

The Warrior Wind

Against a Society of Confinement: "Blow, wild wind, blow!"

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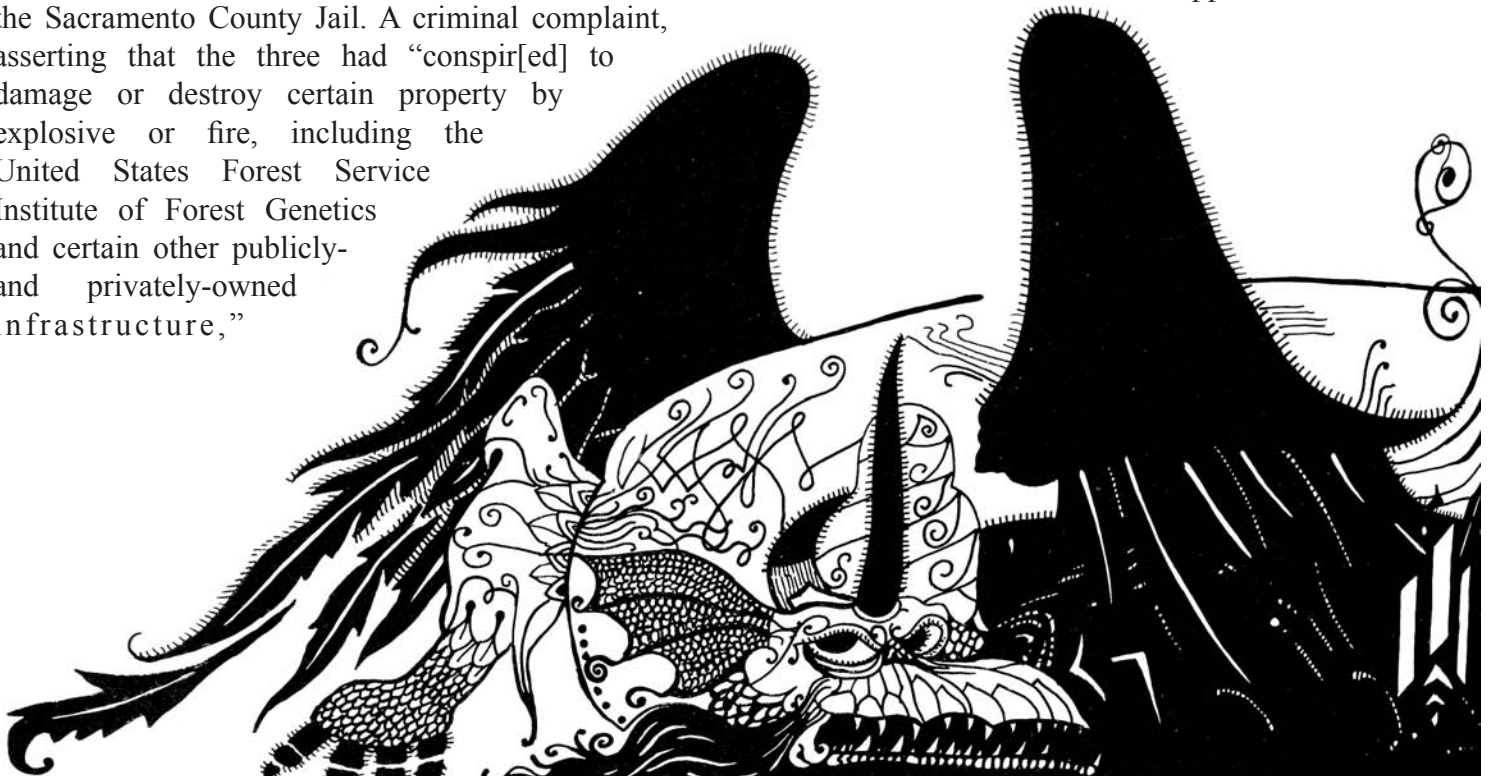
The Auburn Arrests: What's Going On, and Why We Should Care

In the first issue of The Warrior Wind, we mentioned the arrests of Eric McDavid, Zachary Jenson and Lauren Weiner in Auburn, California. Below is a more complete summary of events, some updates, and thoughts as to why this case is important.

