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# ROUND SIX

by Ignite! Collective

The anti-police resistance movement brewing for more than a year is gearing up for a third 2011 demonstration. Aiming to mark the International Day Against Police Brutality (renamed by local organizers as the International Day Against Police Terror), October 22nd is set to be the sixth round of street protests in a year.

Last year's O22 protests were particularly eventful, seeing Denver take the streets without a permit for just the second time since the 2008 Democratic National Convention. During the march, a police car was attacked and the cops didn't dare attempt to attack the angry, largely working-class or houseless crowd. There were no arrests. Since then, several more protests have ended in barricades, scuffles with police, and five arrests. The fliers and posters circulating around town urge prospective participants to converge at the main entrance of the Denver Zoo at 6pm. The call is as follows: "Over the past year and a half a growing movement against police terror has spread throughout Denver. Although a wave of police firings briefly created



**OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 6PM**  
**INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST POLICE TERROR**  
 AT THE  
**DENVER ZOO**  
 OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE

OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF A GROWING MOVEMENT AGAINST POLICE TERROR HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT DENVER. ALTHOUGH A WAVE OF POLICE FIRINGS BRIEFLY CREATED AN ILLUSION THAT THE HEINOUS ABUSES OF THE POLICE MAY BE HANDLED BY THOSE IN ADMINISTRATIVE POWER, THE RECENT REHIRINGS OF POLICE OFFICERS WHO HAVE ADMITTEDLY BRUTALIZED LOCAL RESIDENTS HAS ILLUSTRATED THAT THOSE IN POWER WILL NOT BE THE ONES WHO FIX THIS PROBLEM. WHILE FOLKS HAVE PETITIONED, HELD MEETINGS WITH PUBLIC OFFICIALS, SUED THE POLICE AND ADMINISTRATION, AND USED EVERY OTHER METHOD THROUGH THE USUAL "LEGITIMATE" CHANNELS TO EFFECT CHANGE, THE POLICE STILL MURDER AND ATTACK US ON A DAILY BASIS. JUSTICE WILL ONLY COME FROM US. WHEN THE POLICE KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT BACK IN A LITERAL, AND NOT JUST FIGURATIVE SENSE, THEN THEY WILL BACK DOWN.

Black and white copy of the flier being circulated for the demonstration.

an illusion that the heinous abuses of the police may be handled by those in administrative power, the recent rehiring of police officers who have admittedly brutalized local residents has illustrated that those in power will not be the ones who fix this problem. While folks have petitioned, held meetings with public officials, sued the police and administrations, and used every other method through the usual "legitimate" channels to effect change, the police still murder and attack us on a daily basis. Justice will only come from us, when the police know that <<< *cont. page 3*

# AMELIA NICOL'S CHARGES DISMISSED, DENVER COPS LOSE AGAIN!

*related: some words from Amelia  
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report by the Denver Anarchist Black Cross

## DA admits fear of losing at trial

It's been a long 5 months for Amelia Nicol, a 21 year old woman from Colorado who became infamous across the region after gracing the front pages of news websites and blogs. Amelia was accused of throwing a molotov cocktail at local police (some media sites even claimed it was a pipe bomb) during the aftermath of a demonstration against Denver police on May 6th. Amelia was arrested and charged with 2 counts of attempted murder of a law enforcement officer in the first degree, one count of use of explosives, one count of possession of explosives, one count of second-degree arson, one count of criminal mischief, one count of inciting a riot, two counts of attempted third-degree assault, and one count of resisting arrest.

These seven felony and three misdemeanor charges threatened to send Amelia to prison for over 100 years. A woman who turned 21 inside a jail cell over Memorial Day Weekend faced the rest of her life in prison.

Amelia's arrest must be placed into a greater context of a social struggle

against the police that has been growing and developing in Denver over the past year and a half. In July 2010, Marvin Booker, a homeless street preacher, was murdered by Denver County Sheriff's Deputies while he was held prisoner inside the Van Cise-Simonett Detention Center in downtown Denver. Marvin, refusing to be separated from his shoes, valued among the few possessions he owned, was tazed, beaten, placed into chokeholds, kicked, and punched by five deputies. He died after they placed him face down into a jail cell. Other prisoners had to notify the deputies that he had stopped breathing.

In those hot summer days, more allegations of police abuse and misconduct started to make the front pages of the local papers. Law enforcement officers from local departments were accused in a seemingly endless list of allegations of beatings, attacks, sexual assaults, kidnappings, possession and manufacture of child pornography, DUIs, and more. The local agencies seemed out of control, and few people within the "legitimate" power structures

were willing to step up to address these issues.

Outraged residents started to organize and mobilize. Protests and marches were held. One of the first unpermitted street marches since the DNC was organized by West Denver Copwatch, and over 150 people hit the streets of downtown, tracing a path from various locations of police terror and abuse.

A meeting of leaders and organizers from various non-profits and institutional Left organizations confronted the Safety Manager, and he soon resigned.

There was a fire in the air at the end of the Summer, and by the annual October 22nd Day Against Police Brutality, the anger could easily be felt in the air. A march was called for by local anarchists, and nearly a hundred militant youth filled the 16th Street Mall, attacking a police car and shutting down nighttime traffic in the commercial center of Denver. Despite the attacks on the police cruiser and the second successful unpermitted street march, no arrests were made.

