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prisoners

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WRITE LETTERS TO PRISONERS
BREAK THE ISOLATION

Nowadays we can see how the state is trying to get people to follow the social norms. If it doesn’t work, these people are punished and sent to prison, where they might stay for a long time. It is really hard to fight with isolated people on the inside.

One of the ways to fight it is creativity. The one who can dream is still free.

We wanna reach people in prison and break the isolation by means of writing letter to the prisoners. So get your pen and piece of paper and start writing about everything that comes to your mind, just to give a prisoner a possibility to live outside the prison for the length of your letter. Show that there are still nice people in this world who are full of solidarity.

Break the routine. Break the loneliness. Write letters!
as well as that to come. The methods the governments of the world use to achieve this goal vary.

In addition to the efforts of media and the state to designate a more malicious meaning to the word *anarchy* (chaos, disorder, violence, etc), there have been many instances of more extreme repression across the globe and throughout history. In the United States, anarchists who’ve taken action have been subject to extreme state repression as a result—see, for example, the lives of Chelsea Manning, Jeremy Hammond, Marius Mason, Eric King, Michael Kimble, and so many more. In Soviet Russia, anarchists were imprisoned and killed. Today in Belarus, Greece, Italy and so many other countries, many of those practices still exist. Repression of anarchists remains a function of nearly all governments throughout the world.

*This great country will not fall into anarchy, and if anarchists should ever become a serious menace to its institutions, they would not merely be stamped out, but would involve in their own ruin every active or passive sympathizer with their doctrines.*

- Theodore Roosevelt, First Annual Message to Congress [December 1, 1901]

The whole speech by Teddy Roosevelt, 25th vice president and 26th president of the United States, is in response to the killing of President McKinley by Leon Czolgosz, a steelworker and an anarchist. Speaking about the assassination, Leon said, “I killed the president because he was the enemy of the good people, the good working people...I am not sorry for my crime...I am sorry I could not see my father.” His statement is not represented in the book Defiance, but excerpts from which can be read here.

If we don’t remember our people who came before us, our people who were killed by the unjust rulers, our people who died in prison, our people who remain in captivity, we are failing them and we are failing ourselves. Without a willingness to defiantly remember, we allow the destruction of the history of our people—we cede victory to the state.
Defiant Memories, by Kit Spit

And it'll burn, burn, burn like they did to the anarchists...
-Against Me!, “Burn” [2001]

I’ve been reading Defiance: Anarchist Statements Before Judge and Jury, and not only is it interesting to read the words of anarchists from as long ago as the 1870s, those who took part in and defended the Paris Commune, but I’m realizing that the simple act of remembering them is an act of defiance. Anarchy has come a long way since the defining of the concept in the mid 19th century, but the tenet of freedom and liberation has not changed, only evolved and become more inclusive.

Every anarchist is an enemy of the state, whether they are actively opposing the system or not, whether they think they are or not. Thought criminals exist, and among them we stand proudly. Fighting the system takes many forms, some are more aggressive than others, but they are all important. The state and its cohorts reach many with their propaganda and the constructions of reality that they create. This may sound like a paranoid fantasy, however it is not a new idea and is in fact relatively easily verifiable.

As long as there have been anarchists, we have come into conflict with the law. From the workplace to the street, our actions have put us before judges and juries time and again. Many of us have chosen to maintain our defiant opposition to the law, despite the threat of punishment. This anthology collects the words of anarchists facing condemnation by a court system we don’t believe in.
-Detritus Books, Defiance: Anarchist Statements Before Judge and Jury [2020]

As a result of the government’s overt actions and desire to destroy anything and everything to do with anarchy, anarchists and anarchism, it becomes so clear that there exists an imperative to make sure that we remember our people. If it were up to those in charge, we would be wiped from the earth and from all memory, disappeared from the world now and

June 11th—International Day of Solidarity with Marius Mason & All Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners

[From june11.noblogs.org]:

In 2010, some people who care about Eric McDavid and Marius Mason met up to talk about what we could do to expand our solidarity with the two of them.

