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# about the *guelph abc*

The Guelph Anarchist Black Cross Collective is committed to confronting the state, capitalism, colonization, and all forms of exploitation. The function of prisons is inherently codependent with these forces, for neither can exist without the other. We see prison as a daily threat, also manifesting in all aspects of society through surveillance, isolation and repression. We want to contribute to a struggle against prisons, and the world that needs them.

We want to support, provide resources, and help build a framework for defense with communities burdened by the legal system, courts, jails, prison, arrests, and police. This means having access to resources like lawyers, building networks of solidarity, maintaining relationships with those locked up and connecting with those who face similar struggles.

We do not limit our solidarity to “political prisoners”. We want to build a struggle with marginalized communities and anyone who strives for freedom. It is important for any ongoing revolutionary struggle to recognize that the fight against prison is a part of the fight for freedom (for us, as anarchist revolutionaries, repression and prison are a daily threat and reality). It is with this understanding that we expand our ties and strengthen our struggles.

Fight the system inside and outside the walls!

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# New Year Prison Riot

(info from 325.nostate.net)

*(England)*



About 40 prisoners at Ford prison near Arundel, England took part in rioting beginning around midnight on New Year's Eve. The prisoners, wearing balaclavas to protect their identities, smashed windows and torched buildings. Six accommodation blocks were destroyed by fires as well as a mail room, a gym, a snooker room and a pool room.

The riot was triggered after guards tried to breathalyze prisoners and they refused, according to Mark Freeman, deputy general secretary of the Prison Officers Association. Mr. Freeman said a large amount of alcohol had been found in the jail and staff had been trying to get inmates to take a breath test for several days.

Staff were forced to retreat and specialist control and restraint teams and fire fighters were called in.

The prison is “open-concept” where prisoners are not necessarily confined to cells and can work outside. The prison officials blame funding cuts and staff shortages for the riot. The loss of the accommodation means about 160 inmates will have to be moved to other jails.



# Alfredo M. Bonnano Released

(info from 325.nostate.net)

(Greece)

In the 22 November trial of Alfredo and Christos for bank robbery in Trikala, Alfredo M. Bonnano was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment (which practically means that with the time served so far and the fact that he is over 70 years old, he was released). Christos Stratigopoulos (who took responsibility for the action) was sentenced to 8 years and 9 months and with the Greek law will probably be released at the end 2011.

## Communique from Anarchist Prisoner

Mónica Caballero (Chile)

(reprinted from denverabc.wordpress.com)

17 Dec 2010 – Even before the bodies of the prisoners of San Miguel have gone cold the show by the guardians of order to hide what happened has already begun.

More prisons seems to be the most feasible solution for those who profit by imprisonment. How many lives have the prisons taken away, how many dead stain the uniform of the guards?

The deaths of the 81 prisoners add themselves to a long list of crimes that have gone unpunished, which the State is solely responsible for. Inside many prisons, many have decided to face the torturers and take action. Here, in the women's detention centre, every day the number of women who join the Hunger Strike of thousands of prisoners is increasing in all the territory dominated by the Chilean State. Many have also stitched their mouths and are isolated in the punishment sections.

If anyone who dares to put the laws of the powerful in question is a criminal, then I assume that denomination.

As I finish writing these words, they are searching the former Penitenciarío. The news reports that there are 1,500 prisoners on hunger strike, the revolt must be punished. The fire made its presence both inside the Extermination Centre and outside, by their families.

You don't embellish cages, you destroy them!

For the end of this and any other society.

No more Anti-terror Laws.

Mónica Caballero, Anarchist Prisoner, Special High Security Section

Female Extermination Centre, Santiago, Chile

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## local news

# Support Political Prisoner Roger Clement

(info from torontoabc.wordpress.com)



## OMD Statement on Roger's Sentencing

Ottawa Movement Defense is outraged and saddened by the 3 year and 6 month sentence handed down to Roger Clement this morning, December 7th. Roger had previously pleaded guilty to arson in the May 18th firebombing attack on a local Royal Bank of Canada branch, as well as smashing windows and ATMs at a different branch in February.

We are dismayed that this property-related offense was judged so harshly by the court, given that both the defense and Crown attorneys acknowledged Roger took great care to eliminate any possible injury to innocent people. We are left wondering when RBC executives will be made to face equivalent jail time for their own crimes against indigenous communities and the environment.