The energy of the Summer and Fall was squashed briefly



Amelia, shortly after the charges are dismissed. Photo thanks to Dayna Himot.

by the cold Colorado winter. But by January, when even more cases of police terrorism filled local tabloids, the fire of the anger could not be cooled.

A demonstration called for January 29th saw more than 300 people run riot through the streets of downtown, with nearly everything not bolted down becoming a barricade or projectile. Hundreds of stickers decrying the police were put up all over the area, and anti-cop graffiti covered the yuppie shopping establishments. Despite the widespread property destruction, only one person was arrested. They would be released within hours without any charges filed against them.

A long pause in street demonstrations made room for some clandestine actions, with several attacks on local police targets in the late winter and early spring. A forum was also organized, which saw dozens of people attend to help strategize for the future of the anti-police movement.

By May, another unarmed person had been gunned down by a local police department, <<< cont. page 3

# AMELIA:

executed while sitting in his truck in an industrial park in Aurora. It was time for the movement to hit the streets yet again. On May 9th, 100 folks took over the Santa Fe Art District and then proceeded to march through the downtown corridor, erecting street barricades, shutting down traffic, and redecorating the city.

A short scuffle occurred when police refused to allow the crowd back into the Santa Fe District, and the march attempted to disperse a short while later. Within the dispersal, a small firework went off, and the police chased a young woman, later to be identified as Amelia Nicol, down a nearby alley where she would be assaulted and arrested.

Amelia's arrest and the subsequent charges illustrated an effort on the part of local police to attack the militant elements of the growing anti-police terror movement. Amelia would become a symbol. To the police, she would symbolize what would happen to those who resisted their reign of terror. To the militants, she would symbolize the very nature of the struggle they were engaged in. This was war. The police were treating it as such. It was far past time for those on the other side to treat it the same way.

The Denver Anarchist Black Cross, a local organization that provides movement defense support, sprang into action to work to defend Amelia. A press conference was organized in front of the DA's office, and hundreds of postcards demanding her charges be dropped were delivered to the Assistant District Attorney.

Amelia spent 38 days in jail, until a judge dismissed the most serious of the charges during a preliminary hearing on June 9th. Several days later, members of Denver Anarchist Black Cross provided the necessary bail for Amelia, and she was out amongst comrades. She was given a place to live, a job, clothing, and as much support as the local movement could muster as she and Denver ABC dug in for what was expected to be a long and drawn out legal battle. Amelia had already spent more time in jail than any of any local law enforcement agency who had been implicated in violent attacks against community members. And she still faced over a dozen years in prison if found guilty of the remaining charges.

On July 9th, the Denver community marked the one year anniversary of the murder of Marvin Booker. A street march was held, and a crowd of

150 again shut down the 16th Street Mall, as the march worked its way to the Van Cise-Simonet Detention Center to join a rally organized by the ACLU. Halfway along the march route, police attacked the crowd as they attempted to arrest a participant. A short street brawl erupted. When it was over, several police officers had bloodied faces, and three comrades were in custody. It cannot be stressed enough that many more would have been arrested if comrades hadn't fought back and forced the unarrest of several participants. The march then continued to the rally, unimpeded after the scuffle.

Obviously, the police had upped the ante yet again. The arrest and subsequent charging of Amelia had not done enough to cow the movement into inaction. They would need to continue to escalate their tactics against the militants.

However, all of the arrestees were charged with minor offenses. One, a minor, had their charges completely deferred within days. Two still face charges, but will go to trial in October, unwilling to negotiate with the state and accept any plea deal.

It was this same attitude that was present on September 14th when Amelia was offered a last minute plea deal from the District Attorney. If she pleaded guilty to possession of a deadly weapon, the remaining charges of possession of an explosive, assault on a law enforcement officer, and resisting arrest would be dropped. Amelia rightfully refused such an offer. It would only have added credibility to the state's attack on her in the first place.

So it was that during the afternoon of September 15th, Amelia made her scheduled appearance at her discovery hearing to hear all the evidence the state had against her and to make any motions for dismissal of said evidence. However, a hearing was not to be had. The District Attorney approached the podium only to state that she had filed a motion for dismissal. The DA stated that she feared that the State did not have enough evidence to win at trial. Amelia's battle was over. She had won. The state had backed down and caved.

Amelia went from facing over 100 years in prison to having every single charge against her dismissed. She spent 38 days in jail as a political prisoner because she refused to pay the state's initially bloated bond, and refused to play its game. She won, in the end, because she continued to fight the state at every level. Her no-compromise attitude prevailed. No matter how hard the

# O22:

the people will fight back in a literal, and not just figurative sense, then they will back down."

Due to the extraordinary loss in court by the city and police department in the case of Amelia Nicol, this year's O22 demonstration is shaping up to be very interesting. The police, thus far, has been unable to prosecute anyone they have arrested at recent anti-police protests. This is largely because of most defendants' stance on refusing to negotiate with the State. Mass arrests have also been very difficult for the cops to arrange, likely because of lawsuit implications, the experience of the DNC's mass arrest, and the ferocity and militancy of the demonstrators. Ignite! will be covering the march later this month with live updates on Twitter. Follow us @ignite\_denver.

the state tried to intimidate her, she never relented. And in the end, it was this attitude and strategy that won out.