Our discussion grew to include the general state of anarchist prisoner solidarity in the United States, because we are all long-term anarchists and most of whom have relationships with many prisoners (including non-anarchists).

We found that Marius and Eric bore the brunt of ineffective prisoner solidarity. At our first gathering, we laid out typical prisoner support efforts. These centered on getting people out of jail and exchanging letters. These all fall short of meeting Marius Eric and other long-term prisoners’ needs and desires. We have known many prisoners who have no hope of getting out early and desire something more than what these efforts, however hard to define that something more is.

As our conversations grew, we also became concerned that many people around the world expressed solidarity for Marius and Eric readily and vigorously, but we in the US rarely returned support for international long-term anarchist prisoners. 1

Of course, we were not the first to come to these realizations. Many people have and continue to put hard work into tailoring their projects to better support prisoners and maintain relationships across barbed fences; we decided that June 11th would be our own collective try. That date had previously been a day of solidarity with Jeff Luers, a former anarchist eco-prisoner. He agreed that we should renew the tradition, and we set to work.

Strategic Decisions and Difficulties

We name Eric and Marius in specific, because we have relationships with them. At a basic level, we wanted to grow extensively their access to material support, and to make sure (intensively) that their names are not forgotten. Furthermore, we want to help them stay connected to the people and projects they care about, so as to impede the State’s attempt to isolate them emotionally and politically, as well as physically. [2]

The distinction “long-term” is not an arbitrary one. The focus that lots of prisoner support strategies successfully address is support of people in jail for short periods of time: best of all if only for a few days, then support typically tapers off after a few months, and then concentrates among very few people over the course of several years. By the time the ten year mark hits, if no hope of getting out early stands, it seems possible for our friends in prison to be actually forgotten — not by their immediate loved ones, but by the larger milieus and movements among whom our prisoners count themselves.
We will not allow that to ever happen to Eric or Marius. While they are imprisoned, and afterwards as they adjust to outside life, we intend that they shall have every possible comfort and opportunity for conflict they could wish. But our dreams are even larger than that: we intend to get them out of prison. By which we mean that we intend to build such a swell of solidarity through attack against and contempt for prison that the State knows it must release them. This is our perspective, strategy and vision, one component of which cannot be cleaved from the others. We are uncompromising as we are anarchists.

June 11th is the day of solidarity with long-term anarchist prisoners. This is not meant to exclude fighters for the earth and animals, because the ravagers of the earth, animals and humans are overlapping forces. While some may insist on creating a binary between these two currents of struggle, we do not. Marius and Eric are both of those things, so are many (most?) long-term anarchist prisoners, so are most people working on this project. Our antagonism includes, and is larger than, thwarting the despoilers of the earth and enslavers of animals. We are against all of society.

Communication, Reflection and the Future
Of course, there are practical considerations that make our project difficult. For the most part, organizers of June 11th feel that we should not communicate directly with Marius or Eric about the project, though some of us have maintained our personal relationships with them. More than anything, we don’t want to endanger them, to make their lives in prison harder or more restrictive than they already are. Just like we wish for their contributions in all projects, we wish for more of their guidance on this project’s direction. Unfortunately, due to state-controlled mediation, there are times when we can only regret the lack of intimacy in our communication.

That said we are no one in particular. While we feel responsible for the decisions that we make in framing and promoting this day, we do not desire any corresponding power and recognition that often comes from working on a well-known project. Our intention for June 11th solidarity is to encourage autonomous action, and we hope that the letters and money that prisoners receive from this day, and whatever word of other events that reaches them, are welcome.

Much of the information in this booklet was collected from june11.noblogs.org, and a handful of sites dedicated to supporting political and/or anarchist prisoners broadly (e.g., itsgoingdown.org), or created in direct support of a specific prisoner listed (e.g., supportericking.org and babygirlgann.noblogs.org).
Comrade Z

Comrade Z, aka Julio Alex Zuniga, is an anarchist prisoner and active member of IWOC in Texas. He’s written and spoken extensively on labor and prison issues. He’s been interviewed on The Final Straw Radio podcast.

