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# THE RNC800!

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

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

**Next CRASS Meeting:**  
**Sunday, April 12th, 12:00pm-2:00pm**  
**Hosmer Library, Minneapolis**

### TOUR DE FLETCHER COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE: SUCCESS!

The Tour de Fletcher was a grand success! About 50 people met up at Powderhorn Park in Minneapolis to tour the houses raided under the direction of Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher on the Saturday before the RNC. And many more joined the group at the Walker Community Church for a fantastic lunch. In all, the event raised around \$400 for the RNC 8's legal defense fund. This was one action for the National Day of Solidarity with the RNC 8.

Even with all the fun and community building we experienced on Saturday, we were faced with extreme police harassment and intimidation. The police followed our ride and had several bike cops ride amongst us. As we were leaving our second stop, they arrested one rider who was leaving to attend another event. Two members of Coldsnap Legal Collective were able to bail him out within a few hours, but the police presence and arrest were unwarranted. We continue to face repression for organizing together and standing in solidarity, but their tactics will never stop us!

See the full story at <http://tc.indymedia.org/2009/mar/rnc-aftermath-1-34-choi-rnc-8-solidarity-events>.

### MONDAY, MARCH 30: FELONY TRIAL CALLS

Jesse James Forrey is on the trial call tomorrow at 9am, and Jason Sparks is on the trial call at 1:30pm. Both are in Judge Flynn's court, Room 1140 in the Ramsey County Courthouse. People are welcome to come and observe the process - we'd certainly love to see you there, but please know the trials themselves will not necessarily be starting on Monday. We'll keep you updated on the trial schedules when we know what they are.

Jesse has set up a support website for himself - check it out! [supportjessejames.wordpress.com](http://supportjessejames.wordpress.com).

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31: RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE PRE-TRIAL

In Hennepin County, one Rage Against the Machine case set to go to trial this week has been dismissed. Another defendant has a pre-trial hearing at 8:30 AM Tuesday morning in the Hennepin County Government Center. If you can make it to downtown Minneapolis, go out and show some support!

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2: 2 OF MILWAUKEE 3 PRE-TRIAL HEARINGS & VETS

## FOR PEACE ARRAIGNMENTS

Christina and Karen's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for April 2nd at 9am in Judge Warner's courtroom in the Ramsey County Courthouse. For more information, check out <http://helpmkethree.blogspot.com>.

Also, more of our Vets for Peace allies will be arraigned on misdemeanor charges of trespassing in Room 131A, at 1 PM.

## CRASS WORKING GROUP UPDATES

**Civil Litigation (Sue the Bastards!):** We're still collecting intake forms to get people 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):** Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 8 @ 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. The last courtwatch weekly meeting is this week: Tuesday, March 31 at 6pm at Caffetto on 22nd and Lyndale in Minneapolis. After that, most work will take place online - but you can still e-mail us to get involved!

**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 on Tuesday, March 31 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 with the General Assembly, and the time and location of our meetings is posted on <http://www.rncaftermath.org>.

**The Zine Project:** Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 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.

**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. Dave has a pre-trial hearing scheduled for April 24th (at the Ramsey County courthouse) and TRIAL HAS BEEN SET FOR

JUNE 1ST. 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 was released from jail and did not serve the full 60 days!!! We're so happy that he is free and once again part of our community. For more information about Dustin, visit <http://supportdustin.wordpress.com> or email [supportdustin@riseup.net](mailto:supportdustin@riseup.net).

**Support Jesse:** This support website is dedicated to aiding Jesse Forrey fight his charges and the State's oppression stemming from the Republican National Convention of 2008. Jesse is a good friend and a valuable contributing member of multiple communities and is currently confined in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, facing a felony charge with a five year maximum sentence. <http://supportjessejames.wordpress.com/>

**Help the Milwaukee Three:** Christina and Karen's pre-trial hearing is scheduled for April 2nd at 9am in Judge Warner's courtroom. 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 Spektor, 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 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>

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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.**