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THE RNC800!

Newsletter of the Community RNC Arrestee Support Structure (CRASS)

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

Next CRASS Meeting:
Sunday, June 14, 12pm-2pm
Hosmer Library, Minneapolis

COURT UPDATES

People are still fighting their way through the courts. Come on out and support them! All hearings are at the Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul unless otherwise noted. For more information, email RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com.

Dave Mahoney: As promised, here is more information about Dave's status. After a last-minute plea bargain was offered to him, he is planning to take the plea tomorrow morning. The plea bargain will reduce the 10 felony charges he's facing down to one and will likely have a 90-day cap on jail time (with a maximum of 56 days to serve with time off for good behavior and credit for time served), reduction of the remaining felony count to a gross misdemeanor after he serves his sentence, and probation that he can serve in his native England.

Come support Dave tomorrow morning! His hearing is at 9am!

For more information, check out his support blog: <http://www.helpdavemahoney.blogspot.com/> and <http://tc.indymedia.org>.

Christina Vana & Karen Meissner: Christina and Karen are considering taking a plea deal. If they decide to take it, they will likely have a hearing on Wednesday, June 3. Check out their support page for more info: <http://helpmkethree.blogspot.com>.

Jesse Forrey: Jesse is on the trial call beginning June 1. He and Dave have the same judge. Visit his support space: <http://supportjessejames.wordpress.com/> for more information.

Trial calls: There are two other trial calls tomorrow, so come out to support those arrestees as well!

SAVE THE DATE! BOB FLETCHER FUNDRAISER, THURS. JUNE 18

Thursday, June 18

5:30-7:30pm

O'Gara's Bar & Grill

164 North Snelling Avenue, St. Paul

Our buddy Bob Fletcher, Ramsey County Sheriff, is having a fundraiser next month for his re-election campaign. And he's having it in the same neighborhood in which he sent riot cops armed with a battering ram to terrorize legal workers, attorneys, and I-Witness Video media activists at the legal support office during the RNC.

O'Gara's bar is half a block from the site of the legal support office. It's also just blocks away from where cops had surrounded a house with guns drawn and illegally broke in through the attic when they discovered they had obtained a warrant for the wrong half of the duplex they wanted to raid, again to harass I-Witness Video activists.

We're not going to just sit by and let ol' Bobby throw back some drinks with his buddies in the same neighborhood he terrorized last September. More details will be forthcoming in the next RNC800. Until then, keep your calendars clear on the evening of June 18th!

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.mcaftermath.org/resources/civil-litigation-forms/>. We'll also be sending out more information about lawyers to contact for civil litigation in a little bit...still trying to firm up some details, but we're makin' progress! For more information, contact us at suethembastards@riseup.net.

Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (Omnibus): Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 3 @ 8pm, Blue Nile Restaurant in Minneapolis. Email our listserv for Court Solidarity/Media/Outreach/Pressure (mcccourtsolidarity@googlegroups.com) for more information.

Courtwatch: We need you in the courts! Email us at RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com to get involved. We're doing our work online for the most part, so email us to get involved!

Felony Support: For more info about Felony Support, check out our little space on the web at <http://www.mcaftermath.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 a meeting: e-mail mnc08fundraising@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.normc.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.mcaftermath.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 mnc08hospitality@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 meetings, share information between the working groups, and formulate proposals to bring to the meetings.

The Zine Project: Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 19, 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. Want to submit a piece about your experience with post-RNC legal support? Email us at crasszine@riseup.net or check out <http://www.mcaftermath.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: 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 is now facing 5 counts of aiding and abetting 2nd degree assault and 5 counts of terrorist threats, for an incident that has the loosest connections imaginable to a so called assault. 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/> And his mom is amazing: <http://tc.indymedia.org/2009/may/open-letter-susan-gaertner-ramsay-county-attorney>

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.

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. Jesse is on the trial call for June 1. <http://supportjessejames.wordpress.com/>

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 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.

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.