But we are also inspired by Roger's strength of character during a grueling court process. Even when offered the chance to apologize for his role in the firebombing, Roger refused to do so, even though his liberty was on the line. In typical Roger fashion, he chose to simply apologize for the inconvenience he had caused his friends and family, and for the fact that the money spent on incarcerating him wasn't being spent on more useful projects.

with her life by the FBI. In an affidavit, Leonard Peltier said he was offered his freedom in exchange for false testimony against John Graham. Graham himself said that agents visited him four times in the Yukon, trying to get him to sign false statements implicating AIM leadership in the death of Anna Mae. When Graham refused the FBI said that he would face the charges instead.

"(The FBI) offered me my freedom and money if I'd testify the way they wanted," said Aquash when she was arrested in 1975. "I have those two choices now. I chose my kind of freedom, not their kind, even if I have to die."

John Graham also chose this kind of freedom, for which he now faces life in prison.

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In Graham's own words, "I am a warrior. I was a warrior when I first went to South Dakota and I'll be a warrior this time when I have to go to South Dakota." (from his 2007 extradition from Vancouver to South Dakota)

Graham's defense team is still working on his behalf. His sentencing is scheduled for January 24, 2011.

*Write to John:*

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Pennington County Jail  
307 St. Joseph Street  
Rapid City, SD  
57701 USA**

## Giannis Dimitrakis Sentence Reduced (Greece)

(excerpt from anarchistnews.org)

Here is part of the statement regarding the new sentence:

"Today (23.12) was announced the final sentence at the court of appeals for comrade Giannis Dimitrakis... he was found guilty for the robbery in the national bank on Solonos str, (7 years imprisonment), guilty for mental support in the attempted homicide of the guard of the bank (6 years imprisonment), guilty for participating in a gang (4 years imprisonment), guilty for using a gun (2 years imprisonment). He was not recognized with mitigations but with the fusion of the sentences the final sentence is 12.5 years. The sentence he has to serve is 3/5 so Giannis Dimitrakis has to serve 7.5 years. He has already served almost 5 years. The room was full of supporters, that burst out in slogans and clapping after the announcement of the decision...

THE PASSION FOR FREEDOM IS STRONGER THAN THEIR PRISONS"

# The Trial of Land Defender, John Graham

(excerpts from mediacoop.ca and  
ourfreedom.wordpress.com)



*John Graham and Harriet Nahanee at  
John's extradition hearing in Vancouver*

On December 10th a South Dakota jury found John Graham guilty of felony murder in the death of American Indian Movement (AIM) member Anna Mae Aquash. John Graham, a Tutchone native originally from the Yukon, continues to maintain his innocence. Aquash was murdered in the 1970s in an execution-style killing in South Dakota. Graham has said that she was his friend and comrade.

In 2004, Arlo Looking Cloud was convicted of murder for aiding in the murder of Aquash. He received a life sentence with a chance of parole in 2013. Earlier this year, Richard Marshall was acquitted on the charge of supplying the gun that killed Aquash. Looking Cloud testified against both Marshall and Graham at trial. Thelma Rios plead guilty in November of this year to charges of aiding and abetting, for which she received five years of probation and no jail time.

At trial, the state alleged that John Graham took Aquash from Denver against her will and ultimately killed her in the hills of South Dakota. The government claimed the motive for the murder was that AIM believed Aquash to be an informant who had knowledge of sensitive information.

The jury acquitted Graham of premeditated murder: the first-degree charge. Nevertheless, the lesser charge of second degree felony murder\* carries a sentence of life in prison.

Aquash was a Mi'kmaq from Nova Scotia and was well-known as a skilled organizer and warrior with AIM. In 1975, she said she had been targeted and threatened with death by the FBI. Her body was found on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in February 1976. The original autopsy report, made by an FBI-contracted coroner, stated her cause of death as "exposure" and made no record of the bloody bullet-wound in the back of her head. The FBI removed her hands for purposes of identification in Washington as they claimed the body was unidentifiable. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) buried Aquash as a Jane Doe.

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So why is John Graham being targeted and why do many believe that he is innocent?

Anna Mae Aquash, Leonard Peltier and John Graham all consistently refused to falsely testify on behalf of the State. In return, Anna Mae was threatened

Roger is a good friend to many of us in Ottawa and will be dearly missed while he is behind bars. We know Roger as a trusted friend and community organizer, dedicated to social justice and committed to affecting positive change around him. Over the years, he has been involved with many local groups fighting the good fight against war, poverty and injustice around the world.

Though the court part of this ordeal is over, the work is nowhere near done. It is crucial now to make sure that Roger knows we on the outside still care about him. Please continue writing and visiting him during his time in prison. Information as to how will be made available as soon as we know where he will serve his time.

In solidarity with our friends who are not free!

