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# THE RNC800!

## Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

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

**Next CRASS Spokescouncil:**  
**Sunday, March 15th, 12:00pm-1:30pm**  
**Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

**Next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting:**  
**Sunday, March 15, 1:30-3:30pm**  
**Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

### CHANGE IN SPOKESCOUNCIL MEETINGS & RNC800 PUBLICATION

Now that hundreds of cases have been declined for prosecution and the scope of our work is coming more into focus, the spokescouncil has decided to switch our weekly meetings to biweekly meetings right before the usually scheduled general assemblies. The general assemblies won't change - they'll still happen every other week. We'll still be sending out the RNC800...just every other week instead of weekly. And don't worry - you can still count on us to e-mail you with breaking news that we just can't keep to ourselves in between biweekly editions of the RNC800.

### NOTICE OF CLAIMS/MARDI GRAS PROCESSION A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of your support, we had a great procession last Tuesday and a great time delivering notices of claim to the various agencies we're gonna be suing! We marched from the state capitol to the St. Paul city hall in our masks, beads, capes, and other festive wear. More than 60 notices for distinct incidents were submitted en masse, and more have been sent in directly to the agencies. We got some good press, so check it out:

<http://tc.indymedia.org/2009/feb/notice-mardi-gras-marchers-plaintiffs-take-offensive>

<http://www.mndaily.com/2009/02/23/rally-goers-start-process-suing-st-paul>

And don't forget to submit your civil litigation intake form to stay connected to this work and to connect with other people who are interested in small group and class action suits. You can find the intake form on our website at:

<http://www.rncaftermath.org/resources/civil-litigation-forms>

### LAST RNC 8 MOTION HEARINGS MONDAY & TUESDAY

The final four motion hearings for the RNC 8 are coming up on Monday and Tuesday. Go show your support!

All hearings are at the Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 W. Kellogg Boulevard in St. Paul, courtrooms TBA.

Erik Oseland: Monday, March 2, 9:00am

Rob Czernik: Tuesday, March 3, 9:00am

Nathanael Secor: Tuesday, March 3, 10:00am

Garrett Fitzgerald: Tuesday, March 3, 1:30pm

### NORTH STAR HEALTH COLLECTIVE WANTS TO SUPPORT YOU!

The groovy people at North Star Health Collective want to help us take care of ourselves as we go about our work, so they've given us a

list of practitioners in the Twin Cities who will provide free or sliding scale services. Check it out! It's on the Resources page of our website: <http://www.rncaftermath.org/resources>.

## CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

**Civil Litigation (Sue the Bastards!):** Now that we've submitted lots of notice of claim forms, it's time to start getting all y'all involved in forming small group and class action suits. To do this, we need to know who you are! Fill out an intake form to stay connected to the work being done to sue those bastards! You can find the form at <http://www.rncaftermath.org/resources/civil-litigation-forms/> For more information, contact us at [suethebastards@riseup.net](mailto:suethebastards@riseup.net).

**Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (Omnibus):** As mentioned above, our Mardi Gras action was a success. Currently, we're planning a variety show/series of skits for an April edition of local cable access show, Our World In Depth. Join us in the fun! Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 4 @ 8pm, Coldsnap office. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure ([rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com](mailto:rnccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com)) for more information.

**Courtwatch:** We need you in the courts! Email us at [RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com](mailto:RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com) to get involved. Or join us at our next meeting: Tuesday, March 3 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis.

**Felony Support:** For more info about Felony Support, check out our little space on the web at <http://www.rncaftermath.org/arrestees/felony-info-and-support>.

**Fundraising:** We're working on scheduling a benefit show and could use some help finding a venue. If you have any suggestions or want to help, let us know! Come to our meeting this Tuesday night at 6:30pm at Mouse's apartment. Email [rnc08fundraising@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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 \$5,000 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](mailto: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 other Sunday, and the time and location of our meetings is posted on <http://www.rncaftermath.org>.

**The Zine Project:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 4, 8pm at the Blue Nile Restaurant in Minneapolis. We are still looking for people who are interested in writing, editing, interviewing, archiving, illustrating and all kinds of other rad projects that will bring this publication to life. Email us at [crasszine@riseup.net](mailto:crasszine@riseup.net) or check out <http://www.rncaftermath.org/get-involved/crass-zine-project> for more info. Also check out our snazzy Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#group.php?gid=66014266468>. 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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). 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.*

**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 set up benefit shows or other rad events in your hometown.

Please volunteer to work in the office at [coldsnapoffice@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

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