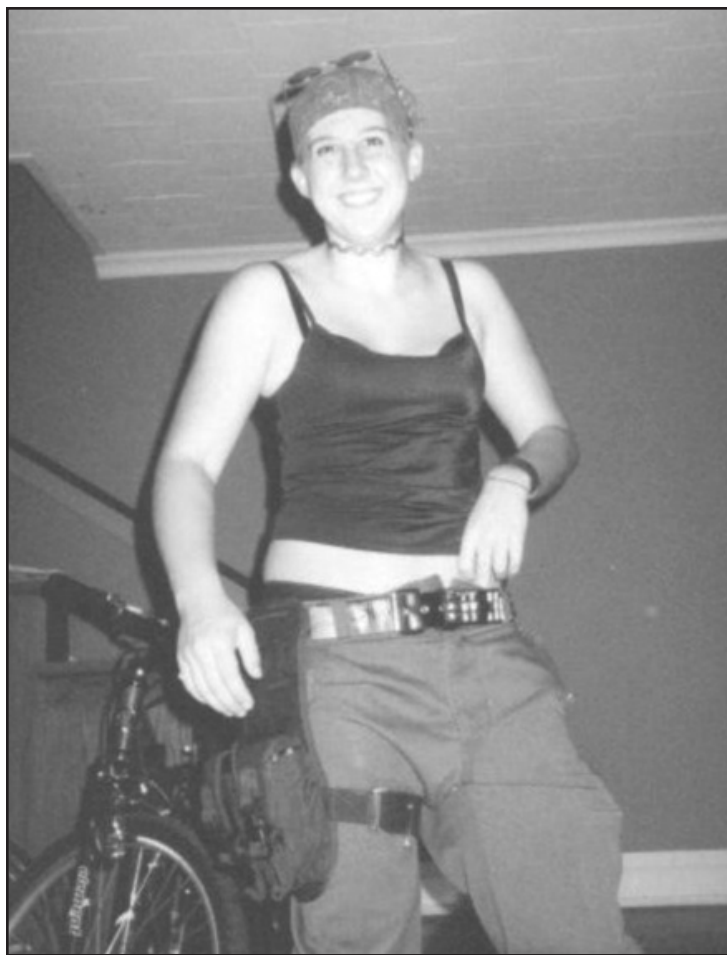
On January 13, 2006, at approximately 11AM, in the parking lot of an Auburn, California retail store, Eric McDavid, Zachary Jenson and Lauren Weiner were arrested. Prior to their capture that day, surveillance agents had monitored the three. These agents searched a car in the parking lot. Then, under the assumption that they had "probable cause" to make arrests, the agents took McDavid, Jenson and Weiner into custody. None of the three resisted arrest, and they were transported to the Sacramento County Jail. A criminal complaint, asserting that the three had "conspir[ed] to damage or destroy certain property by explosive or fire, including the United States Forest Service Institute of Forest Genetics and certain other publicly- and privately-owned infrastructure,"

was filed on January 17; a Federal Grand Jury returned a one-count indictment for such a charge on January 25. Both McDavid and Jenson currently remain in jail as they await trial, while Weiner has been granted a pretrial bond release. The defendants face sentences of up to 20 years in prison. They are pleading not guilty.

The case against the three appears to be based almost entirely on the testimony and surveillance of a "confidential source" (CS) employed by the FBI, although certain postings on "MySpace" and "LiveJournal" web pages are also being used as evidence. According to court documents, this CS has provided the authorities with information in a dozen other "anarchist cases." The CS is a woman, in her early- to mid-20s, known by the name of "Anna" (as well as perhaps by other names). She attended the June 2005 Bio-Democracy protests in Philadelphia, the July 2005 CrimethInc Convergence in Indiana, the late July / early August "Feral Visions" gathering held in the southern Appalachian mountains



of eastern Tennessee, plus several other protests and gatherings. A photo of “Anna” accompanies this article. “Anna” has been apparently worked for the “G-Men” of the FBI since early 2004. She has received approximately \$75,000 plus expenses for her efforts over the past two years. By the FBI’s own admission, “Anna” was “deeply embedded” in the defendants’ supposed “cell,” which actually appears to be at most a gathering of friends.



A photo of “Anna.”

While regional and national media have made much of the alleged conspiratorial plans of the defendants, the role of “Anna” has been drastically understated by these same sources. Only occasionally does something approximating truth slip out. In an article that is otherwise far from outstanding, reporter Denny Walsh of the *Sacramento Bee* notes:

“Jeff Weiner [a cousin of Lauren Weiner, and one of her two attorneys for a bail hearing] tried to show on cross examination of [FBI agent] Walker that the FBI’s source was a subtle but moving force behind a lot of what the foursome were doing in the days leading up to the arrests. “Walker acknowledged that some of the money used to buy bomb-making materials came through the source from the FBI. He also acknowledged

the source authored part of a book on the group’s plans.”

