropologist, says the goal of feminism is to eradicate

But brace yourselves over-abused Texas taxpayers: the “buried phone lines scandal” in the making is but one tiny example of the tip of the boondoggle-upon-boondoggles iceberg, hidden behind the “criminal just-us system” in this Great State of Taxes. Downsize TDCJ-CID! Abolish Prisons!

Ana Lucia Gelabert, TDCJ-CID#384484,  
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*Lane Murray Unit, Gatesville*

*May, 2009*

Dear sisters and brothers,

The white, capitalist, patriarchal, prison-industrial, injustice system has dealt nonstop and increasing blows to myself, to the cause of incarcerated battered Texas women; and to my comrades here at The Lane Murray Unit this spring.

Judge Bob Perkins of the 331st Dist Ct. in Austin Travis County, Texas (my trial judge) sat on my state writ of habeas corpus for TWO MONTHS before filing it. Then he sat on it for TWO MORE MONTHS before making a recommendation that it be dismissed because I had not complied with putting it on the form, when I HAD. If y'all have forgotten: in 2004, the Austin pigs found my abusive ex-boyfriend and his best friend beating me and trying to kill me TWICE. Both times the cops called off these murderous brutes to arrest ME. They did not arrest the brutes. This violates the 4th amendment of the US Constitution and Ch. 14 of the TX Code of Criminal Procedure: both NOT arresting these thugs and unlawfully arresting ME.

Perkins, by statute, was supposed to take only 35 days to make a recommendation. I contacted the State Board on Judicial Conduct and the FBI after it was clear he'd delayed past 35 days and gave the SBJC updates after he let things drag into Month Four. So, as a famous FEMALE Communist Spanish leader said, “It's better to die on your feet than to live on your knees.” Don't ever let a public official go without being grieved to the media or a regulatory body, the right to do so is protected by the First Amendment. Hope Perkins thinks it's worth it. My dad escalated abuse of my mom in the meantime and the Court of Criminal Appeals parroted (of course) Perkins' recommendation in rejecting my writ without even reading it.

For you writ-writers (and outside support staff), please remember that the right to writ of Habeas Corpus is guaranteed by Article I, section 9 of the US Constitution. Please also feel free to cite *Bournedienne V. Bush*, 128 S.ct2229 (2008). This is a recent US Supreme Court case that reasserts the fundamental right to habeas corpus for all arrestees, including inmates. It also, more importantly, derides arbitrary obstacles to the great writ (like Perkins' lie above) and MANDATES overturning these obstacles to grant writ relief. (Thank the inmates formerly at Guantanamo Bay for that case law.)

My campaign will soon be online at SeanSwain.org  
Sean Swain Zapata Candidate for Ohio Governor, 2010  
Toledo Corruptional Institute, P.O. Box 80033  
Toledo, Shawnee Nation a.k.a. Ohio 43608

*Southern Ohio Correctional Facility*

*May, 2009*

MAN DOWN: Ohio Political Prisoner Seeks Support

On 4/10/09 I received a conduct request for four charges: assault with a weapon, threats, disrupting direct order, and creating a disturbance. I've been in A/C4B seg for 10 years straight. In Nov.2008, I was released from seg to General Population 4A. But they kept me in seg block 4B and told me that I'm only Population on paper-- that I would still be treated as a 4B seg prisoner. I've complained in writing, that this violates a lot of my prisoner rights. I complained in (ICRs) as well as grievance forms that I need to be removed from seg unit 4B I told them I had a lot to lose now that I am 4A G.P. status, plus after 10 years of seg I welcomed the release and the chance to be transferred to another prison which was soon to come, the transfer would have sent me to close security with more privileges, etc.

Well, as I said I received a conduct report on 4/10/09 R.I.B recommended I be placed back in 4B seg. How is it justified that I was General Population in a seg unit for 6 months? So, since I complained so much they created a situation so they could place me back in seg and be done with it. But had I not been in a seg unit, had they taken action when I sent, bites, informal complaints, etc... I'd never be back in seg nor would I have these trumped up change. This has caused me serious emotional, physical, and physiological problems. I'm asking the people out there if you have an ear, let yourself hear a fellow comrade in distress. In seeking your help/ letters of support. If you publish zines please send me some (all books and zines must come from a bookstore or publisher.) Please, all personal correspondences separate from and book/ zine packages please get in touch for other ways to support a brother who is down. Let it be noted I am on a hunger strike.

In solidarity,

Clifton Le'Anthony Cousins 224-310  
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Lucasville, OH 45699



Captured in a death trap, but yet still fighting...

