

It's right to protest murder by police!

Oppose the Convictions of April 14 Protesters and Drop the Charges Against All Those Arrested for Protesting Police Terror

Nearly every day, we hear of cases and see videos of police murdering and brutalizing people, disproportionately Black and Latino. **Walter Scott**: shot in the back as he was running away. **Eric Garner**: choked to death on a NY City street. **Omar Abrego**: beaten to death as he was coming home. **Michael Brown**: shot and killed with his hands up as he was walking to his grandma's house. **John Crawford**: shot in a Walmart for holding a toy gun the store was selling. **Ezell Ford**: shot in the back outside of his home. **Tamir Rice**: 12 years old, playing with a toy gun in a park, shot within 1.7 seconds by police.

And again and again and again, the police are exonerated and hardly ever investigated, let alone punished. The cops who murdered Michael Brown, Eric Garner, John Crawford and Omar Abrego: all got off scot free. It has been over a year since Ezell Ford was murdered and there have still been no legal proceedings against the murderers. It has been a year since Tamir Rice was murdered, and grand jury proceedings are just now beginning.

What is the government's answer to these howling and unjust crimes?

To arrest, prosecute, intimidate and imprison those who protest against them.

In LA, three young revolutionaries were just convicted of serious misdemeanor charges from an arrest at a national protest against police murder on April 14, 2015. They are facing up to 3 years in jail. Seven others, from different perspectives, are also facing upcoming trials from this arrest. That day, in over 30 U.S. cities, thousands took the streets. In LA, over 1,000 people participated in this protest which included high school walkouts, a march through Skid Row and the shutting down of the Blue Line train for over an hour. This national day of protest helped to keep open the door of mass resistance against murder by police which began in 2014.

In addition, numerous people from the Black Lives Matter movement and others who filled the streets in the last year and a half to protest police terror are all also facing upcoming trials.

These brave resisters have already faced more time in jail and in the courts than most of the police who murder and brutalize Black and brown people. This is unacceptable.

These arrests and prosecutions are meant to send a message of fear and intimidation to force people to accept the business as usual of murder and brutality by police; they are meant to send a message that "if you act in meaningful and determined political resistance, we will shut you down." Whether it be the tanks and tear gas in the streets of Ferguson, boycotts and bully threats aimed at silencing prominent voices who speak out or mass arrests in Baltimore, LA or NY. We will not accept this.

We demand:

- Drop the charges on those arrested for protesting murder by police.
- No jail time for political resisters.
- Stop Police Terror!

Add your name to the above statement!



*Stop Murder by Police Protest at Train Tracks
April 14, 2015*

What you can do:

1. **Add your name to the above statement** at StopMassIncarceration.net. Or, you can endorse below. You can also endorse at the stopmassincarcerationsocal Facebook page or send your name/endorsement to the Stop Mass Incarceration Network, So Cal. Email us at stopmassincarcerationsocal@yahoo.com.

Name

Signature

Affiliation (for identification purposes only)*

Phone

Email

2. **Call and send statements to:** Call Judge David Fields at 213-628-7746 to demand no jail time for the convicted protestors. Send statements to stopmassincarcerationsocal@yahoo.com or call SMIN So Cal at 213-840-5348. Stop Mass Incarceration Network will forward the statements to Judge David Fields and to the City Attorney's Office.

3. Pack the courtroom:

Thursday, December 3 at 9:00am and Friday, December 11 at 8:30am. Criminal Court Building; 210 W. Temple St., downtown Los Angeles. December 3 is the sentencing hearing for the three convicted protestors. 7th Floor, Department 46. December 11 is the start of trial for the next set of April 14 protestors. 7th Floor, Department 56

4. Contribute funds for the political and legal defense.

Organize fundraising parties and activities. Send checks to Stop Mass Incarceration Network / AFGJ. In the memo line write: "Legal Defense - LA April 14 Protests." Send to:

Stop Mass Incarceration Network
PO Box 941, Knickerbocker Station
New York City, NY 10002-0900

5. Be part of building this political and legal defense!

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