In his own words (closing remarks from his most recent interview with TFSR):

You all can check out my Instagram @julioazunigaart or contact Matt to place an order for a handmade portrait. I only have No.2 pencils to work with because this unit will not allow my supporters to send me art supplies. Anything that makes people happy like greeting cards and pictures are slowly being taken from us as well. Go figure. This is Bible seminary college too. This is the unit that pumps out “field ministers”. Unbelievable, huh? Bass-akwards, I tell ya! I gotta let ya go for now. It’s been an amazing and liberating experience. You all are amazing. Please allow me to send hugs to Sean Swain, Eric King and to all the comrades who are in the trenches fighting their ringmaster. Thank you for setting the example. I hope to be in that position soon. Thanks y’all. Hope to hear from you soon. I would like to close with a quote from Benjamin Tucker:

Power feeds on its spoils and dies when its victims refuse to be despoiled. They can’t persuade it to death; they can’t vote it to death; they can’t shoot it to death; but they can always starve it to death.

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On this basis, our project has succeeded in many ways. Each year, thousands of dollars are raised by June 11th events for Marius and Eric, as well as for other prisoners; as far as we know, June 11th is the largest source of material support for Eric and Marius. Even more importantly, their names remain fresh in the minds of anarchists and fellow travelers, where it might have otherwise been erased by the action of time and our quick-passing generations. We have distributed endless amounts of propaganda, toured the US, seen hundreds of events from all over the world, and heard of many brave and effective attacks.

Currently, energy and conviction upholding prisoner solidarity is spreading. Obviously, this is not due to us, but we feel proud of the contributions towards its circulation that came from June 11. We are heartened by the international solidarity long-term prisoners in the US have received, and we are excited to reciprocate, to be a part of US anarchists’ engagement with worldwide anarchist project.

We also are excited to more closely pull together prisoner solidarity and eco- and animal-liberation activity, because Eric, Marius and many of us feel entwined with these struggles. Eric, of course, is accused of planning an attack on a dam; Marius did many actions against environmental destroyers. Both are committed vegans behind bars, no easy promise to uphold. As Eric and Marius’ sentences evince, these communities-in-struggle endure fierce repression. For all those fighters, and especially the future long-term prisoners among them, we feel solidarity and respect the prospect of working together.

June 11th is a long-term project with ample time and opportunity for its growth. This is a day that is open to participation by many, each according to their desires and means, their tactical preferences and personal affinities. This year, and for many years to come, we hope you’ll join us in fighting with our imprisoned comrades, and in refusing the State impositions designed to keep us alone. We offer... No one should be able to walk down any street... without seeing the prisoners’ names written on the walls...and the songs that are sung about them must be heard by all.

Each year, June 11th serves as a day for us to remember our longest imprisoned anarchist comrades through words, actions and ongoing material support.
Xinachtli

Xinachtli (Nahuatl, meaning “seed”) is a community organizer from Texas. Police informants were used to monitor Xinachtli’s organizing activities in the barrio. They were told Xinachtli was “typing legal papers,” “had many books” and was working on police brutality cases in Alpine.

The police knew of Xinachtli’s history of community-based organizing and his legal skills. Xinachtli was recognized nationally and internationally as the national coordinator of the Ricardo Aldape Guerra Defense Committee, which led the struggle to free Mexican national Aldape Guerra from Texas’ death row after being framed by Houston police for allegedly killing a cop. Xinachtli’s human rights work was recognized in Italy, France, Spain, Switzerland, Mexico and other countries. He was sentenced in Odessa, Texas on June 2-9, 1997 to 50 years in prison for defending himself by disarming a police officer drawing a weapon on him. The trial evidence clearly showed Xinachtli was the victim of witch hunts and a police-orchestrated conspiracy to frame or eliminate him.