- *Ottawa Movement Defense*

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## Donate to the Legal Defense Fund

Donations for outstanding legal expenses can be made to "Ottawa Movement Defense" c/o the Ottawa Women's Credit Union. Donations can also be made online using Paypal.

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Canada**

## Write Letters to Roger

Roger was transferred to Millhaven mid-December and it is expected that he will be there for 2-3 months before being transferred to the federal penitentiary where he will stay for the rest of his 3.5 year sentence. In the immediate future, letters can be sent to Roger to the following address:

**Joseph Roger Clement (FPS-420268X)  
Millhaven Institution  
PO Box 280 Bath Rd.  
Bath ON K0H 1G0**

Roger thanks everyone for all their support.

# On Trial

- By Alex Hundert -

(reprinted from toronto.mediacoop.ca)

*There is more violence in people's lives on the street  
and in the world than there is in our lives in our cells and on the ranges  
There are more traps and there's more being trapped  
out there than there is here inside the cages  
There's more anger and hatred,  
imprisonment in the world than there could ever be in prison  
More drugs, more cops,  
more beatings,  
more rapes,  
more traumatising, victimisation, dehumanisation  
and pain out there than there could ever be in here  
Fortunately, out there, there is also lots of love.*

I am one of eighteen organisers charged with “conspiracy” for the demonstrations that took over the streets of Toronto this past June. I have now spent more than four months in jail since then. Released on bail in July, and after beating the Ontario Crown Attorney’s office’s appeal of that release, I spent the rest of the summer on house arrest. But after speaking on discussion panels at Wilfrid Laurier University and then at Ryerson University, even though I was in the presence of my court-appointed surety, I was again arrested, before being released on bail after another month behind bars, under conditions that have been called “draconian” and rallied against by legal professionals, civil libertarians, journalists, academics, and activists alike. I had initially refused to sign those conditions which included a ban on talking to the media and sharing my political beliefs in public, as well as absurdly punitive non-association conditions designed as an attack on the communities and networks that I am a part of. For taking that stand, I was thrown in “the hole” at the Toronto East Detention Centre. I eventually capitulated and signed the bail conditions, getting released in mid-October. The decision to sign those papers haunts me still—I wish I’d taken a stronger stand.

Only eight days after getting out, after a court appearance to challenge some of those conditions, I was again re-arrested, this time charged with the preposterous allegation of “intimidating a justice participant”. The same crown attorneys who had failed repeatedly to get a “detention order” against me from the court have now themselves personally made an accusation that has resulted in my being charged with a new offence and jailed since October 23.

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# RNC Prisoner Gay-Bashed

(info from pugetsoundanarchists.org)

On Friday (12/3), Erik Oseland was gay-bashed in jail. He is now out of solitary confinement and has been relocated to another block, which he is very happy about.

Erik is serving a 90-day sentence in Ramsey County, Minnesota. You can send him letters full of queer lust at:

**Erik Oseland  
RCCF  
297 Century Ave S  
Maplewood, MN 55119**

\* please note, Erik will be released sometime in January, and the above address will no longer be valid.

For information on supporting him, see: [supporterik.wordpress.com](http://supporterik.wordpress.com)

# Marie Mason's Sentencing Appeal Denied

(info from denverabc.wordpress.com)

**From Marie's support team:**

We found out this morning (December 16, 2010) that Green Scare prisoner Marie Mason's appeal for a re-sentencing has been denied by a federal appeals court.

Coming immediately after fellow Green Scare prisoner Eric McDavid's appeals have been exhausted, it is just another sign that the Obama administration will be not be changing Bush-era policies regarding the witch hunts against environmental and animal rights activists.

Mason's family will be deciding on the next course of action. In the meantime, we ask all supporters to drop her a line in prison to boost her spirits.

