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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

**Welcome to the twelfth edition of the CRASS newsletter!
Check out the amazing array of information below. And remember...
WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!**

**Next CRASS Spokescouncil:
Sunday, February 15th, Time & Location TBD**

**Next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting:
Sunday, February 15th, Time & Location TBD**

**** Last week's special edition just wasn't enough for us at the RNC800. So this week, you can look forward to an extra special message about fundraising. You will love it! *\$**

FEBRUARY 9: TRIALS & HEARINGS

There are 5 cases on the trial call tomorrow. Your presence in court is always needed and appreciated:

There are 5 cases on trial call for next Monday, February 9:
9AM: Judge Guthmann, Room 1240, 9am (3 Gross, 2 Misd)

FEBRUARY 15: COMBINED SPOKESCOUNCIL, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CRAFT-O-RAMA & POTLUCK!

Tired of meetings? We are too. So, we've planned the funnest meeting for February 15 that you will ever know. That's right - we said funnest. We've got lots of crafts projects to complete (procession masks, t-shirt re-sizing, and thank you cards for donors), so we're going to turn the spokescouncil and general assembly meetings into a mega-super-awesome-fun craft and brunch potluck. Bring a dish to pass and craft supplies to share. You don't have to craft if you don't want to...but we'll have extra supplies in case you change your mind. We'll still have a meeting, but it

will be brief and mostly focus on announcements.

Time and location for the most awesome meeting of the century? TBD. We'll let you know as soon as we've confirmed a space.

FEBRUARY 16: POWDERHORN SNOWBALL WAR AT HIGH NOON

Come one, come all to the Powderhorn Snowball War! High noon. February 16. Powderhorn Park, Minneapolis. No entry fee. Donate what you will. Compete for amazing prizes from some awesome local businesses. All proceeds benefit CRASS, the RNC 8, and the RNC Restitution Fund. Form your teams, scope out the park, and get ready to battle in the snow! For more information, check out myspace.com/powderhornsnowballwar or email powderhorn.snowball.war@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 22: SECOND CIVIL LITIGATION WORKSHOP

Getting ready to sue the state? The civil litigation working group is hosting its second civil litigation workshop:

Sunday, February 22: 2pm-4:30pm

Bedlam Theatre rehearsal space, 1501 S. 6th St., Minneapolis

The workshop will provide information about filing notice of claims forms to let Ramsey County and the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul know that you might file a civil suit at some point in the future. Come find out about your options for filing a civil suit to address the wrongs you suffered during the RNC. Lawyers from the National Lawyers Guild will be on hand to answer all of your burning questions. Tomorrow evening, the civil lit working group will also be posting information on the "Resources" page (formerly called "Forms & Publications") on the CRASS website.

FEBRUARY 24: NOTICE OF CLAIMS/MARDI GRAS PROCESSION

To follow up our civil litigation workshops, we're delivering notice of claim forms en masse to put the state on notice that we're gonna sue them for what they did to us in the streets during the RNC! Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us at the Minnesota State Capitol at noon on Feb. 24. Bring your beads, your costumes, your notice of claim forms! More details are forthcoming.

DAVID MCKAY'S TRIAL UPDATE

From our friends at TC.Indymedia.org:

"The case of United States vs. David McKay was declared a mistrial Monday afternoon when the jury was unable to reach a verdict. McKay was granted a conditional release, provided \$25,000 bail or \$2,500 bond can be posted. Unless the charges are dropped, a re-trial will commence on March 16."

Read the full article at: <http://tc.indymedia.org/2009/feb/hung-jury-david-mckay-free-now>

DUSTIN MATCHETT-MORALES'S SENTENCING UPDATE

Dustin Matchett-Morales's felony sentencing was on Thursday, February 5. Judge Flynn gave him 60 days in the Ramsey County jail, 5 years of probation, a mandatory DNA sample, a requirement for full-time work or school after release, and restitution for the broken bank windows (the final amount is still to be determined). With credit for good behavior, he can be released from jail on March 12 and not serve the full 60 days.