It should also be noted that the FBI paid for the—fully bugged—cabin at which the three defendants allegedly lived for a brief while, and that “Anna” provided the car that was searched in the Auburn parking lot.

Reporter Walsh’s paragraphs were not, it seems, ever published by the *Sacramento Bee* itself, and only appeared in a longer version of the article published by the hours-away *Fresno Bee* newspaper. His coverage hints at a broader possibility: that the FBI’s “confidential source” was nothing other than a classic *agent provocateur*, not simply someone who reported on the activities of others, but rather a person who created “crime” on Bureau time, to keep herself in comfortable employment. This is not to suggest that the actions of “Anna” were even slightly at odds with those of her bosses; the interests of the two parties dovetailed.

Even while its CoIntelPro (Counter-Intelligence Program) operations “to expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize” dissenting voices officially came to an end during the early 70s, the FBI has remained above all a *repressive* institution, designed to fight any and all disruptions of business-as-usual. To FBI overseers, and their cronies in institutions such as the National Security Agency as well as the CIA, it doesn’t particularly matter if a disruption of routine is itself “legal” or “illegal” in nature, whether it’s flying near a building or damaging it. If there are not any substantial charges to fit on participants, the Feds will be sure to create the basis for some. “Anna” was hired to infiltrate even tepid and essentially calm protest and counter-cultural events. The Feds’ strategy, as a recent Seattle publication put it so well, is one of “strike one to paralyze one thousand.” The FBI is driven by a need for sacrificial flesh, and they have the solid support of state prosecutors in their task. The powers-that-be want every single one of us to be afraid. They are even upfront about their purpose. US Attorney for the Eastern District of California McGregor Scott, in his comments about another case, “warn[s] idealistic young people that if they make the wrong decisions, they will spend several years in prison.” Yet for as long as our social and ecological setting becomes more toxic by the day, some will resist according to democratic norms, while others will respond differently. Those arrested in Auburn are supposed to be one more argument for us all to shut our gobs, play our roles, and pretend as though nothing’s wrong. Defending the three arrested, who the FBI are making every effort to portray as “bad,” is in fact nothing other than wider public self-defense against a predatory foe.

During the defendants' custody and various legal hearings, the state has attempted to further isolate, dehumanize and persecute its three targets. As stated earlier, Lauren Weiner has been the only person to be granted bail. Weiner was released into her mother's custody after a few weeks in jail, on a \$1.2 million "Vaccaro" bond. So-called "Vaccaro" bonds get their name from the 9th Circuit Court ruling *United States v. Vaccaro* (1995) that authorizes Federal courts to order bonds forfeited not only for failure to appear for court dates, but also for breaches of accompanying release conditions. Weiner has been given several special conditions for her bond release. While some of these conditions are relatively standard, such as not owning firearms while on release, other release conditions are out of the ordinary. Weiner's eighth release condition begins with the requirement that she not contact her co-defendants except through her attorney; this is quite typical. It then continues, "Ms. Weiner shall not have contact with any person, group, association or engage in environmental issues or advocacy." Furthermore, during Weiner's earlier release hearing, Federal Prosecutor R. Steven Lapham stated that Weiner and the other defendants had been contacted in jail "by the movement's prisoner support network," insinuating that those who write to or visit prisoners are in fact "eco-terror" operatives. In reality, Weiner's outside supporters have had no contact with her—not even by mail that was responded to—since an early jail visit.

Both Lapham's lie, and Weiner's eventual release conditions, set dangerous precedents. While a war on dissent has been the *implicit* task of agencies such as the FBI for many decades, it is perhaps only more recently that, beyond internal memos, the authorities *explicitly* and publicly relate every oppositional perspective, and even the smallest gestures of solidarity, to the specter of "terrorism." Those involved in counter-repression, ecological or other freedom activities must not back down due to these threats. Rather, we must broaden out and deepen our activity—this is our only option for not only surviving a repressive climate, but also undermining it. Clichéd as it may be, the slogan "Solidarity is strength!" continues to be relevant for us today.