**Marie Mason #04672-061  
FMC Carswell  
Federal Medical Center  
P.O. Box 27137  
Fort Worth, TX 76127**

For more information, see <http://www.supportmariemason.org>

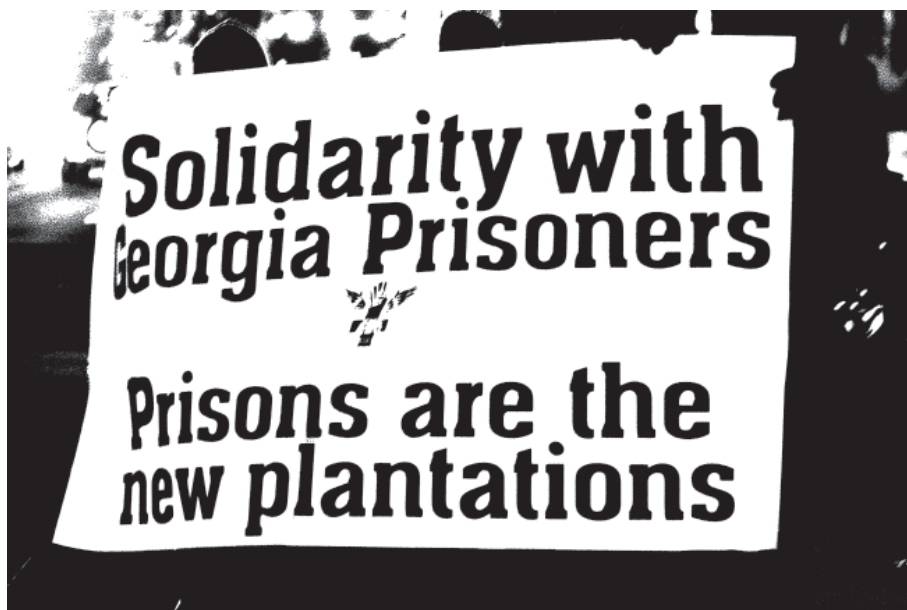
early September when tobacco was banned. The prison system in Georgia holds about 60,000 prisoners, the highest prisoner-to-resident ratio in the US.

“They have set aside their differences,” said Elaine Brown, a former Black Panther leader and adviser to the prisoners, whose 27-year-old adopted son is incarcerated at Macon State prison. “You have blacks, Mexicans, whites, Muslims, Christians, Rastafarians, you name it. They are all united and they are conscious that they are united around their common interests.”

The inmates called off the protest after 6 days in order to have access to the prison library, and determine next steps.

Since the start of the December 9 peaceful work stoppage and appeal for reform and respect for human rights, some inmates have been targeted and others have simply disappeared. Terrance Dean and Miguel Jackson were reportedly brutally beaten by guards at Macon State and Smith State Prisons in connection with the strike.

According to witnesses, Terrance Dean was dragged from his cell in handcuffs and leg irons, removed to the prison gym and beaten unconscious. Reports are also coming in that this is not the only incidence of retaliatory violence from the prison system. The status of 37 or more prisoners being labeled “conspirators” is also unknown.



This past December, a member of the Toronto Police Service was finally charged for a small piece of the brutality that was enacted on the streets of this city in June. One cop has been charged and some people seem to feel somehow vindicated. But this is not justice. Even if each and every assault committed resulted in police and politicians being held somehow accountable, that would still be only a beginning. Unless their actions are acknowledged as having been part of the planned security operation; unless it is recognised that their attacks on people were meant to intimidate those who would resist, and to criminalise dissent; unless we recognise that brutality and targeted violence are standard operating procedures for police forces and state security; unless we start organising for change and start to name and confront the system that these thugs protect—unless all this begins to happen—we will never have justice.

When it was first decided that the G20 would be held in downtown Toronto, what happened was inevitable. It happens every time they decide to hold such meetings: resistance and repression. That’s why, while people prepared to take the streets with tens of thousands—working people and poor people, migrant and Indigenous peoples, queer people, disabled people, students, activists, and anarchists—while people began to organise, the state infiltrated our meetings and organisations as they sank hundreds of millions of dollars to “security” and prepared to criminalise dissent and to attack those who would stand for justice, for communities, for the people and for the land.

And what they were so malicious in protecting that weekend in Toronto is the same thing that they are so brutal in protecting every day; a system of exploitation and destruction in which the rich get richer while their mercenaries and subsidiaries subjugate and destroy targeted communities and the land, with their wage slavery and their assimilationist economics, with their clear-cut logging, their mountaintop removal mining, and their deep-sea oil drilling. But people will refuse to be destroyed, and we will protect the land. We will resist.

This newest stage of keeping their exploitative system in power entails cutting resources from the few places where most people have access to them—social services, education, health care—all to be sure that there will still be enough money to keep bailing out banks and corporations, to keep this system called capitalism afloat. But we don’t want this system, this “capitalism”. The people of the world are rejecting this destructive system of exploitation and violence. We are resisting.

And we have already had massive cuts to social services including to the special diet program and to immigrant services in Ontario. These cuts have targeted—as the system always does—poor people, people of colour, migrants, disabled people, and women. Meanwhile, corporations have been announcing massive expansion of plans for destructive resource extraction projects that will continue to devastate and poison the environment and the lands of Indigenous nations. And this state continues to pour billions of dollars into the prison industrial complex, which as always continues to target anyone who by virtue of their actions, or even their very existence, poses a challenge to this system of domination.