For more information about Dustin, his sentence, his commissary fund, and how to visit him or write him letters, visit <http://supportdustin.wordpress.com> or email supportdustin@riseup.net.

CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Civil Litigation (Sue the Bastards!): The new Civil Litigation working group is up and running! Our next workshop will be on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, 2pm-4:30pm at the Bedlam Theatre rehearsal room (details above). We'll also be working with the Omnibus group to finalize preparations for a Mardi Gras action on Feb. 24th. Stay tuned for more info! To get involved or to learn more about civil lit, you can contact us at suethebastards@riseup.net.

Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (Omnibus): At our next meeting, we'll be finalizing plans for our Mardi Gras action with notice of claim forms. Come join us! Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 11 @ 7pm, Coldsnap office. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com) for more information.

Courtwatch: Trials are likely to happen this week (see above). We need you in the courts! Email us at RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com to get involved. Or join us at our next meeting: Tuesday, February 10 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.

Felony Support: Dustin Machett-Morales's sentencing happened Thursday, February 5. He is currently serving a 60-day sentence in the Ramsey County Workhouse. If you are interested in writing a letter to him or showing any other form of support, please visit <http://supportdustin.wordpress.com>. For more info about Felony Support, check out our little space on the web at <http://rnc08arrestees.wordpress.com/arrestees/felony-info-and-support> for more info about us.

Fundraising: We have new bottomliners! Yay for Charlie & Mouse! Regular meetings begin this week: Tuesday nights, 6:30pm at Mouse's apartment for now. Email rnc08fundraising@gmail.com if you want to hang out with us.

Hospitality: Helping arrestees survive their stay in the Twin Cities while fighting court charges. Offer housing or find some for yourself at www.nornc.org/stay. Coming into town to fight your charges? Need help paying for your travel? Apply for funding through the Travel Fund at <http://www.rncaftermath.org>. So far, we've reimbursed more than \$3500 of travel expenses to and from the Twin Cities for people fighting their charges. We'd love to help you too! E-mail rnc08hospitality@riseup.net for more info.

The Spokescouncil: The spokescouncil is made up of the bottomliners from each of the working

groups, and is also open to anyone who wants to be involved. We plan the agenda for the general meetings, share information between the working groups, and formulate proposals to bring to the general meetings. We meet every Sunday, and the time and location of our meetings is posted on <http://www.rncaftermath.org>.

The Zine Project: Our call for contributors is on the way, so keep an eye out for e-mail and flyers. Or come to our next informational meeting on Wednesday, February 18 at 8pm at Blue Nile Restaurant in Minneapolis. You don't have to wait for the call out to get involved! Email us at crasszine@riseup.net for more info. Or check out our snazzy new Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?gid=66014266468> And you don't have to live in Minneapolis to be part of this project -- email us to get involved!

OTHER GROUPS AND THINGS

Coldsnap: Coldsnap is continuing with their regular schedule for open office hours. And they're looking for more volunteers for the office, so email coldsnapoffice@gmail.com if you can help. And don't forget that the jail support hotline number--651.356.8635--is always open for your jail support needs. If you have general questions, please call during normal daylight hours. And check out their series of workshops on legal rights and creating legal support structures through the Experimental College (EXCO, <http://www.excotc.org>) in February, March, and April.

Dave Mahoney's Posse: Dave Mahoney, 23, was temporarily in the US and due to return to his home in England before the new year. He was arrested by the FBI during the Republican National Convention (RNC) in September 2008, and has been charged with 3 counts of aiding and abetting 2nd degree assault and 3 counts of terrorist threats, for an incident that has the loosest connections imaginable to a so called assault. He still has a posse, so check 'em out and show some support: <http://www.helpdavemahoney.blogspot.com/>

Support Dustin: Dustin Matchett-Morales's felony sentencing was on Thursday, February 5. Judge Flynn gave him 60 days in the Ramsey County jail, 5 years of probation, a mandatory DNA sample, a requirement for full-time work or school after release, and restitution for the broken bank windows (the final amount is still to be determined). With credit for good behavior, he can be released from jail on March 12 and not serve the full 60 days. For more information about Dustin, his sentence, his commissary fund, and how to visit him or write him letters, visit <http://supportdustin.wordpress.com> or email supportdustin@riseup.net.