Eric McDavid has been portrayed in court documents as well as in the media as the initiator and guiding force of the alleged "conspiracy." This is perhaps because he is, at 28, the eldest of those arrested, and due to age-based prejudices that go along with this fact. As

a consequence of his portrayal, his captors view him as particularly "high risk," and he has been singled out for vicious pretrial reprisals. Eric McDavid is a vegan, but he has since arrest been denied plant-based meals which he can eat. McDavid gets bread and frozen fruit to eat twice a day. He has lost much weight and his health is deteriorating rapidly. In March, McDavid carried through a two-week hunger strike to demand food he can eat. Those who could easily grant McDavid a suitable diet as he proceeds to trial have instead completely dismissed every request. Significant numbers of people have contacted Sacramento Sheriff Lou Blanas as well as the Sacramento County Main Jail to register their disapproval; public pressure should continue to build.

During McDavid's first month in jail, he did not get much of his mail or books, and McDavid's mail continues to be subject to blatant interference. On February 10, Sacramento County jailers stopped letting McDavid go out of his cell for exercise—he has been outside only once since then. McDavid is in total separation from the rest of the jail population, and is not allowed to see other inmates. On March 28, McDavid's lawyer filed a suit in federal court, on the grounds that McDavid's civil rights have been undermined by his being kept permanently in a cell, as well as by his being denied an adequate vegan diet. McDavid's lawyer has recently been faced efforts by the government to have him removed from the case, on spurious claims that a conflict of interest exists.

Likewise, Zachary Jenson has faced immense difficulty regarding access to legal counsel adequate for his needs. The government delayed the appointment of Zachary's court-appointed attorney for nearly 3 weeks, refusing to pay him or the investigator, or to even turn over discovery. Zachary has found a private attorney that he likes and who is willing to take his case, but this option requires significant fundraising. Jenson is also separated from the jail's general population. At one point, he was without running water in his cell for two days. On average, Jenson is only allowed to leave his cell for a few hours a week.

This account of recent repression and present pillorying may appear grim. It is certainly nothing to joke about. However, readers are not helpless in terms of what happens next. Furthermore, the types of repression we are now seeing would have come a lot earlier, and would be even more widespread—Guantanamo Bay, plus mass racist and class-based policing notwithstanding—were it not for countless efforts towards a better world



which limited the authorities' free reign. The "Annas" of this world have been around for quite some time, and they are increasingly in place today. Their ability to operate successfully, however, does not solely depend on dissenters' nuts-and-bolts "security" skills, or even on general savvy; the crucial factor is our overall social climate, and what people allow the government to get away with. Eric McDavid and Zachary Jenson continue to appreciate individualized support efforts. They deserve this, plus more, from us. We must also continue to link such support efforts to a broader vision, although we refrain from cheerleading for any particular tactic. The cabals at the head of our society are trashing the planet. There can be no doubt of the mass death that this will cause—that it already causes, and that it has caused. It would be pointless to speculate on whether or not "the majority" knows this—the fact is, many people do. It's not just three people, a few hundred or even several hundred thousand, who are intended as sacrifices to present authority. A widespread feeling exists today, that we're all just lemmings to be run off a cliff by the Walt Disney producers. Let's both support individuals, and also do what we can to get rid of a bad script.

A note from some California supporters of Eric McDavid and Zachary Jenson:

The most helpful thing that people can do to support Zachary Jenson right now is to raise money to help him hire an attorney. If you organize a fundraiser or would like to donate, you can send a check or money order made out to "Sacramento Defense Fund" (please make out all checks or money orders out to that name so we can deposit it) to:

Sac Prisoner Support / PO Box 163126 / Sacramento, CA 95816, or donate to sacprisonersupport@riseup.net through Paypal.com.

The best way to support Eric is to contact the jail and insist that he be given vegan food. Contact the jail at: Sacramento County Main Jail / ph: 916.874.6752 / fax: 916.874.8984

Sheriff Lou Blanas / ph: 916.874.7146 / fax: 916.874.5332

Both Zachary and Eric love receiving letters.

Write:

Jenson, Zachary X-4198632 8E213A

McDavid, Eric X-2972521 7E114A

Both at: *Sacramento County Main Jail* / 651 "I" Street / Sacramento, CA 95814

Remember: when writing prisoners please do not discuss their case, issues related to their charges or what is being written in the news about them.

A support website for Eric McDavid is at www.supporteric.org. A website for Zachary Jenson will soon be up at www.supportzach.org.