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On January 31 I will be in provincial court to face trial for the charges arising from the two speakers panels that took place on university campuses this past September. These discussions are said to have violated the bail condition not to participate in public demonstrations, a condition that PEN Canada has called “unconstitutional”. The crown and the OPP claim that these discussions qualify as “demonstrations” because of the tone and content of the discourse that was put forward by myself and others.

But the university is supposed to be a place for learning, for the sharing of ideas. It is a space for challenging, controversial, and confrontational ideas. It is a space where dissenting ideas are supposed to be protected.

This specific battle is not simply a fight over freedom of speech. And it is definitely not just a fight over the absurd suggestion that I breached an already preposterous bail condition. This fight is not merely about legalities and rights; it is about spaces and responsibilities.

We have a responsibility to speak about justice, to refuse to let injustice be met with silence even when our speech comes into conflict with the state’s agenda, especially when we carry voices of dissent and are privileged enough to be able to bear the consequences of the state’s repression.

The university is a space for ideas and campuses are among our spaces where we are supposed to protect the idea and practice of dissent. This fight, for me, is about defending spaces where freedom is possible.

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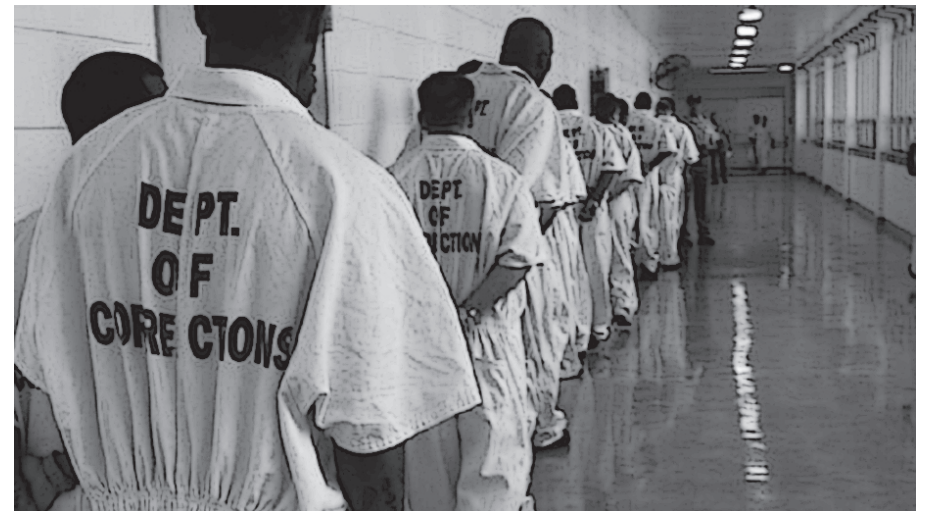
## Prisoners Strike in Georgia

(info from [denverabc.wordpress.com](http://denverabc.wordpress.com))

Thousands of prisoners in at least four penitentiaries across the state of Georgia participated in a strike for 6 days, beginning on the morning of December 9 2010, when they refused to leave their cells to report to work and activities for the day. The inmates, staging one of the largest prison protests in American history, demand an end to forced labour without pay, better quality food and medical care, and more access to education and job training programs. Currently, state law in Georgia forbids paying inmates. Georgia spends \$49 a day per prisoner, compared to a national average of \$79.

“He [the warden] said they were in the process of getting to the requests,” said Mike, an inmate at Smith State Prison near Savannah. “We let them know if they didn’t meet the requests, the next time it would be pretty bad and it was not going to be inmate on inmate; it would be inmate on administration ... We know the tactical squad [riot team] cannot be at more than one prison.” Mike said. “If you have five prisons popping off, you can’t send the tactical squad to all prisons. You’ll have to send in the National Guard and by then it’ll be too late.”

For months before the protest began and while it was happening, updates and details were spread inmate-to-inmate and prison-to-prison via cell phones that were smuggled into the prisons, and through word of mouth. They began planning in





# Struggle Against Prison: Action Reports

## Russian Embassy Attacked (Montreal)

(reprinted from 325.nostate.net)

“The Russian Embassy in Montreal, QC had it’s windows smashed and paint thrown against it’s facade. This action took place during the days of solidarity called for between November 12th-15th in solidarity with those facing repression of the aftermath of the militant defense of the Khimki old growth forest in Russia.

Freedom for ALL prisoners, from Russia to Canada  
- anarchists”

## Sodexo Factory Attacked, Montreal PQ, (Kanada)

(reprinted from 325.nostate.net)

“On a recent evening the Sodexo factory in Montreal, PQ was attacked with rocks and spraypaint.