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[Address envelope to Alvaro Hernandez, letter to Xinachtli]
discharge from the U.S. military. Before being taken hostage, Sean worked as a newspaper columnist and as a union organizer.

Sean is mounting his third run for Governor of Ohio in 2014. If elected, he promises to decommission the Ohio National Guard, empty Ohio’s prisons and turn them into squats, recognize Native American land rights as set forth by the Treaty of Greenville, arm the tribes with national guard weaponry, to include tanks and attack helicopters, refuse to sign any budget causing the government to shut down, and sign an Executive Order making it legal to assassinate him if he remains in office longer than 90 days.

Though innocent of any crime, and though he is held without legal conviction or sentence, Sean will only be liberated when the illegitimate power of the lawless rogue state holding him hostage is abolished once and for all.

The State started the war. Sean Swain intends to finish it.

**Prisoners**

- Tumani Love Ali
- Cleveland Four
  - Skelly Stafford
  - Doug Wright
- Noah “Kado” Coffin
- Bill Dunne
- Michael Kimble
- Eric King
- Marius Mason
- Jennifer Amelia Rose
- Sean Swain
- Xinachtli
- Comrade Z

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Tumani Love Ali

Tumani is an anarchist prisoner currently being held at Waupun Correctional Institution in Wisconsin. Tumani uses they/them pronouns and is non-binary and is currently being held on revocation as a result of hearsay testimony. They’ve been subjected to a consistent and unending series of injustices throughout their incarceration.

Tumani faced retaliation from the prison staff after they spoke openly with their support network and a few different outlets about what was happening inside the prison in response to the Covid-19 outbreak—Waupun was the first prison in Wisconsin to have positive cases. They spoke via phone with the Final Straw Radio podcast on March 22, 2020, about the concerns they and other prisoners had and what the DOC was failing to do.

As of May 2021, they are being denied access to medical treatment that they need, which they and their support network has urged the DOC staff provide immediately. This is another in a long line of abuses they have experienced—from not receiving meals that are adequate and accommodating to their diet, to being moved to a new tier with people who are known to be hostile and violent, to being placed in solitary confinement for simply demanding this treatment end.

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[Address envelope to Leon Elijah Prioleau, letter to Tumani]

Sean Swain

Sean Swain is a hostage held by a lawless rogue-state calling itself “The State of Ohio.” He has been held without legal conviction or sentence since 1991 for the self-defense killing of a court official’s relative who broke into Sean’s home and threatened his life. In fall of 2012, prisoners calling themselves the Army of the 12 Monkeys (A12M) got rowdy at Mansfield Correctional, and the prison authorities assumed “that anarchist” Sean Swain must have been behind it and threw him in supermax isolation. Sean denies any involvement or affiliation with the A12M and is in the process of suing the ODRC for targeting him based exclusively on his ideology and political speech.

Sean is the only son of a retired auto worker and stay-home mom. He has renounced his high school diploma, his college degree, and his honorable
About Jennifer: In Her Own Words

“...I’m a 45 years old, Cherokee and white, queer/trans-woman. I’ve been incarcerated for over 25 years for armed robberies and the 1995 attacks on a district attorney prosecutor and associate warden of the prison. Armed resistance! I grew up with both punk rockers and skinheads in orange county California. Though I’ve since renounced all racist associations I was involved in the 1986 Huntington beach riot, but my first involvement in real political prisoner struggles was during the 1991 Folsom Prison Hunger strike. After that, I was set up, beaten and tortured by the pigs, was convicted for armed resistance, and sentenced to multiple 25 year-to-life sentences under the three strikes law! I spent over ten years in solitary confinement at Folsom and Pelican Bay SHU, and continue to struggle for my freedom and human dignity!”...

Never Give up! Never surrender! Refuse and resist!”