Help the Milwaukee Three: The MK3 (Christina Vana, Dave Mahoney, and Karen Meissner) set up a blog due to the similarity of their cases, but also because of their solid friendship. They hope that, like the RNC 8 and other friends and arrestees, their solidarity with one another can be an inspiration over the stories of police infiltration, informants and cooperation stemming from the RNC. The MK3 share affinity on many levels and enjoy working within their communities towards a life free of all forms of domination. For more information, check out <http://helpmkethree.blogspot.com>.

RNC 8: The RNC 8--Luce Guillen-Givins, Max Specktor, Nathanael Secor, Eryn Trimmer, Monica Bicking, Erik Oseland, Robert Czernik and Garrett Fitzgerald--are still facing four felony charges (two with terrorism enhancements). The 8 have a scheduling hearing coming up on Wednesday, February 11 at the Ramsey County Courthouse. This is a procedural hearing that the 8 do not

have to attend, so there's no need for you to either. To get up-to-date information, check out their website at <http://RNC8.org> and sign up for their announcement listserv.

Free the Texas Two: During the Republican National Convention in Minnesota last September, law enforcement conspired to repress people and free speech through brutality in the streets and entrapment and trumped up charges in court. Like many activists before them, the Texas2 fell victim to an FBI informant and provocateur. David McKay and Bradley Crowder of Austin have been held in a federal holding facility in Minnesota since September. David has been released into his father's custody and is back in Texas until his re-trial begins during the week of March 16 while Bradley is still in custody awaiting his sentencing. For more information, visit <http://www.freethetexas2.com>.

RANDOM ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have local RNC-related events going on in your community, email us and we will include them in this section of our newsletter.

Communities United Against Police Brutality Demo @ North Commons Park: 4:30pm February 11

The police have murdered yet another member of our community. Once again the victim was a person of color--Ahmed Guled, a young Somali.

As usual, the police are attempting to justify continuous attacks on the citizenry by calling the victim a criminal and labeling their actions as "justifiable homicide." The authorities have a history of lying about the facts in similar incidents, so we will not provide them any benefit of doubt in this incident. Nor will we remain silent and stand aside to wait for more murders at the hands of cops. We must act now and defend ourselves against state sponsored death of civilians in all forms!

CUAPB has organized a demonstration on the spot of this latest death. Please join us this Wednesday, February 11 at 4:30pm at North Commons Park at the corner of Golden Valley Rd. and Morgan Ave. Help us tell the police we will not tolerate continuous violence at their hands!

Benefit Concert for Dustin: Friday, February 20

There is going to be a benefit show on Friday, Feb. 20th at Tricerapops: 9 W 25th St., off Nicollet in Minneapolis. For more information, check out <http://supportdustin.wordpress.com>.

Pretty Please: *This is our oh-so-clever section for volunteer requests and general begging.*

Please give us your money at <http://www.rncaftermath.org> .

Please volunteer to work in the office at coldsnapoffice@gmail.com.

Please give us free office supplies (especially printer paper).

Please fight your charges.

How to Contact Us

<http://www.rncaftermath.org>

RNC800 newsletter- RNC800@gmail.com

Send checks, courtwatch forms, and inspirational messages to CRASS c/o Coldsnap- P.O. Box 50514, Minneapolis, MN 55405

Coldsnap jail support hotline: 651.356.8635

CRASS working groups: Contact info is in their blurbs.

Yay! You made it all the way to the bottom of our fabulous newsletter. Thanks and way to go! Send us feedback and suggestions. We're here for you.