Sodexo is a company which manufactures and distributes food to prisons across Canada.

This act is a retaliation against the industry and apparatus of imprisonment but also an expression of solidarity, with all prisoners but especially with Roger Clement, recently sentenced to 3.5 years for an attack on a Royal Bank of Canada, John Graham, an indigenous prisoner against the colonial state and Giannis Dimitrakis, jailed in Greece for his activity as an anarchist against the state, serving 25 years.

- anarchists”

## Sabotage in (Vancouver) Coast Salish Territory 18/12/10

(reprinted from anarchistnews.com)

“18/12/10

In the early morning hours

The community policing station on Commercial Drive had its locks glued.

The probation office on Commercial Drive had its locks glued. (Incidentally the same one John Graham was forced to report to before his extradition to the United States.

The TD Bank on Broadway and Naniamo had its ATM’S smashed out.

These small acts of sabotage were inspired by the street revolts all over Europe. How much we all yearn to express our desires and solidarity openly on the streets.

Also by our collective anger for the existence and imposition of prison and prison world on our comrades.

Destroy the banks! sabotage the systems of social control!”

# Support Political Prisoners of the G20

While G20 leaders met behind a steel cage and a 1-billion dollar Fortress Toronto on June 26-27 2010, thousands of people took to the streets in opposition to policies of these twenty leading world governments or in negation of the global political and economic system in its entirety. Over the weekend, we witnessed an unprecedented coordinated police operation in the city of Toronto. There were 1090 arrests: the largest mass arrest in Canadian history. Despite this show of force, people in the streets were fierce and determined. on Saturday, June 26, a break-off march in downtown Toronto left behind a path of shattered glass and torched cruisers, a riot that had not been seen in this country in decades.

Eighteen people currently are accused of being part of Southern Ontario Anarchist Resistance (SOAR) and organizing protests against the G20 summit. Charges include: conspiracy to commit mischief over \$5000, conspiracy to assault police and conspiracy to obstruct police.

There are many other people also facing serious charges related to the G20 including mischief, arson, assault police and theft.

***There is currently a Publication Ban which means that details of the cases are not allowed to be made public.***

***The nature of conspiracy charges is that anything that one defendant says can be used against all of them. It is with this understanding that we respect those of our comrades who are silenced.***

The defendants have been released on house arrest with varying strict conditions. Some were in jail for a month or a few months before being released on bail. Police harrassment of these folks has continued, including arrests for alleged breach and threatening home visits.

## Letters of Support

***Please be cautious and respectful when writing letters; do not implicate anybody criminally, or talk about the allegations or case at all. Please let the defendants decide what they are comfortable talking about. Please don’t talk about their co-accused in letters, as they have non-association conditions. Many of the defendants have non-association conditions with any ‘known members’ of SOAR, AWOL or NOII. If you could be considered by the State in some way affiliated with any of these (alleged) groups, please contact Guelph ABC before sending anything to avoid someone breaching their conditons.***

Letters of support can be sent to the defendants via Guelph ABC:

**Guelph ABC  
PO Box 183  
Guelph, Ont  
N1H 6J6**

Include an extra stamp if you can, your return address, and make it clear who the mail is for. This will make it much easier to forward mail.

### **Guelph ABC is currently forwarding mail to the following defendants:**

These individuals are being charged together. We do not consider them to be a "group". We include them together as they are co-accused. The co-accused not listed here can also receive mail through Guelph ABC.

**Mandy Hiscocks  
Erik Lankin  
Monica Peters  
Meghan Lankin  
Leah Henderson  
Julia Kerr  
Peter Hopperton**

**Terrance Luscombe  
Joanna Adamiak  
David Prychitka  
Sterling Stutz  
Patrick Coderette  
Syed Hussan  
Adam Lewis**

**Alex Hundert** was charged with breach of bail, and re-imprisoned. He also had new charges laid. He remains in jail until his next bail appeal which will take place in early 2011. If denied, he will remain imprisoned until trial. You can send letters to him through Guelph ABC (or see pg. 8 for his address).

### **Support Kelly**

Kelly Rose Pflug-Back is a grassroots anti-poverty activist from Guelph. She was arrested over the G20 weekend on conspiracy charges (not co-accused with the alleged SOAR organizers). and released on bail. On July 21, police issued a news release announcing that she was wanted for 6 counts of mischief over \$5000 from the G20 protests. After weeks in jail, she was released on strict house arrest bail conditions. Her conspiracy charges have been since dropped. You send her mail through Guelph ABC.