– with love and rage

Jennifer (A)

The Cleveland Four

The Cleveland 4 were four Occupy Cleveland activists, Brandon, Connor, Doug and “Skelly.” The four were arrested on April 30th, 2012 and accused of plotting a series of bombings, including that of an area bridge. The reality is that the FBI, working with an informant, created the scheme, produced the explosives, and coerced these four into participating. Connor, Doug, and Brandon took non cooperating plea deals and pleaded guilty to all charges. The judge applied a “terrorist enhancement” charge to each of them. Doug is serving 11.5 years, Brandon 9 years 9 months, and Connor 8 years 1 month. Skelly took his case to trial acting as his own lawyer. He was found guilty on all counts by his jury and sentenced to 10 years. The four have appealed their cases and lost. Connor completed his sentence in 2019.

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*Note: Brandon Baxter is unlisted. He has repeatedly been manipulative and abusive toward women who have offered him support, and has refused to take responsibility for his behavior.
Noah “Kado” Coffin

Noah “Kado” Coffin is an anarchist prison rebel serving a 15-year sentence at the Eastham Unit in Texas, much of which he’s spent in solitary confinement.

“The struggle rages on, the walls are torn down every day by the ones who choose to storm them. I am Comrade K@do and you will never be forgotten. Together we stand against the tyranny of oppression, repression, the bonds of conformity, and stand for the ones who cannot. My endeavor is toward building upon the strength of our existing connections and through my own efforts (made possible only by the selfless and beautiful supporters) I shall become what we, behind the walls are in much need of – a voice, such a voice and effort, that will paint itself upon the hearts and thoughts of the ones who hear that time or barriers would crumble away to nothing as we rise together in this fight. I’m a poet, artist, activist for human rights, who loves the earth and life and together we can overcome. Together we will succeed in all our efforts. Look and you will find me on the front. Your names upon my lips and your sacrifices, the motivation and drive within...

In Love and Rage,
Kado”

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Jennifer Amelia Rose

Jennifer Amelia Rose (previously known as Jennifer Gann) is an anti-authoritarian trans woman and insurrectionist amazon held captive for over 25 years for armed robberies and a 1995 attack on a district attorney and associate prison warden. She took part in the 1991 Folsom Prison hunger strike, after which she was beaten and tortured, convicted for armed resistance, and sentenced to multiple 25-to-life sentences under the Three Strikes Law. She has spent over ten years in solitary confinement at Folsom and the Pelican Bay Secure Housing Unit. Despite all of this, Jennifer continues to struggle for freedom, remaining a committed anti-authoritarian, anti-imperialist, anti-racist, anti-fascist, and anti-capitalist.
The Green Scare is the name given to the arrests of animal rights and environmental activists who have been charged with acts of economic sabotage. Federal authorities have sought lengthy sentences (often life in prison) and have publicly and legally labeled the activists as “terrorists” – despite the fact that no one has been killed or injured in any of the acts.

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*address outer envelope to Marie (Marius) Mason, inside to Marius

Bill Dunne

Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of comrades from Seattle’s King County Jail in 1979 and for attempting to break himself out of Leavenworth Penitentiary in 1983. Dunne was charged with possession of an automatic weapon, auto theft, and with aiding & abetting the escape. Charges further alleged the operation was financed by bank expropriations and facilitated by illegal acquisition of weapons and explosives. Bill and his codefendant, Larry Giddings, were accused by police of being “members of a small, heavily armed group of revolutionaries,” associated with the Wellspring Communion.

Dunne has made the rounds of the federal prison system with stints at the infamous Control Unit in Marion, Illinois; Atwater; and Big Sandy where he has assisted prisoners with political & academic education. Bill also organizes solidarity runs in conjunction with the Anarchist Black Cross Federation’s “Running Down the Walls” 5K runs and has edited and written for 4 Struggle magazine.
Larry Giddings was paroled from federal prison in 2004. Bill went before the parole board in the winter of 2014, was rejected and given a 15 year ‘hit’ (meaning he cannot go back to the board for that time period).

