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# THE RNC800!

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

**Hey everyone! We've decided that instead of sending an email out every time there is something to communicate, we would instead send out a weekly email with all the news and updates regarding legal and political support for the RNC arrestees. So, this is our new newsletter. ta-DA! It's going to include updates from the various CRASS working groups, court updates, volunteer requests, upcoming court dates, minutes from our biweekly arrestee meetings (attached), news from other RNC related groups, and anything else we can think of to share with you all. Take a look!**

**WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!**

**The next CRASS General Arrestee Meeting is Sunday, Nov. 9th, 1:30pm at the Hosmer Library in Minneapolis.**

### CRASS WORKING GROUPS

**Court Solidarity-** The first RNC trials were scheduled for this week, and guess what? The defendants called the state's bluff and were prepared to go to trial, at which point the prosecution promptly dropped their charges. This is a HUGE victory for us and shows that fighting collectively is the best thing we can do to protect ourselves. Thusfar, the state has not offered a collective plea, but we are pressureing them through our commitment to fight back against these bogus charges. We've started to strategize for upcoming court solidarity plans. Interested in getting involved? email

**Courtwatch** we've been doing our damndest to attend all the RNC hearings. We'll be there to support you and document your hearing. As you can imagine, this is a huge commitment and we need more people to help us out. Email us at [RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com](mailto:RNCcourtwatch@gmail.com) . We've been getting lots of positive feedback from the arrestees and defense lawyers, and one judge even gave us a gold star. Being a courtwatcher means that you too get a gold star! Upcoming court dates are posted at the bottom of this email, come support your codefendants!

**Felony Support**— supports people who have been charged with felonies coming out of the RNC. We keep in contact with felony arrestees, keep an eye on their cases, arrange various kinds of support when needed, and are generally way cool. You can contact us at [rnc08felonies@riseup.net](mailto:rnc08felonies@riseup.net) or check out our little space on the web at <http://rnc08arrestees.wordpress.com/arrestees/felony-info-and-support>.

**Fundraising-** We're up to all kinds of neat stuff! There's a benefit show coming up on Nov. 22 at the Bedlam featuring local hip-hop acts Tokie Wright and Usual Suspects, other band(s) to be announced. Also, we got word that there will be another benefit show in Albany NY on December 5! Details are hazy right now, further updates hopefully to come in next week's newsletter. Oh, and t-shirts are getting done too. Stay tuned for more details on

that. Hospitality Helping arrestee's survive their stay in the twin cities while fighting court charges. Offer housing or if you need a place to stay go to [www.nornc.org/stay](http://www.nornc.org/stay)

**Media-** We are looking for bottomliners and members for this specific working group. If you are interested, please contact [rnc08media@gmail.com](mailto:rnc08media@gmail.com) to get involved

**Outreach-** [rnc08outreach@riseup.net](mailto:rnc08outreach@riseup.net)

**Pressure Campaign-** For the past month, we have been attending various political events and debates in order to put as much pressure as we can on local politicians and anyone who may have influence on dropping charges in both Ramsey and Hennepin counties. Sometimes we get our questions answered, sometimes we don't but we'll continue to be a thorn in their side until we get all the charges dropped. Interested in our efforts? [rnc08pressure@lists.riseup.net](mailto:rnc08pressure@lists.riseup.net)

**The Zine Project-** We're making a zine about fostering court solidarity and implementing a collective bargaining strategy! With this zine, we hope to help educate people elsewhere in the future so they can create their own arrestee support structures, learn from our successes and setbacks, and keep the movement strong. The zine is gonna be a killer publication that includes a description of our work and an analysis of the things we did well and those we could have done better. And it'll have some amazing artwork. It's also going to be a personal document that shows the strengths of the community we've built and are building. But the zine can only be as good as the effort we put into it. That's why we need you to help document developments as they happen, interview cool people among us who are doing amazing work, write, edit, create art, layout pages, research distribution and publicity options, etc., etc. Lots o' fun, y'all! And you don't have to live in Minneapolis to be part of this project. We're also maintaining an archive of all the things we create through CRASS, ranging from meeting notes to these newsletters to press releases to the victory communications we know we'll be sending out at some point. If you have anything you want to make sure is preserved, send it to us! Join us at our next meeting! They're every Wednesday at 6:30pm at 2nd Moon Cafe in Minneapolis. Email [crasszine \[at\] riseup \[dot\] net](mailto:crasszine[at]riseup[dot]net) for more info.

## **OTHER GROUPS AND THINGS**

**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 [www.RNC08arrestees.wordpress.com](http://www.RNC08arrestees.wordpress.com). The next spokes meeting is this Sunday at noon at Hosmer Library, Minneapolis.

**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 being charged with Conspiracy to Riot is the Second Degree in the furtherance of Terrorism. They have encountered support around every corner and are doing well. Luce has had her omnibus hearing and has plead not-guilty. The others will be pleading soon. They are grateful of all the fundraising that has happened thus far. There has been a steady amount of money coming in. Despite all the help, they are still in need of a lot more money to cover the many legal costs. To get up to date information about the case, check out their website at

RNC8.org.

**Coldsnap-** Coldsnap's new office is up and running and available for the working groups and CRASS to use. Get in touch with us if you want to volunteer! The jail support hotline number is open at 651.356.8635 and you can call Coldsnap with questions (preferably during normal daylight hours).

#### **Random Announcements-**

As part of our continual efforts to improve capacity within our group and our communities more generally, we have planned a CRASS facilitation training on Wednesday, November 12 at 5pm at the Bedlam theater. A really super awesome local facilitator is going to be teaching us the skills we need to improve our consensus processes and meetings. Space is limited so RSVP to [coldsnapoffice@gmail.com](mailto:coldsnapoffice@gmail.com).

The Glass Bead Collective has put out an awesome documentary about the RNC protests. Check it out at [www.terrorizingdissent.org](http://www.terrorizingdissent.org) for upcoming public screenings in your area, or set one up for your community.

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

Are you an artist? The fundraising group is making tshirts to sell. Send in a design to [RNCfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:RNCfundraising@gmail.com)

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

Please give us your money at [www.RNC08arrestees.wordpress.org](http://www.RNC08arrestees.wordpress.org).

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-**

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

jail support hotline: 651.356.8635

[coldsnap@gmail.com](mailto:coldsnap@gmail.com)

working groups- contact info in their blurbs.

**Upcoming Court Dates-** are always posted on the twin cities indymedia calendar. And now you can also find them here!

Monday, November 10, 9am- 3 gross misdemeanor hearings. Judge

Guthmann, Ramsey County Courthouse, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W, St. Paul

Monday Nov. 10 9am pre-trial. Judge Fetch, Ramsey County Courthouse

Thursday, Nov. 13 8:30am 1st appearance Public Safety Facility, Room

142, Minneapolis

Thurs. Nov 13m 8:30am arraignment, Public Safety Facility, Room 141, Minneapolis

Thur. Nov 13 1:15pm felony omnibus, Judge Gearin Law Enforcement

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Thurs. Nov 13 1:30 Felony pre-trial Judge NAthenson Law Enforcement

Center, 425 Grove St St Paul

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

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