East of the state that General Harriett Tubman started her “armed” abolition, South of the state that she retired physically, PA is where I contemplate my next dissubdued move from SCI Greene County's Control Unit. Desolated 23 and 1 for 5 ½ years straight now for my armed resistance against prison guards. Serving a life sentence plus 12 to 24 years has easily altered me into a relentless “Anti” Mechanism amongst the prison struggle. I've been very active, and conscious of my enemy for eleven of my twelve years behind “enemy lines” about my personal beliefs and collective oppression towards the masses. I'm being housed at a familiar warehouse that also pseudo-guards well known BPP/BLA member Russell “Maroon” Shoats and Death row BPP member Mumia Abu-Jamal, just to emphasize the type of restraints this particular plantation orchestrates. With the absence of a legit, robust, loyal armed clandestine liberation force inside the United States in solidarity with the people, “New Freedom Fighters” like myself are bound to an improvised threshold of resistance and/or fleeing. I myself, within the last five years or so, have embraced an effective above-ground strategy with grass-roots organization utilizing shoulder to shoulder combat exercising all methods to keep “our” adversary at bay. Most recently I've founded a newsletter I named the Telegraph (**\*available free from Boston ABC**), solely written by prisoners in the Control Unit here, and it currently maintains a 5 body pen staff. Without these comrades, diverse from all aspects, this project couldn't have been possible. I've also created the idea to send a “pardon” letter to the white house as the Tyrant George W. Bush was exiting the office, including circulating my newest Flyer/Booklet comprised with drawings on the cover. Not to mention a legal campaign being lifted off the ground to spring me from this segregated death camp. And much much more to come as long as I breathe. In conclusion, I recommend any centralized rebel reading this to pull your unpopular, abnormal, unorthodoxed resources and asymmetrically battle the beast of America in the time of an emergency. Let us put our minute difference aside, unify and be flexible to regain well overdue Freedom. For more info pertaining to my situation, contact Sis. Char at [CharmelBenne@aol.com](mailto:CharmelBenne@aol.com).

In struggle,  
Bro. Khalil Bennett  
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In late 2006 I was come down on really hard by the Devil-Beast at SCI Graterford for my litigations against their screwed up treatment of prisoners, and of me in particular. I had just recently filed my first Federal Civil Action under section 1983 of title 42 of the US code (pertaining to my assault and battery by a gang of pigs while I was in mechanical waist restraints at the DOC mental health facility), and they were out to give me hell in an attempt to have it dismissed on motions from the Attorney General's

articles and provides people with the same rhetoric that we hear over and over again. Not people who can merely “parrot” what they’ve learned from past leaders, but those who can take what they’ve learned and find applicable ways to bring those concepts into fruition in the here and now; not being dogmatic, but creative.

Anyone seeking any information about NPVM and/or would like to join our movement can contact me at the address below. Please give me some time because I will answer all letters in the order that I receive them. Usually it will take me about (3) weeks to return a reply.

I leave you with the clenched fist salute!!!

\*Sidney (Shariyf) Williams – State Chairman, NPVM – Texas Chapter\*

Send requests to:

Sidney (Shariyf) Williams TDCJ-CID#563001  
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Kenedy, Texas 78119

or Contact the following if you cannot receive prisoner mail:

ABC Paralegal Services  
P.O. Box 7187  
Austin, Texas 78713

BURIED PHONE LINES...IN TDCJ UNITS?!!!

Underground phone and electric cables are practical and aesthetic in places like downtown NYC, LA, Houston, even Austin. But...in a remote TDCJ-CID prison located in a backwater hick town like Gatesville?! Speaking about Boondoggles and wasteful expense, and more so in a bankrupt state!

But, that is what precisely is happening in the TDCJ-CID Lane Murray Unit – and presumably elsewhere in the “world record-holding Texas Gulags”: 6 Foot-deep trenches dug, at places after shattering 8-inch concrete slabs, for crissakes! To bury, new prisoner phone service lines; work done of course by “brother-in-law-contractors” and awarded absent any competitive bids. Pure and simple robbery.

Whatever happened to cheap inexpensive aerial cables?

Whatever happened to the much-touted “Capitalist Efficiency”?

All that waste, while students at Texas A&M, UT-Austin, or University of Houston, must indebt themselves for life to afford \$6,000 per year tuitions?

All that, while tens of thousands of Texans lose their jobs and could use those funds wasted by the TDCJ-CID, spent instead on efficiently managed public works programs to repair the infrastructure.