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Marius Mason is an anarchist, environmental, and animal rights prisoner. In March 2008, he was arrested by federal authorities for charges related to two acts of property destruction that occurred in 1999 and 2000 – damaging an office connected to GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) research, and destroying a piece of logging equipment. No one was injured in either act. He faced a life sentence before accepting a plea bargain in September 2008.

Mason was sentenced on February 5, 2009 in federal court in Lansing, Michigan. He received almost 22 years – the longest sentence of any Green Scare prisoner. An appeal for a reduction in his sentence was denied in 2010.
Since his arrest and subsequent incarceration, he has been extremely isolated from his loved ones and has repeatedly been targeted by the guards, who have regularly put his safety in jeopardy. Eric was held in segregation for six months at one point and is often subjected to stints in “the hole” after the guards target him. Despite these struggles, he continues to maintain his good spirits and resolve to see this situation through to the end. He is also maintaining his dedication to struggling for a world free of domination and oppression.

Eric would love to receive mail from any and all supporters, around the world. Please keep in mind when you do write to Eric that all mail to or from a jail or prison will be read by the cops in the mail room. Also, a letter can be as long as you’d like it to be and you can include articles that you’ve printed off, but anything other than your letter, card or printed pages that you may include in the envelope could prevent your mail from getting to Eric.

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Michael Kimble

Michael Kimble is a black, gay anarchist serving a life sentence in Alabama for the murder of a white, homophobic, racist bigot.

During his first years of imprisonment, Michael embraced communism, but soon moved away from it and toward anarchy because, as he describes it “anarchism is not about building a hierarchical structure for liberation somewhere in the distant future, but about living your life, now, in a fashion that’s liberating.”

Since his conviction, Michael has been fervently involved in efforts to free himself and others, assisting in legal defense for fellow inmates, organizing reading groups and Black history events, speaking up for queer folks behind bars, and helping to organize and agitate alongside the Free Alabama Movement for the historic national prison strike of September 2016. In his own words, "Since my incarceration began I’ve completed numerous programs. I’ve been instrumental in organizing a number of collectives and actions, including the Prisoners Action Committee, AJAMU, BLA, the August 7th Movement, the Freedom and Independence Revolutionary Movement, and INACELL. I published and distributed INACELL Da Mag, a magazine of revolution, hip-hop, and Black history. As a part of INACELL I was the force behind the first Black August celebration in Birmingham, AL (my hometown) in August 2000. I’ve also organized numerous work-strikes as far back as 1987 and more recently with the Free Alabama Movement."
I’ve also filed a number of lawsuits dealing with conditions of captivity. In September of 2001 I was charged with assault on a number of guards and sentenced to another three years. Most recently, on December 2nd, 2019 I was thrown in lockup for coming to the aid of another prisoner who was being assaulted by a guard. But due to all of your outside support in calling and demanding that I be released from lockup, I’m now back in general population." He has been up for parole numerous times, but denied every time "due to the nature of the offense." Because the nature of the offense will never change, this is an unjust reasoning.

Michael has a long history of both individual and collective struggle against prison authority, and continues to engage in the fight against prison slave labor as part of the Free Alabama Movement.

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**Eric King**

Eric G. King, a vegan anarchist, was arrested and charged with an attempted firebombing of a government official’s office in Kansas City, MO in September 2014. Eric was being charged with throwing a hammer through a window of the building, followed by two lit Molotov cocktails. The criminal complaint states that both incendiary devices failed to ignite.

On March 3, 2016, he accepted a non-cooperating plea agreement to one count of using “explosive materials to commit arson of property used in or affecting interstate commerce.” The statutory minimum and maximum for this charge is 10 years. He will likely be sentenced in summer 2016 (check back often for the actual sentencing date once we have it). He will remained locked inside the private prison that he has been held hostage in since his arrest until he is sentenced, at which point he will be transferred into the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for the remainder of his sentence.

Eric was identified as a suspect by local police because he had previously come under suspicion for anti-government and anti-police graffiti. He is currently being held in the Corrections Corporation of America’s Leavenworth Detention Center.