Sacramento Prisoner Support on Ryan Lewis:

On Friday March 17, Ryan Lewis was sentenced to 6 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to two counts of attempted arson and one count of arson. After completing his sentence he will have a three-year term of supervised release and be ordered to pay \$243,000 restitution.

Eva Holland and Lili Holland, two of Lewis's codefendants were sentenced to 2 years in prison, three years of supervised release and ordered to pay a \$2,000 fine for one count each of attempted arson.

The fourth co-defendant Jeremiah Colcleasure entered a guilty plea for one count of attempted arson on March 3 and will be sentenced on May 19. The US Attorney recommended downward departures in sentencing for the Holland sisters and Colcleasure because of their "substantial cooperation with the government in this investigation". No claim of Lewis's cooperation was made by the US Attorney, nor did any such claim appear in Lewis's plea agreement. Nonetheless in the criminal complaint against Eric McDavid, Zachary Jenson and Lauren Weiner (who are all currently under federal indictment) it states:

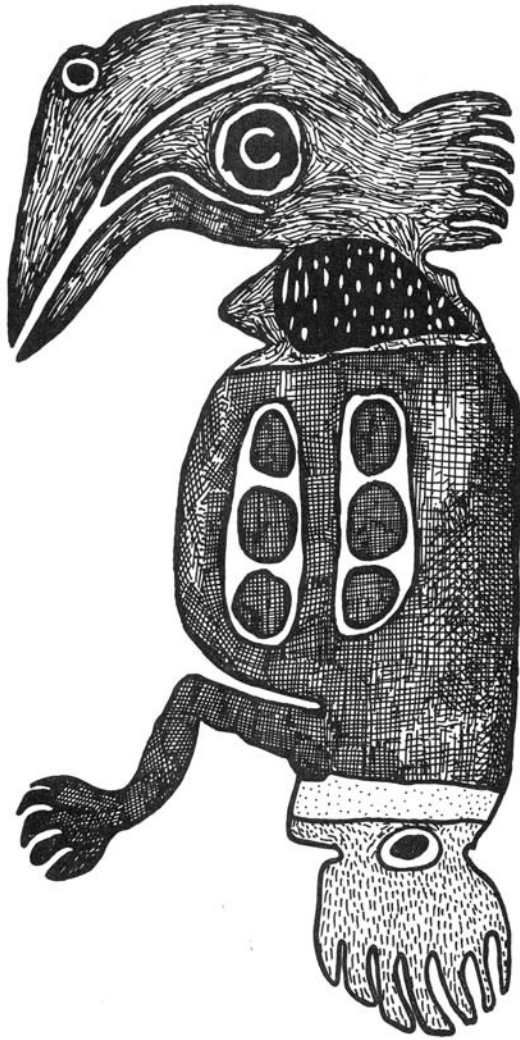
On August 31, 2005 FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) Agents interviewed Lewis, who identified McDavid in a digital photo recovered from the hard drive of Lewis's computer. Lewis further advised that McDavid was a friend and had intentions to travel by hitchhiking to protest destinations across the country, including the presidential inauguration in Washington DC.

No more is known at this time about the nature of Lewis's cooperation with the government. All that is known is that he identified and discussed someone else with the FBI and that person was later arrested. As a group that has followed both of these cases closely, we were forced to make a decision as to whether or not we would support Lewis in the future.

We are not willing to support prisoners who give information about other people to the government, and for this reason we do not think that Ryan Lewis should receive prisoner support if he requests it.

an apology from the editors

The large amounts of new developments over the past couple of months, combined with space limitations for this newsletter, have forced us to make some cuts this issue. Expect a profile of ecodefense prisoner Chris McIntosh in Issue #3, plus the return of international coverage. (Our aim remains to get rid of all borders, not to support them through a North American bias...)



The Wave of Repression Spreads

On December 7, 2005, the FBI's "Operation Backfire" against the environmental movement first showed its public face, with several arrests and a round of Grand Jury subpoenas issued that day. The first issue of our newsletter covered the situation until the end of January. There have been many new developments since our first article was released. On a positive note, there seems to be growing awareness as to what is currently going on, and grassroots support efforts have been stepped up. Unfortunately, many other developments have been wholly negative, including new arrests. What follows is a brief summary of recent happenings. Although it is little more than a chronology, and is far briefer than our initial article, this is not because opposing the "eco-

crimes" prosecutions has become any less important. We will continue to cover these events, and urge everyone to put in a maximum effort for those facing this ordeal at present.