## **Toronto: New Years Eve Noise Demo**

On New Years eve shortly before midnight, an anarchist/anti-authoritarian bloc of about 40 people, mostly wearing masks, held a noise demo outside of the Don Jail in Toronto. Torches lit the march and fireworks were set off for over a half-hour. People chanted "No Prisons, No Borders, Fuck Law and Order!" and music blared from a sound system. There was a heavy police presence watching this all go down. Some fireworks landed in the direction of the police, hitting the ground near them and bouncing off their cruisers. This brief moment of intense joy was rudely interrupted when the pigs moved in to surround the demo, some with batons out. The crowd stood their ground and left on their own terms shortly after the midnight countdown. No arrests were made.

## **North Montreal's New Year's Noise**

(excerpt from mediacoop.ca)

"In Montreal a rally of 20 or more anti-prison activists and anarchists staged a boisterous march along the perimeter of a large prison complex comprising of The Immigration Detention Center, Bordeaux and Tanguay Prisons, and the Federal Training Centre. The communicated goal of the group was "to express solidarity with prisoners and break the isolation which is both a requirement and a function of prisons and corrections." Banners were carried and flyers passed out to traffic as others chanted solidarity and anti-authority slogans and lit fireworks."

## **New Year's Prison Noise Demo – Vancouver**

(excerpt from anarchistnews.org)

"On December 31, 2010, we held a noise demonstration at the Fraser Regional Correctional Centre, in Maple Ridge. We acted as part of an anarchist international New Years Eve tradition against prisons and the world that needs them.

... In front, a banner read "Against All Prisons, For Freedom." We shot off fireworks and flares, sparklers were raised with helium balloons and we chanted "The passion for freedom is stronger than all prisons", "Fuck prison", and "No borders no nations, stop deportation". We also shouted "Happy New Year!" to the prisoners.

Prisoners shouted and cheered from both the temporary wing and the prison building. We saw silhouettes of prisoners banging on the windows and a couple prisoners were actually able to come outside and view us from behind the fence in the temporary wing.

.... Today we had further cause for celebration, we just learned that on December 30th, three prisoners escaped while on a prison slave crew near a large park in Maple Ridge. According to corporate news the (ex) prisoners were serving 9-10 month sentences. If you see them be sure to buy them a drink!"

# New Years Eve Noise Demos

It is urgent for anarchists to organize against prison. Repression against us increases with our strength in struggle. The reality of prison becomes more transparent, and the necessity to revolt becomes clearer. The tradition of having noise demos outside prisons is a simple and extremely joyful way to struggle against prison. It immediately shatters the veneer of isolation surrounding prisons by initiating communication and solidarity with prisoners.

Across the world on New Years Eve, anarchists and anti-prison activists congregate outside prisons as a show of solidarity to prisoners. This tradition is most common in Europe and has recently spread to North America. Last year, the first New Year's Eve noise demo we know of in North America was held by anarchists in Hamilton, Ontario. This year, places we know of where prison noise demos occurred are: Hamilton, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, St. Louis MI, Tacoma WA, Santa Cruz CA, New York NY, Richmond VA, Athens, Amsterdam, several cities in Germany, and Halloway UK.

## 2nd Annual New Years Noise Demo in Hamilton

(reprinted from mediacoop.ca)

On December 31st 2010, a few dozen people, mostly anarchists, gathered for the second annual New Years Eve noise demo outside Barton Jail in Hamilton, Ontario. Among the fierce chanting, there were fireworks set off for the prisoners on both east and west sides of the jail. A banner with a mailing address painted on it was held to invite prisoners to correspond with us. The wall of the jail was spray-painted with "TEAR THIS SHIT DOWN". A speech was read on both sides of the jail, expressing solidarity with prisoners and explaining reasons for struggling against prison. Solidarity was expressed to the prisoners who were on strike in Georgia, Roger Clement, G20 defendants in custody, and non-status migrants being held at Barton Jail.

Here is a part of that speech:

"This has been a year of increased criminalization, and the beginning of a prison restructuring by the Federal government in an attempt to keep us silent, in constant fear, and even more of us locked away. From these continued attacks on our lives, we will gather strength to fight together. Whether the prison system is reforming to be more cruel, or disguising itself as humane, we will struggle against it. Whether it's the police and cameras in the streets, the judges in the courtrooms, the screws in jail, we will struggle against them. We strive for freedom.

Solidarity with everyone who fights for freedom, and all prisoners, around the world, who refuse to accept forced confinement, isolation and abuse, who dream of the day that we together destroy these walls."

The Passion for Freedom is Stronger than all Prisons!

Cops, Screws, Murderers!

