

No Jail Time for Carl Dix & the Stop-and-Frisk Freedom Fighters!



Put Stop-and-Frisk - Not the Freedom Fighters - On Trial!

Monday, Dec 3rd - 8:45am Rally, 9:30 am Trial
[Bronx Criminal Court](#), 265 E 161 St, Trial for Noche Diaz, arrested as Jeffeth James was beaten 3/12/12

Wednesday, Dec 5th, 8:45 am Rally, 9:30 am Trial,
[Brooklyn Criminal Court](#), 120 Schermerhorn Street,
Defendants: Randy Credico, Noche Diaz, Christina Gonzalez, John Hector, Nick Malinowski, Bob Parsons, Matt Swaye, and Gbenga Akinagbe, Greg Allen, Luis Barrios, Marina Benedetto, Carl Dix, Morgan Rhodewalt trial from 11/1/11 arrests at 73rd Precinct for protesting stop-and-frisk.

Thursday, Dec 6th - 6:30 pm –“Raise the Roof on the Legal Defense Fund Party,” St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, 290 Henry Street, Lower East Side. We need to raise serious funds to help the freedom fighters’ legal defense. (F train to East Broadway.)

You are needed to stop the jailing of the Stop-and-Frisk Freedom Fighters and bring many more people into stopping Stop-and-Frisk. Act now. (See reverse side for what you can do.) October 15 concluded the first of several outrageous trials against courageous freedom fighters who put their bodies on the line against the racist NYPD policy of stop-and-frisk. Carl Dix, Jamel Mims, Bob Parsons, and Morgan Rhodewalt were found NOT GUILTY of two heavier charges of Obstruction of Government Administration (OGA)!!! For protesting against Stop-and-Frisk at the 103rd Precinct in Queens on November 19, 2011, they had faced up to one year in jail, but no more. This is an important victory.

However, the freedom fighters were convicted of Disorderly Conduct with a maximum penalty of 15 days in jail. We cannot let our guard down. Nine other defendants face the exact same charges from November 19 last year in two upcoming trials in Queens. More trials are upcoming in Brooklyn for protesting against Stop-and-Frisk on November 1, 2011, at the 73rd Precinct, which has the highest rate of stop-and-frisk in the city. Freedom fighter Noche Diaz is still facing four+ years in four upcoming trials (two of these are with other Brooklyn and Queens defendants). All this is part of the fight against mass incarceration. And on January 7, the day of the Queens sentencing, the four freedom fighters, their lawyers and supporters will be in court demanding NO JAIL TIME for Carl Dix, Jamel Mims, Bob Parsons, and Morgan Rhodewalt!! Go to www.stopmassincarceration.org/ for more information.

We have won this first round. But what we at the Stop Mass Incarceration Network said going into this trial is still true, “If we allow them to be convicted and jailed without a massive fight, the battle against stop-and-frisk and the whole spirit of resistance will be seriously weakened. But if many, many people stand with them in this legal battle, if we beat this back, then the movement will gain further initiative pulling more people into the struggle.”

What you do matters. Without mass resistance and the actions of these people and hundreds more who put their bodies on the line in protest, stop-and-frisk would not now be so hotly contested in the city and the courts. The even more urgent truth is that standing up to defend these freedom fighters has everything to do with putting an end to the crime of stop-and-frisk and the way a whole generation is being condemned to lives of criminalization, marginalization, brutality and the spirit-crushing, human-wasting confinement of the largest prison system in the world.

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Our View and Understanding

At this time, 2.4 million people are locked up in prisons across the US — that's more than any other country in the world! Most of those incarcerated are Black or Latino. One in every eight Black men in his twenties is in prison or jail on any given day. These numbers should shock the conscience of the nation. But too many do not question racially targeted mass incarceration because the authorities justify it as effective in stopping crime. This is simply not true; black people are incarcerated at many times the rate of white people despite similar rates for committing offenses.

This racially targeted mass incarceration results from whole generations of inner city youth being criminalized; of poor communities being saddled with substandard schools that fail to educate our youth; and from the disappearance of employment opportunities in inner cities and rural areas. Those in prison are often subjected to conditions that amount to torture — substandard diets, segregated and brutalized on the whim of prison guards, often confined to cells 24-7 and denied human contact for weeks at a time. These conditions are so horrible that thousands of prisoners in California recently went on hunger strike, putting their lives on the line to assert their humanity and demand decent treatment. On top of all this, after people serve their sentences, our society stamps them with a badge of dishonor and shame, discriminating against them when they seek employment, denying them access to public housing and government loans and even the right to vote!

THIS IS UNJUST AND INTOLERABLE, AND IT MUST BE STOPPED!

Mass incarceration is a system of social control targeting especially Black and Latino youth that has been aptly called "the New Jim Crow." Many different forces are doing important things to expose the injustice of mass incarceration. But an important ingredient has been missing from this mix. It took dramatic mass resistance to rivet the attention of society on the old Jim Crow— racial segregation and the lynch mob terror that enforced it. And it will take the same kind of determined mass resistance to stop the New Jim Crow!

We don't have to accept this as the way things have to be. All this is the result of conscious policies put in place by those at the very top of this society. We can and must rip aside the cloak of "post-racial America" and reveal the ugly reality that lies beneath.

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What You Can Do:

- **Come to court! – December 5th.** Come to the trial of the first group of the Brooklyn stop-and-frisk defendants. *Stay tuned by visiting our blog at www.stopmassincarceration.org*
- **On Wednesday, December 5th,** between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm EST, call (718-250-2202), fax (718-250-2210) or email (asktheda@brooklynda.org) the office of Kings County District Attorney Charles J. Hynes. Demand all charges be dropped.
- **Spread the word on these outrageous prosecutions.** Get more information from www.stopmassincarceration.org.
- **Give money to help meet the cost of the legal defense** (\$10,000).
Go: www.stopmassincarceration.org/donate or send a check to: Stop Mass Incarceration Network, P.O. Box 941 Knickerbocker Station, New York NY 10002. For tax-deductible donations, write checks to the Alliance for Global Justice, with a notation for: "Stop Mass Incarceration."

14 more defendants will be tried in two more trials in Queens. And on December 5, 2012 in Brooklyn, for a November 1, 2011 protest at the 73rd Precinct, which has the highest rate of stop-and-frisk in the city.

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