We still have two comrades facing charges. But they too will face down the state. Though the consequences for them are minor when compared to what Amelia faced, they too have made it clear that they understand what's at stake. Support Jesse Cooper and Matt Funk's joint trial by packing the courtroom on October 12th.

# Entrapment, State-Sanctioned Robbery and Denver's Scarlet Letters

by Ignite! Collective

**A**s if it couldn't possibly get any worse for the reputation of law enforcement in Colorado. Alongside a growing list featuring the sexual assault and exploitation of children and women, countless beatings, unjustifiable homicides, repression of political dissent and numerous failed cover-ups, the Denver cops have another nasty tactic to add to their repertoire: highway robbery. A report filed last month by local corporate news affiliate KDVR detailed a story in which several motorists were caught in their vehicles from a prostitution sting set up by the Denver Police Department. Largely utilizing an antiquated loophole which allows police to file solicitation charges if an undercover officer dressed as a sex worker is so much as waved at, honked at, or otherwise acknowledged, police booked more than twenty people in a matter of hours. Many of these charges are dropped, and many maintain their innocence from the beginning, yet the accused face hefty fines to retrieve their vehicles from police impound lots. This isn't an isolated incident. A story from 2010 details a man arrested under similar circumstances who was required to pay \$5,000 to get his work truck back. The truck, a 1991 GMC, was not even worth that amount. The city maintained that even if he was cleared of criminal charges, he had to pay the money to get his property. If he didn't, the city sells the car at auction and keeps the money.



In Ft. Collins, medical marijuana patient and caregiver Frank Marganzo waited more than three and a half years for the return of several thousand dollars in marijuana cultivation equipment after an illegal search and seizure. Motorists traveling through the southern regions of the United States are also familiar with this strong-arming from law enforcement. In Texas, a lawsuit was filed in 2009 alleging Texas police were abusing asset and evidence forfeiture laws to <<< *cont. page 4*

## Whole Foods Makes Huge Profits on Slave Labor Raised Tilapia

by Ignite! Collective

**O**ne in every 32 people in the States is currently, or has been, in the prison industry at some point in their lives. You hear the signs ringing constantly "land of the free", and yet the States have the highest incarceration rate in the world. The reason for this is because most of these (privately owned) prisons make a tremendous amount of money off of what is more or less slave labor that is coerced on the inmates. These people, regardless of what they are put into prison for, work for between .60 to .80 cents per day. In buying so many of the things that we currently do, we are contributing daily much rubbish as King Soopers does in a month. Not only that, but Whole Foods still transports, aids in the making of, and sells all sorts of goods wrapped in cellophane and plastic. Recycle all you want, but keep in mind the fallacy of recycling when using fossil fuels to do so. Not to mention, when using fossil fuel to melt down plastics in order to re-use them, we are releasing all of those toxins into the air. There is no good corporate grocery store; and the fact that they market themselves as being better is just a clear example of what corporations are now using to guilt us into trying to clean up their mess and keep them in power. This is not helping the world. Slightly better, at this point, isn't going to help shit. Whole foods, along with not being any better in waste disposal than any other grocery store, launched an effort to try and source 'local' foods, have been buying their tilapia from privately owned prisons. In Colorado, these fish are raised through Colorado Correctional Industries. The reason Whole Foods gets the tilapia exclusively through this company is because they are the only company in the US that meets the arbitrary 'quality standards' of Whole Foods. It's

# STINGS:

quite literally steal from anyone they wanted. Most of these thefts were committed against ethnic minorities. Georgia experienced a similar case last year when a police officer was indicted by a federal grand jury for taking bribes to protect drug deals, carrying a stolen weapon, and robbing drivers of personal property during traffic stops.

The obvious short-term ramifications of this kind of behavior are easy to predict. The public will continue to fear and seek to appease and obey law enforcement when confronted with the situation, but that kind of relationship breeds mistrust and fuels resentment. The police's motive is obvious, seizing assets and tying their fates to an arduous litigation process is a great way to pad bloated budgets budgets and payrolls once the evidence room gets a spring cleaning or the impound lot goes to auction, and that's giving a clearly corrupt organization the benefit of the doubt to start with. What's more disturbing are the

long-term effect on our community. While it's abhorrent when any human being is forced into labor, particularly sex work, there are many individuals who choose it as a profession for a variety of reasons. In hard economic times especially, there may be a lot of people turning towards the sex industry to help make ends meet. For some, it is an empowering way to get by, a way to manage one's own life in a way that makes time valuable and turns a natural act into a way to sustain themselves in an exploitative socioeconomic environment. There's a few that see it as a fun way to make a few dollars. For others it's slavery.