District of Texas, (Lufkin Division), (website) Terrence Hazel v. Oliver Bell, et al #9:08-cv-216. The one problem the handful of comrades has yet to overcome Behind Enemy Lines, is we desperately need for those comrades running and hiding in a cowardly fashion to stand with us, and stop crying about your situation, and start swinging with some intelligent strategic maneuvers.

To borrow a Militarist Metaphor...Just as the U.S. Marines would go in to soften up their enemy, so have the comrades Behind Enemy Lines, hit the “beachheads” of the Texas Gulags, and are making it easier for the Army and Navy as it were, to come in and mop things up. I shall not return again except to say that we have been victorious, so hear this message loud and clear TEXAS SLAVES! Get out of the Dayrooms, and off the Rec Yard, and away from in front of the T.V.’s, and hugged up with your kid, and be a man; and stand up for your rights!

Much Love, La Lucha Continua – El “Abogado” Negro Africano

*New Panther Vanguard Movement (Texas Chapter)*

*Spring 2009*

We will soon be offering small booklet on Basic Computer Skills. We already offer legal assistance and will soon be providing prisoners with free book distribution from our Book Program.

NPVM was founded by Original Black Panthers and some New Panthers as well. We have no relationship to the NBPP (New Black Panther Party), and in fact we oppose their separatist and racist views. This was not, and has never been the ideology of the BPP. We are here to elevate all oppressed peoples from the death grip of these tyrannical overseers.

In the 60s, 70s, and up to the 80s, there used to be serious prison movement, that was so because of the intense political climate that permeated our communities and this nation during those years, and it was these types of people who were seriously being imprisoned for their political activities. Upon entering the prison system they continued their political work, and many prisoners were eager to learn and get involved because these issues were so widespread at that time. Not to mention that the prisons are usually a reflection of society’s mindset. Today, this is not the case!!! Our prisons are filled with various forms of people who have committed property crimes and non-violent drug offenses. The political climate has drastically died down and is in great need of being revived. There are many prisoners that are apolitical and this is our intent and purpose here at NPVM to raise the political consciousness of prisoners as well as the community. We can definitely develop some genuine revolutionaries from within these walls with the proper educational materials because they have the time to study and focus more on their works and this system.

Here in NPVM we are looking for leaders and not followers. We need people who can/will exemplify their principles in their actions and not just someone who authors

offices. I went on hunger strike for 10 days and it was ignored by the correctional personnel. I gave up to do my paperwork. After having holed in my cell for 2 weeks I had to come out to go do work in the law-library, and while I was in the library the pigs went in my cell and I saw them coming out with all my boxes of property. Then the pigs “extracted” me from the law library where I was armed with two home-mades and where I succeeded in making some pig juice. I was beaten and stripped and left in an empty cell where I was refused food or had it thrown on the floor, attacked with feces, and otherwise tormented and tortured for weeks before I got a hold of a razor and cut myself, making them move me to the mental health infirmary area. I was soon thereafter transferred to SCI-Smithfield, despite my pleas, with the explanation from the psychiatrist that she feared for my safety.

As soon as I got to Smithfield a guard told me to watch out because the guards were talking about me before I got there, saying I had stabbed one of their brother officers. The Deputy Wardens came to speak to me and I told them that I feared for my wellbeing due to the fact that I had narrowly escaped death while conflicting with the devil-beast pigs at their neighboring prison, SCI-Huntingdon, less than 3 years prior. I was sent to the Restricted Housing Unit and put right next door to a man who happened to be my cousin. He told me that the pigs were out to kill him and gave me his mother's address, telling me to write her that if he ended up dead before his soon-approaching release date, to suspect the pigs because he had been requesting protective custody. He was dead less than 9 months later. Huntingdon County are covering it up by classifying it as a “suicide.” I know better though! During the first 9 months that I was at SCI-Smithfield there were 3 of these so-called “suicides” in their RHU.

A few days later, armed officers came to my cell demanding that I cuff up to be taken to the Mental Health Infirmary, because it was feared that I would attack one of the RHU pigs for what they did to my cousin. But the real reason was to keep me from sending and receiving mail and for damage control so they could cover up my cousin's death. To draw attention to what was happening I resorted to cutting myself, busting my head open on psych cell walls until I bled from my forehead, defecating on the floors, refusing meals and other behaviors. While I was in the Psych unit there was a protest outside of the prison and the matter was national news. After 2-3 months I was issued permanent transfer to SCI-Dallas, and then was placed in the Special Needs Unit at SCI-Cresson two months later (May 20, 2008).

