

Drop the Prejudicial Prosecution of “Noche” Diaz Put NYPD Stop-and-Frisk on Trial, Not Protesters

Wednesday September 5 Trial

No Jail for Noche!



Rally 9:00 100 Centre Street, Manhattan Criminal Court Trial 9:30 am

“Noche” Diaz is facing years in jail for standing up for the rights of the people. The NYPD targeted and arrested him 5 times since October and piled 11 charges on him in 4 boroughs.

We’re calling on you to rally behind this young revolutionary who is respected by people in the neighborhood, and persecuted by the police.

Twice Noche was arrested as part of organized protests against stop-and-frisk at Brooklyn’s 75th Precinct and 103rd in Queens, ground zero for the NYPD’s unjust, unconstitutional, racist practice of harassing and searching people on the street. He will go to trial with 18 other protesters this fall, when they all face charges of obstruction of government administration; i.e. standing in front of precincts and loudly protesting the NYPD’s abuse of peoples’ rights.

In three other arrests Noche was observing the police do what they do and had every right to do so.

- October 2012, Harlem: As a dramatic march ended at the 28th Precinct in Harlem with 35 people in front of the doors speaking and protesting stop-and-frisk, Noche was observing the protest with the People’s Neighborhood Patrol outside the police barricade. He was suddenly grabbed by police and thrown to the ground. He was held into the next day and charged with resisting arrest, and interfering with the arrest of an unnamed person who was never arrested.
- March 2012, The Bronx: Noche was leaving his grandmother’s house, when he saw police in the street beating Jeffeth James viciously, to the point his dreadlocks were laying on the pavement. Noche joined a crowd of bystanders who feared James would be beat to death. He and several others were arrested for observing the police abuse. Noche told the police he had the right to observe them, and got hauled to jail with James.
- March 2012, Harlem: In the midst of a spontaneous protest by high school students during the height of the outrage over the Trayvon Martin murder, as they were pushed off the streets by NYPD. *Revolution* reported that Noche “had been talking to people about the Trayvon Martin statement from the RCP and their plans for a hoodie day. When Noche spoke up for the students when the police attacked them, he was thrown to the ground, handcuffed, and held for more than 24 hours.

Cyrus Vance, the District Attorney in Manhattan has combined the 2 completely unrelated arrests in Harlem for trial on September 5, making clear this is a political prosecution where the state is showing prejudice. The NYPD is attempting to target Noche and threaten him with imprisonment to make him an example to others that you should be afraid to stand up.

September 5: Come to court with Noche. Sign the resolution demanding the DA drop the case.

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