That's why relying on laws that criminalize acknowledging the existence of a woman walking down the street or standing on a corner is fundamentally wrong. Regardless of their status as sex workers, trying to force the idea that these women should be invisible, shunned and ignored down the throats of the citizens of this city through acts of intimidation like arbitrary arrests is unethical

and archaic. This demonization of sex workers in Denver has been going on for nearly a decade. In 2002, then-Mayor Wellington devised a program in which the names and mug shots of arrested alleged prostitutes and their customers would be broadcast twice a day on the city's cable station. Driving sex work further underground through police repression will only lead to unsafe conditions for all parties involved and worsen health problems, like the city's rising levels of hepatitis infection. Denver should respond to sex work not as a vice crime to be quashed, but something to be examined from a healthy sociological viewpoint in the same vein as the pending vote on needle exchanges. Instead, it becomes another victim of the State's rabid, profitable pillage.

# WHOLE FOODS:

no coincidence that modern day corporate slavery (prisoners employed as workers receiving sub-standard wages and working conditions) has become a staple in our society. The slave workers earn roughly 60 cents per day, and there are currently 95 inmates that work for CCI raising Tilapia. Whole Foods sells over 100,000 lbs of Tilapia per year, and it sells for about 9.99/lb. Which means that they could easily afford to actually pay people to raise this fish, but would rather have their 'high standards' met by slave labor in corporate encamp-

ments. These people (in-mates) would likely never be hired directly by Whole Foods on 'the outside', because once you have a 'criminal' record, you are not considered by Whole Foods 'high standards' either. It is obvious that this industry, a constitutionally protected form of slavery, is setting up a situation where it is desirable for industry to have as many prisoners as possible. This would guarantee cheap work indefinitely, and maximize profits for the corporations that benefit from this cheap labor.

This system has been set up with the use of slave labor, since its inception; when they wrote 'free' in the constitution; they were talking about rich, white male bodied, slave 'own-

ing' people. When they wrote free, they meant stealing from whomever is for yourself. When they wrote free, they meant entrapment to corporate greed. This entire society has always run on slave labor and still does; daily, they incarcerate people and use them as slaves to make money off of this prison industry. If you think that we have abolished slavery in the states, you are terribly misinformed, and hopes are that this has helped wake you up, at least to a small degree, to the truth hidden beneath this green industry scare propaganda that they've been feeding people.

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# #OccupyWallStreet Begets #OccupyDenver

by Ignite! Collective

The reports from New York City are exciting. A loosely organized coalition of leftists, hackers and anti-capitalists calling themselves the “99%ers” have literally occupied parts of the financial district, the heart of globalized capitalism. The protest has been going for days at the time of this writing.

More than 100 arrests have been reported and police used mace during scuffles. Many of the demonstrators are participating in a mass action for the first time, and evidently were caught off guard by the standardized brutality of crowd control police. The hivemind hacker collective Anonymous identified a police officer that dispensed mace on a peaceful crowd as Anthony Bologna, an officer who was named in a wrongful arrest lawsuit after the 2004 RNC demonstrations. Many participants are lamenting from a block in communications on behalf of Twitter, which is blocking the hashtags #occupywallstreet, #takewallstreet and other from “trending.”

The protest has spawned numerous solidarity demonstrations in other cities, including Chicago, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Tulsa, and now it has spread to Denver. Protesters have gathered in front of the capitol building since Saturday the 24th, although so far a camp has not been set up. Largely due to concerns that a “peaceful” climate from the police would change

once demonstrators nearly 40 protesters violated Denver’s city code for sleeping out- A general assembly was doors, the protest has due to be held on Tuesday the 27th at 7pm. so far not emulated other cities’ examples of an occupation. the protest claiming to be on the ground stated information sent to Ignite!’s that more people need twitter feed on the 24th, to show up and that more cover-



An #occupywallstreet demonstrator has her hair pulled during a police assault.

## Removal of Bus Shelters Another Facet of War on Poor

by Ignite! Collective

Some may have noticed the removal of several bus shelters on the Colfax and Broadway intersection. The stops, widely used by working class people and youth, service approximately 10,300 riders per weekday. The city removed them sometime in mid-August due to requests from law enforcement that the shelters were being used to traffic drugs, and that it was very difficult to watch these locations for drug activity on CCTV due to how they are built.

The timing is suspect: removing the shelters in a time when the heat is presumably supposed to die down but before harsh winter climates

begin to move into the area. Car culture routinely makes issues for riders of transportation seem small, but the reality in Denver is that thousands per day use public transit. Rain, sleet, snow, or hail people take buses and trains in this town. The reasoning is spotty. Why punish riders of public transit for the service provider’s poor security or the police department’s ineptitude? That’s not even scratching the surface of why there are people selling narcotics in the first place. Even more sinister is Denver cops’ blatant disdain for people in the first place. An anonymous rank and

file officer gave new mayor Michael Hancock a written suggestion obtained by local weekly Westword that they scale back humanitarian services to the homeless, as it is only encouraging more homeless people to migrate to the city. The unnamed officer goes on to say that he “won’t bring his family [to Denver] because of this filth.” The whole area is widely known as a popular place for houseless people to sleep, especially when shelters are full and the weather is cold. In the last eighteen months, well over one hundred people forced by various social and economic conditions to sleep outdoors have died in the city

of Denver. Removing these shelters is a cheap shot directed towards a humanitarian crisis in the region. To do something like this specifically to accommodate the vast surveillance system implemented by the State and sustained since the Democratic National Convention is frankly repugnant. Unsurprisingly, the city of Denver once again applies a “band-aid solution” to a complex problem. This pattern of behavior is business as usual in a local government that panders to short-term boosts by fleeting stories in the corporate media, living and dying in an echo chamber of press conferences.