Joyanna Lynn Zacher and Nathan Fraser Block were arrested on February 23 in Olympia, Washington. Their charges initially related to the Jefferson Poplar Farm fire that occurred in 2001 in Clatskanie, Oregon. Jefferson Poplar is a tree farm whose site had connections to genetic engineering programs. The charges of Joyanna Zacher and Nathan Block have been integrated within the indictment for the original "Eco-11." This has created a new indictment filed March 15, superseding the earlier one. The new indictment also claims that Zacher and Block participated in a 2001 attack on the notorious Romania Chevrolet Truck Center in Eugene, Oregon. Furthermore, the March 15 superseding indictment adds earlier arrestee Chelsea Gerlach's name in relation to a 2001 action against the University of Washington Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle.

In a two-count indictment returned March 15, Briana Waters, a mother and violin teacher living in California, was charged with both arson, and using or carrying a destructive device for the University of Washington attack. She appeared for her arraignment in Seattle on March 30th, pleaded not guilty, and was ordered to surrender her passport and be placed under electronic monitoring until her trial, currently scheduled for June. Briana Waters faces over 35 years in prison if convicted for both charges.

On April 5, a Sacramento, California Grand Jury returned a vote of "true bill" to an indictment against Darren Thurston, Rebecca Rubin, Joseph Dibee and Justin Solondz, allowing the state to proceed with prosecution. The indictment's charges relate to an October 2001 arson against the Bureau of Land Management's Litchfield Wild Horse Corral near Susanville, California. Darren Thurston, Rebecca Rubin and Joseph Dibee are also defendants in the Oregon District Court indictment (both original and superceding versions). Darren Thurston is being held in Oregon, but he is expected to be briefly transported to California for his arraignment at the end of this month. Thurston faces a minimum sentence of thirty years in prison if he is convicted on all counts. Apparently, law enforcement has had difficulty locating Rubin, Dibee and Solondz to inform them of their charges.

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SUPPORT THE PRISONERS!

We highly recommend the Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network as a resource. For current prisoner addresses, support campaign contact information, trial updates and much more, please visit: WWW.SPIRITOFFREEDOM.ORG.UK & WWW.ECOPRISONERS.ORG (North America).

It is possible that both the charges for Briana Waters, and those from the Eastern District of California court, could be rolled into the larger Oregon case. We are unable to predict whether or not this will happen, however.

Please visit www.ecoprisoners.org for links to support groups of those who are facing charges and who deserve support, updates, and plenty of other resources. Please also think about what you can do, whether it's distributing information, writing letters, raising funds, or other acts of solidarity. As government attacks continue, it's time to move and make things happen!

A Few Words on "No Contact" Lists and Grand Juries:

On February 1, a "no contact" list was presented to Jonathan Paul setting forth people who he is not permitted to have contact with while released on bail. As well as his codefendants, the list includes many other names—including some totally bizarre choices—of those he is not allowed to relate to in any way. Some other bailed defendants have been presented with similar lists. The list is available online at <http://cldc.org/witnesslist.html> and elsewhere.

As well as those in Washington and California that recently led to new charges, Grand Juries are also operating in Eugene, Oregon and in Colorado. On February 14, former Earth Liberation Front press officer Craig Rosebraugh was given a subpoena to appear before the federal Grand Jury in Eugene on March 16. Three days before his scheduled appearance, Rosebraugh was informed that he was excused from this appearance. Rosebraugh was informed that he will be subpoenaed for the Grand Jury again and will be forced to appear before it on August 17, 2006. For updates on Rosebraugh's situation, visit www.craigrosebraugh.com. Paypal donations to assist Rosebraugh with legal representation may be made through this site.

One person subpoenaed by the Colorado Grand Jury appeared before it on March 21. The Eugene Grand Jury has subpoenaed people for April 20 appearances. If you receive a Grand Jury subpoena, do not think that you can face it without both professional and community support! Let's stick together and say "no" to the current witch-hunt.

Please consider a donation to the Northwest Grand Jury Defense Network:

Northwest Grand Jury Defense Network / 1037 NE 65th St. #108 / Seattle, WA 98115 (www.grandjurydefense.org)

The website www.fbiwitchhunt.com also remains a valuable resource.