On November 25, 2008, due to my having refused all food from them for over 6 days, the Devil-Beast pigs teargassed me, ran up in my cell in riot-gear armed with stun-guns, a charge shield, and clubs, and assaulted me, beating in my head and tasing me while I was subdued. They cut all my clothing off of me and took me to the prison infirmary by force, naked except for ankle and wrist restraints. This was because I refused to allow them to take my vital signs. I would not get my property until I was transferred to SCI-Pittsburgh two months later. I went 21 days before I abandoned my hunger-strike. Due to not eating and filing 100 grievances, I was transferred to SCI-Pittsburgh on January 15, 2009.

I currently have 10 pending civil actions, and am anticipating at least 3 more. I am

passing them all pro-se and am looking to obtain counsel and professional legal assistance in the future. My max-out date is in 23 months, and I am trying my best to prepare for it.

Besides my cousin, one of my brothers was eliminated by the Devil-Beast at SCI-Rockview. They don't want me to be freed come May 2011 because they are scared that I will retaliate against them in free society for not only the torment, pain, torture and anguish they have subjected me to, but also the deaths of my cousin and brother-in-arms.

Peace to the righteous brothers and sisters of Islam...  
Peace to all the righteous brothers and sisters of this planet earth!

Lord "Cap" a Cheino  
Da Blackhearted Prince

Mr. Ralph W. McClain Jr.  
PA Prisoner No. EX-7008  
SCI Pittsburgh  
PO Box 99991 Pittsburgh, PA 15233

*SCI Smithfield*

*May 30, 2009*

I don't know if you consider this a hunger strike, but I stopped eating on April 23, 2009. I refused every meal except I took a hoagie on May 17, ate two bites and threw the rest away. A hoagie is only three slices of bologna, one slice of cheese and a slice of turkey. Not much of a meal. On May 19 I ate a few bites of a grilled cheese sandwich. I also drank 15 cups of coffee. I have refused 111 meals so far. I am here in the medical department. I am able to receive any reading material you can provide. We can receive with no prior approval and no restrictions used, new and outdated newsletters, books, novels, guides and magazines. So if anyone has some reading material they would like to share they can send it and I'll place it in the ward for the other patients to enjoy also. So keep me in mind, thanks.

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**Texas**

*El "Abogado" Negro Africano*

*Spring, 2009*

**BEHIND ENEMY LINES!!!**

As the late, great Reggae master stated, "The Tables Are Turning Slave Master!" We have only to look at the fact that already every major position in what once was thought to be the sole place of Babylonians, sit Asiatics! Truly, as the most powerful government official in the most powerful political office in the world stated at his Inauguration, "...The Ground has shifted, no more business as usual."

Who would have imagined 10 years ago that he and our U.S. Attorney General would be Asiatics? We gain much courage and strength from seeing these changes and knowing that those of us behind enemy lines have the backing of those at administrative levels.

In Texas, through the tireless work of Twitch and ABC Paralegal Services, we have been able to move in leaps and bounds to bring to light what is being uncovered by our comrades behind enemy lines. If what you see happening to Texas, and to Texas by Mother Nature's "Rita" – "Katrina" – & "Ike"! Then keep your eyes on Texas' Gulags!

What the Federal Courts have in front of themselves right now, thanks to the efforts of the few courageous comrades behind enemy lines, can potentially blow wide open Texas' Gulag's gates!

Because of absolute power corrupting absolutely, we have been able to slip behind enemy lines, infiltrate their operations (they're determined to make sure every slave works) and document the many, many illegal and unconstitutional practices going on daily. As might be expected, and true to their nature, when they suspect infiltrators or conspirators, they make sure that they provide documented evidence that not only are they using inmates to threaten and discipline those not conforming, but they have no intention of ever being forced to stop violating Inmate Constitutional Rights. What "Cut our Losses" and clean up until the "heat" is off! Surely you jest!\*

So, it has not been hard over a period of 3-4 years to carefully document each and every area of visible Constitutional deprivation: (1) Staffing; (2) Crowding; (3) Prison Rape; (4) Maintenance and Crumbling Facilities; (5) Medical Service Delivery; (6) Unsanitary and Improper Food Service Operations; (7) Use of Inmates to have Authority Over other Inmates; (8) Lack of Adequate Living Space; (9) Racism; (10) No Dental Services; (11) Denial of Access to Courts; (12) Retaliation; (13) Failure to Monitor Psych Patients; and on and on! What make these efforts so sweet, are the Texas Gulag Administrators, despite the media being full of reports of TDCJ-CID's failures, have sworn in Court that none of this is true! Such open bald-faced lies, only serve to show the Courts that that the truth is not innately found to be a characteristic attribute in these people no matter how obvious the evidence is arrayed before them and the public.

Behind Enemy Lines can be seen at your local Federal U.S. District Theater, Eastern