## Support Ryan

Ryan Rainville is an indigenous activist who was arrested at the G20 and released on bail. About a month later, he was rearrested on more charges related to the G20 including mischief and assault. He was in jail for almost three months and was rejected bail multiple times. He was finally released on bail on November 9th with very strict conditions. You can send mail to him through Guelph ABC.

## Donate to ABC G20 Support Fund

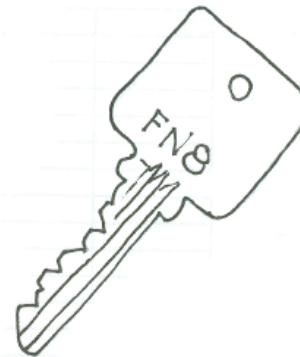
This show of police and state repression is sucking us dry of resources, time and money. We understand this to be a function of their repression. We want to continue our struggles for freedom, and we want you to continue yours. We are inviting people from anywhere and everywhere to raise funds with us to cover legal fees and expenses to support folks.

Guelph ABC is collecting and raising money to cover things like: legal fees, sending letters and reading materials, transportation costs to court for defendants and supporters, transportation costs to visit defendants, and more. The money that ABC is fundraising is to facilitate everyday and immediate needs of the defendants. To donate to the Guelph ABC:

1. Paypal: [guelphabc@riseup.net](mailto:guelphabc@riseup.net)
2. Deposit cash to the following TD bank account:  
Transit # 00182, Institution # 004, Account # 00185228263
3. Write a cheque to Guelph ABC, with G20 in the memo line, and mail it to the PO box address on the previous page.

*If you know someone who has charges from the G20 and needs support, please get in touch.*

**[guelphabc@riseup.net](mailto:guelphabc@riseup.net)**



**To donate to the legal defence fund in Quebec:**

**[claclegal2010@gmail.com](mailto:claclegal2010@gmail.com)**

# Prison Revolts

## Prisoners Riot in Hull

(info from ottawacitizen.com, ctvottawa.ca)

Inmates at the provincial Centre de Détection de Hull in Gatineau started a riot on December 4, 2010. At about 10pm, they set fire to mattresses and smashed several television sets. When evacuated by the SQ (Quebec Police) at about 11pm and brought outside, the prisoners began to throw rocks at police. There were no injuries in the riot, and unfortunately no prisoners were able to escape.

## Prison Uprising at Millhaven

(info from thewhig.com)

For the second time in a month, prisoners at Millhaven Institution have staged an uprising. Nearly 140 inmates in the prison just west of Kingston refused to return to their cells from recreation at 10 p.m. Tuesday. They returned to their cells at 1:30am.

In early December, 120 prisoners from the unit refused to return to their cells from recreation period. Staff fired shotguns and used chemicals to contain the situation.

The uprising was an apparent protest over access to services and facilities.

## Trannies and Queers Will Never be "Allies" With the Cops!

(excerpts from queers519.wordpress.com)

"On this year's [Ottawa] Trans Day of Remembrance (TDOR) a group of about 15 folks walked over to the overpass facing the cop shop, where a "Remember Stonewall?" banner was hung. This banner was hung as a reminder that the Trans Day of Remembrance is about commemorating and celebrating the lives of our friends, families, and lovers. This includes trannies, genderqueers, gender-neutral folks, crossdressers, two-spirited folks, and anyone whose gender presentation threatens the state, who have resisted to submit to targeted ID checks, arrests, and police brutality, and who have lost their freedom and their lives for doing so.

... We want to remember and celebrate all the "gender deviants" who have been forced through the prison-industrial complex, those who've survived and those who haven't. We want to remember and celebrate all the sex workers who have had to confront, and continue to confront, systematic repression on the part of the state and its police, all the while trying to survive in a society that seeks to erase them in one way or another.



... We want to remember Stonewall, a few drag queens of colour sparked a general riot of queers and trannies against New York City's bigoted police. We remember Sex Garage in Montreal. We remember the Compton Cafeteria riots, the people in the streets after Harvey Milk's murder, and every other explosion of queer rage this society has done its best to forget. We want to remember and celebrate the lives of ALL trans folks, including those brutalized, arrested, sexually assaulted, raped, and killed by cops. This includes those who fought back and those who continue to fight back. We want to remember and celebrate the stories of the thousands upon thousands of trannies who have gone unnamed and undocumented, who have survived and fought back against sexual harassment, rape, brutality, and murder - in their streets or in their homes, or while locked up in prisons or holding cells.

Let's celebrate an unedited their story; let's stop erasing lives."

**Both people arrested for dropping the banner had their charges diverted on their first court date.**