# LOCAL BRIEFS

## Local Antifa Expose Four Area Neo-Nazis

Rocky Mountain Antifascists carried three communiques in the last six weeks following a report we printed in issue #1 of Ignite! in which antifa covered up several instances of Nazi graffiti.

In the communiques, they detailed names, addresses, workplaces, vehicles and license plates of four area Neo-Nazis obtained from various anonymous antifascist sources in Colorado. Two of the targets were exiled from the local Blood & Honour circle shortly after being exposed, according to more intel that was posted. According to one antifascist, "We have reason to believe they may have cancelled an annual BBQ because of recent pressure."

## Boulder County Deputy Wakes Up With No Keys, Car, AR-15

A Boulder County Sheriff's Deputy woke up on Thursday, September 22nd to find that they could not find their keys. Once they walked from their apartment on the 3800 block of West 68th Avenue, they also noticed their 2005 Ford Taurus, which operated as an unmarked police car, was also missing. Inside the car was an AR-15 assault rifle, 30 rounds of ammunition and a bulletproof vest. The car turned up abandoned that afternoon about a mile away, but the vest, gun and ammu-

nition were not recovered.

## Mistrial in Rapist Cop's Case Thanks to Inept Prosecutors

Hector Paez, a Denver police officer charged last October with attempting to coerce a woman into oral sex in exchange for getting out of being taken to jail, had his case end in a mistrial when the prosecutor filed crucial evidence far too late for admission. The evidence in question was two recorded phone calls from the victim. The case wasn't dismissed by the District Attorney and another hearing is being set for sometime next month. After the case had wrapped up, the prosecution apparently found a third recording.

## High Profile Lobbyist Convicted of Vandalizing Ex-Wife's Home

Breaking up was hard to do for Ronald Smith, a Colorado lobbyist. Smith was convicted this month of breaking into his ex-wife's home last year, pouring some kind of bleach all over her piano, scuffing her floors with bicycle cleats, deleting her harddrive, and hiding raw chicken in her air conditioning vents. Either before or after the break-in, Smith hosted a fundraiser for John Hickenlooper, who at the time was running for governor of Colorado. A jury found him guilty of second-degree burglary, and he is facing 18 years.



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**Featured Distributor:**



The 27 Social Centre is a radical community center in the Jefferson Park neighborhood. Housing a worker's center and co-op, an art gallery and numerous other projects, 27 has been operating as a hub for radical projects since 2010. Thanks for having Ignite!

**fuck him  
and the  
boat he  
came in  
on!**

# NATION & WORLD

news from around the country and globe



A Chilean streetfighter takes aims at police with a slingshot

## Chilean Revolt Continues, Black September in Full Swing

After a summer that has seen an intense climate of repression against a thriving insurrectionary anarchist movement and the murders of two young demonstrators during general strike uprisings, Chile was set to see a lot of action during the 38th annual demonstrations commemorating the U.S.-backed coup that led to a brutal military dictatorship in the early 70's.

The September 11th demonstrations saw attacks on police and a media widely seen as a pawn for the government as well as widespread property destruction and the erection of burning barricades. Many of Chile's largest cities were affected, and anarchists demonstrated that despite recent setbacks, the revolt and struggle will not stop.

## Longshoremen Storm Port in WA, Fuck Shit Up!

More than 500 Longshoremen from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union upset over a multinational corporation's scab hiring practices stormed a grain terminal in Washington after months of simmering tensions.

Workers armed with baseball bats and crowbars smashed out the windows of the facility's guard station, causing the guards to cower for six hours, not kidnapped or taken hostage as earlier corporate media reports led people to believe. Other workers are accused of cutting brake-lines on box cars and dumping grain, as well as stealing the guards' patrol car and crashing it into a ditch. Most of the contingent physically blocked the railway, and the next day ports up and down the west coast were shut down in solidarity. The first responding police officers to the occupation were threatened with bats and forced to leave.

Local anarchists looking to express solidarity hung banners in Olympia expressing support while others sought out the workers in order to plug into the struggle. A write-up entitled "We just did it together and it was powerful, you know?" was posted to the internet.

## Spain: Tamera Hernandez Sentenced to 8 Years for Mail Bomb

*courtesy of Actfor-FreedomNow*

The Court of Barcelona handed down a sentence of eight years in prison to a young anarchist for a parcel bomb sent to the former Secretary of Corrections Albert Batlle in October 2009. The sentence was half of what the prosecution originally asked for. The prosecutor demanded 16 years in prison on charges of attempted murder (12) and possession of explosives (4). Protests were held outside of the court in solidarity with Tamara.

## German Antifa Fight Nazi Scum, Pig Trash

200 ended up in police custody after clashes between thousands of "left-wing extremists" and police protecting about 700 neo-Nazis got real heavy on Sept. 10th. The cops sustained scores of injuries as antifascists assaulted them with stones, pepperspray and fireworks and a police vehicle was also attacked.

## Fresno, CA Cop's House Firebombed

A Fresno police officer had her home firebombed in the early morning of September 4th. This incident came on the heels of a firebombing of a Fresno police car lot that was

claimed on the internet by anonymous people escalating protests against local police brutality. No communique was issued for the bombing of the home, and because women and children were in the house during the incident, an anonymous essay was posted to indybay.org bringing up several points of discussion.

"There is something we wanted to say about the Sept. 4th firebombing of a PD officers house. We support this action but feel that it indiscriminately targeted the other woman and children inside the house. Indiscriminate targeting of innocent civilians is terrorism. This is what the police and military do and we must be better than them. Many children of cops grow up to hate cops because of the corruption they grew up seeing. Our group does not feel that things have come to the point where actions which put individuals in harms way are suitable. At the same time, we cannot condemn someone who does feel this way since many feel that we have committed actions which are not suitable. The real question is whether this action was political or not. If this was someone who has answered the call to war then we commend you, but was it? There are too many things that smell funny about this."

## Egypt: 'Ultras' Keep the Heat on Mubarak's Police

September 9th saw protests against the sham trial of former presidential strongman Hosni Mubarak in Tahir, but also in front of a beefed up Israeli consulate. Mobs of mostly male combatants dismantled several new walls, removed the statue of an eagle, and left graffiti denouncing Egypt's police and military.

Those suspected of carrying out the raid, which made headlines all over the world, are said to be "Ultras," a cadre of mostly apolitical soccer hooligans who were the backbone of the revolutionary Egyptian streetfighters. Here is a chant they have been employing in the streets and in the stadiums: "We haven't forgotten Tahrir, you fuckers! The revolution was your naksah [catastrophe], we'll tell anyone, officers, pimps, you took a beating like you haven't had in years." According to an interview with a "self-described anarchist/ultra," Ultras "do not give a fuck about politics or the stability of the country," they care about soccer, and are "against everyone."





# NATION & WORLD

news from around the country and globe

## Greece: Anarchist Squat Firebombed by Nazis, Antifa Retaliate

Early in the morning of September 15th, suspected neo-Nazis firebombed the Kouvelou squat in Marousi. The squat, which had been occupied since April 2010, sustained damages that collapsed the roof and destroyed four rooms. Fascist typically don't have the numbers to confront anarchists in Greece head-on (they usually team up with police), and so squatters have had to deal with many hit-and-run attacks on squats.

A solidarity gathering was held September 17th outside of a train station in Marousi where members of the squatting collective were encouraged by support of passerby. Later that evening however, in Agrinio, 70 anarchists and antifascists stormed the new offices of neo-Nazi parastatist organization Golden Dawn. Offices belonging to the group had previously been bombed by a clandestine urban guerrilla group.

The contingent completely destroyed the offices as people looking on applauded. The fascist banners and flags were taken down in order to be burned in the street.

There have been several racist attacks and vandalism since Nazi pogroms erupted last spring.

## US Political Prisoner William "Lefty" Gilday Dies in Prison

The Denver Anarchist Black Cross reported September 13th that US political prisoner William "Lefty" Gilday passed away in the MCI Shirley prison on September 9th. Lefty was a beloved father, brother, grandfather and comrade to many. He played minor league baseball in his youth before being convicted of participating in a bank appropriation in Boston aiming to finance the movement against the Vietnam war. During the robbery, a Boston police officer was shot and killed. Lefty's crew was apprehended as was he after he led police on a long pursuit involving several police cruisers and a helicopter. Rest in peace, Lefty.

## Glen Park BART Attacked

*communiqué courtesy of Anarchist News.org:* "On the evening of September 8th, 2011 we sabotaged the fare machines, turnstiles and facade of the Glen Park BART station in South San Francisco. Just as we have been inspired by comparable actions of anarchists world wide, we hope to act as a catalyst to incite similar actions against the state and it's apparatuses of control. Our spray cans dispensed slogans and our hammers

shattered screens and at today's Pow-ticket readers. We look to ell Street action. See each other to find meaning and reject the limiting discourse of rights and free speech as a vehicle for our rage. We communicate this now to denounce the authority of a society that violently represses us every time we step out of line.

All police are the enemy. We articulate this when we choose to honor the lives of Oscar Grant, Charles Hill and Kenneth Harding by fighting for our own lives. This same passion for freedom can be observed from Seattle to Greece to Chile. As anarchists we understand that the social control of transit fares exists in harmony with the deadly enforcement of the physical, emotional, and social desolation of our everyday lives. We aim to interrupt this concert at every feasible opportunity.

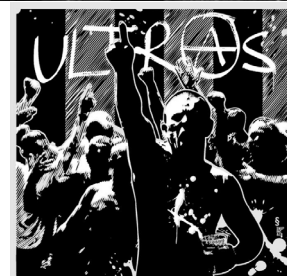
The police and the media will spin this event as petty vandalism. Some will condemn us and suggest that violence against property promotes state repression, but we have lost our fear. We do not seek approval from any authority and for this reason we abandon the tired structure of demand. We look to explore our capacity to exemplify our collective abilities and to encourage others to resist in ever more autonomous and uncontrollable ways. Freedom to those arrested

at today's Pow-ticket readers. We look to ell Street action. See you at the barricades. PS: mad props to the wildcat longshoremen of washington. keep it wild"

## UK: Occupied Police Van Attacked With Fire

Less than three weeks after anti-police riots rocked the country, officers in Edmonton, England reported that someone threw two molotov cocktails that apparently missed their intended target: the van they were sitting in. No claim of responsibility has surfaced yet

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# BLACK MESA, INDIGENOUS SUPPORT CARAVAN, DEPARTS NOV. 19TH

## *Greetings from Black Mesa Indigenous Support,*

We are excited to once again extend the invitation from Dineh resisters of the Big Mountain regions of Black Mesa in joining a caravan of work crews in support of the on-going struggle to protect their communities, ancestral homelands, future generations and planet that we all share. These communities are in their fourth decade year of resistance against the US Government's forced relocation policies, Peabody Coal's financial interests, and an unsustainable fossil fuel based economy.

Participating in this caravan is one small way in supporting these courageous communities who are serving as the very blockade to massive coal mining on Black Mesa. The aim of the caravan requests and words of the elders and their families. With their guidance we will carry their wishes & demands far beyond just the annual caravans and link this struggle with social, environmental, and climate justice movements that participants may be a part of.

By assisting with direct on-land projects you are supporting families on their ancestral homelands in resistance to an illegal occupation and destruction of sacred sites by Peabody Energy. We will be chopping and hauling firewood, doing minor repair work, offering holistic healthcare and sheep

-herding before the approaching freezing winter months.

Indigenous nations are disproportionately targeted by fossil fuel extraction & environmental devastation; Black Mesa is no exception. Peabody Energy, previously Peabody Coal Company (the world's largest private-sector coal company) is continuing to scheme for ways to continue their occupation of tribal lands under the guise of extracting "clean coal".

Peabody's Black Mesa mine has been the source of an estimated 325 million tons of greenhouse gases that have been discharged into the atmosphere.\* In the 30+ years of disastrous operations, Dineh and Hopi communities in Arizona have been ravaged by Peabody's coal mining. As a result of the massive mining operation, thousands of families have had their land taken away and been forcibly relocated. Peabody has drained 2.5 million gallons of water daily from the only community water supply and has left a monstrous toxic legacy along an abandoned 273-mile coal slurry pipeline. Furthermore, Peabody has desecrated & completely dug up burials, sacred areas, and shrines designated specifically for offerings, preventing religious practices. The continued mining by Peabody has devastating environmental and cultural impacts on local communities

and significantly exacerbates global climate chaos.

Relocation laws have made it nearly impossible for younger generations to continue living on their homelands. Institutional racism has fueled neglect and abandonment of public services such as water, maintenance of roads, health care, and schools. Many of the residents in the regions of Black Mesa that we'll be visiting are elderly and winters can be extremely rough on them in this remote high desert terrain. Due to lack of local job opportunities and federal strangulation on Indian self-sufficiency, extended families are forced to live many miles away to earn incomes and have all the social amenities (which include choices in mandatory American education).

It is increasingly difficult for families to come back to visit their relatives in these remote areas due to the unmaintained roads and the rising cost of transportation. As one of their resistance strategies they call upon outside support as they maintain their traditional way of life in the face of the largest relocation of indigenous people in the US since the Trail of Tears.

Drawing on the inspiration of the elders & families of Black Mesa, they offer us a transformative model for the strategic, visionary change that is needed to re-harmonize our relationships with one another and

with the planet. But too often Black Mesa becomes invisibilized as other human rights, environmental justice and climate justice struggles are showcased and highlighted in both the mainstream & progressive media. The truth is that all of these struggles are interconnected and central to our collective survival is the need to increase the visibility of struggles such as Black Mesa, a decades-long indigenous-led resistance to the fossil fuel industry, in related movements for human rights, environmental, climate & social justice.

May we stand strong with the elders & families of Black Mesa in their declaration that "Coal is the Mother Earth's liver" and join them in action to ensure that coal remains in the ground! Families of Black Mesa are determined to repair and end the devastating impacts of colonialism, coal mining, and forced relocation of their communities, sacred lands, and our planet. False solutions to climate change and large scale coal extraction must be stopped!

Forging links between people grounded in movements based on social and ecological justice and the Black Mesa resisters (who are also grounded in these movements) is essential to address the disproportionate problems of poverty and disenfranchisement to achieve social, environmental, & climate justice.

**for more info & to get involved visit  
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## Mainstream Media Mayblems

by Amelia Nicol

They will tell you of someone whom they can paint as a terrorist, easily, but when that person is let off because of the stupidity of police, do they run the real story? That they were charged completely falsely, that they spent 38 days in solitary, missed a 21st birthday for trumped up charges? Do they tell you that this person was offered a plea deal the night before this trial, that if it had been taken they would have been able to control this person's life for upwards of two years, that they actually only offered it because they knew they had no evidence? And how does this speak to the way that our system reaps monetary value through fear and coercion that they create? How many have pled guilty to something that they didn't do because of the pressure brought on by the system to take their fucking deals? Sitting in court, we hear the judge ask if the person in front of them is being pressured in any way, by a judge who is sitting on some bench above, holding onto the power of whether this person can walk down the street or not. And how they are allowed to do so; ankle monitor or not. Threaten them with when they will be allowed to see their family again.

Ten years of possible prison time taken off the table if only they had plead guilty to them the night before through a call with a lawyer. They did not, and were fortunate to escape a trap that this system creates for all of us, in this capitol based off of monetary value, we must learn to stand our ground against them. Any deal that they offer you is still the highest form of abuse; any way out that they give is still giving them money. We must fight them, on every front; we must not plead guilty when there never was guilt to start. They threaten us with our lives if we do not take their outs; they are a gang, a powerful one, no doubt, but they can be beaten; with every one of us that refuses to let them bully us into admittance of something that we did not do. I know; they threaten to take your life away, but if we stand up and refuse to let them, we are causing damage. Even in the cost of a trial; because we know their allegiance lies solely in monetary value, this is their weak spot, and where we can hit them hardest. Most cases would be dropped if everyone started doing that; they would be even more bankrupt than they are already becoming. We must stand up for ourselves against the atrocity of violence that they instigate against us on a daily basis. Not just that of physical violence, but that perpetuated on us in their threatening. We are not afraid; and even if we are, we must stand with shaking legs.

## LETTERS

### Feedback & Comments We Found

"haven't lived there in a while, but glad to see this, wish it were happening here."

- *C.F via email*

"cool project. more cities need it. but that doesn't mean you ought to center the headline of each article. looks awful when you do that. :/"

- *anonymous via anarchistnews.org*

**we are learning :) thanks! - ignite! on (A) News**

"is this the year of the periodical?" says one anon.

"No, they're just finally catching on. As they should." says another anon.

- *(A) News*

"Hey could you send an issue to us at the red pill every issue and we'll make a bunch of copies and distro here in GJ. And probably submit some content every issue." - *J.R on our blog*

**Yo Red Pill we'd love to but your website expired! Hit us up with a mailing address and we might be able to figure something out! - ignite!**

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## For An Unwavering, Nationwide Solidarity Effort Supporting the CA Hunger Strikers

by Ignite! Collective

Prisoners in California are presently waging the largest hunger strike in state history. More than 12,000 have joined, with prisoners across the country fasting in solidarity. In California, support organizations have made a specific call for CA anarchists to engage in direct action towards the prison system in an effort to raise awareness.

Ignite! feels that anarchists and allies across the world should be involving themselves in organizing work that immediately confronts this issue. Comrades in prisons both in Chiapas and Palestine have begun hunger strikes of their own.

A hunger strike is one of the most harrowing methods of non-violent protest. Being as this is the second round of hunger strikes stemming from demands issued by a council of representatives in Pelican Bay's Secure Housing Unit this year, the authorities have been much more brutal this time around. They have denied the entrance of lawyers advising the strikers, completely cut visits for family members, and denied any liquids for the strikers. Many of them are still in poor health from the strike in July. Strikers in the Calipatria facility have been passing out. Many strikers vow to die on strike if their demands, a simple list of basic reforms like a better diet and revisions of the gang association policies, aren't met.

Guards are opening legal mail and isolating prisoners with methods even more inhumane and cruel than what goes on in SHU. The retaliation from the authorities that has been publicized is likely just a taste of what is going on behind the walls of these facilities.

Members of the Denver Anarchist Black Cross anticipated the resuming of the hunger strike in Pelican Bay and began preparing solidarity shortly before it was set to begin again. Hosting an educational and planning meeting the night before the strike resumed that included a teleconference with former political prisoner and former member of the George Jackson Brigade Bo Brown, who now works with the Prison Activist Resource Center in Oakland, local activists called for a solidarity picket outside of the Van Cise-Simonet detention center on October 5th. Members also flied outside President Obama's speech at Lincoln High School in the waning days of September.

During the solidarity picket, approximately two dozen people handed out fliers and held banners and placards while cars honked in support. Picketers then marched through the Occupy Denver encampment chanting "Fire to the Prisons" and "No More Cops, No More Hate, Smash the Prisons, Smash the State." Although there has been some tension between longtime local anarchist organizers and the seemingly



Hunger strike supporters marching through the park in front of the capitol building and garnering support from the #occupydenver encampment. Photo credit to @EAdvocate

self-appointed leadership running the camp, the "occupiers" were largely supportive of the march. Demonstrators then marched up the capitol steps to join local group Padres Unidos at a rally highlighting the school to prisons pipeline.

Please take a moment out of your day to call (916.445.2841) or fax (916.558.3160) California governor Jerry Brown to demand the prisoner's demands be met. You can also call the warden of Pelican Bay at 707.465.1000. Find more information, prisoner mailing addresses, and up-to-the-minute updates at [prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com](http://prisonerhungerstrikesolidarity.wordpress.com) and Twitter users should use the hashtags #hungerstrike and #pelicanbay to raise awareness. These brave strikers could be on their death bed in a matter of days, and urgency and timeliness is paramount to their success. They need as much support on the outside as they can get, and Ignite! applauds the actions of those who realize this and take it upon themselves to help in any way they can.