Rod Coronado Faces Serious New Charges

In the first issue of *The Warrior Wind* it was reported that *Earth First!* activist Rod Coronado was convicted on several charges stemming from his participation in a mountain lion hunt sabotage. Since being convicted of those charges, Rod was indicted and re-arrested on a new charge relating to a speech he gave in 2003 in San Diego, California. During this speech, he allegedly gave information about how to make an incendiary device, and he is officially charged with "Distribution of Information Relating to Explosives, Destructive Devices and Weapons of Mass Destruction." He is facing up to 20 years in prison on this new charge.

Rod has been released on bail to await trial and is asking for supporters to help raise money to support his children. His support group may be contacted at PO Box 732 / Tucson, Arizona 85702 or www.supportrod.org.



Yet More New Charges: Peter Young

Animal liberation prisoner Peter Young is currently serving two years in Federal Prison for his involvement in a series of fur farm raids in the Midwest. While incarcerated, a new set of charges has been filed against him in South Dakota related to the same raids he is already in prison for. According to authorities in South Dakota, the state charges of third degree burglary, intentional damage to property and animal enterprise trespass were filed against Young after discussions with the state attorney general's office and the owners of the now-defunct mink ranch.

Funds are once again needed to hire an attorney in South Dakota. There is a lot on the line, as prosecutors are calling for a harsher sentence than the two years imposed on the federal level.

Please send donations to *Peter Young Support Fund* / 740A 14th St. #237 / San Francisco, CA 94114 or visit www.supportpeter.com for more information.

The SHAC 7 Conviction

[Excerpted from a longer article at www.shac7.com]

On March 2, the SHAC [Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty] 7 were found guilty of multiple federal felonies for advocating the closure of the notorious animal-testing lab Huntingdon Life Sciences. Now, all six activists face years in federal prison. All of the defendants are currently under house arrest while awaiting sentencing in June. This is the first time anyone has ever been tried under the Animal Enterprise Protection Act of 1992 (formerly known as the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act).

All of the defendants were involved in some capacity in the campaign to close Huntingdon Life Sciences, a contract research lab with one facility in New Jersey and two in England. Horrendous acts of cruelty to animals at the lab were exposed in five different undercover investigations. Video footage showed workers punching beagles in the face, dissecting live monkeys, falsifying scientific data, and violating countless sections of the animal welfare act. Since 1999, activists have campaigned globally against the lab, bringing it to the brink of closure.

With the many successes of the campaign, it was only a matter of time before those involved faced serious repression. After several hearings before Congress brought governmental pressure to bear, a New Jersey federal grand jury indicted seven individuals and the organization Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty USA on charges of animal enterprise terrorism under the Animal Enterprise Protection Act on May 26, 2004. Also included in the indictment were charges of interstate stalking and conspiracy to use a telecommunications device to harass others.

The Indictment

Originally, seven individuals were charged, along with the organization Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty USA. The individuals were Kevin Kjonaas, Lauren Gazzola, Jacob Conroy, Joshua Harper, Andrew Stepanian, Darius Fullmer, and John McGee. McGee was eventually dropped from the case.

All of the defendants were charged with conspiracy to violate the Animal Enterprise Protection Act, a never-before-applied 1992 statute. Kjonaas, Gazzola, Conroy, and Harper were also charged with conspiracy to harass using a telecommunications device (sending black faxes). Kjonaas, Gazzola, Conroy, and SHAC USA were charged with conspiracy to commit interstate stalking and three counts of interstate stalking via the Internet.

While the charges themselves sound alarming, the defendants are not actually accused of having personally engaged in terrorist or threatening acts. Instead, the government's case centers around the idea that aboveground organizers of a campaign are responsible for any and all acts that anyone engages in while furthering the goals of the organizers. In this case, the claim is that the SHAC7 should be imprisoned because anonymous animal liberationists took illegal actions against companies with ties to Huntingdon Life Sciences.

The Return of the Political Conspiracy Charge

Three of the six charges listed in the indictment were conspiracy counts. In fact, half the defendants only faced conspiracy charges. A conspiracy charge is typically very vague, very difficult to prove, and yet very easy to imply guilt of. These sorts of charges have a long history of use for political purposes during periods when an administration is in power that wants to curtail protest activity.

During the 1960s, conspiracy charges were used to target anti-war protestors and resulted in the conviction of Dr. Spock merely for speaking out against the draft and supporting resistance to the Vietnam War. In a similar case in 1969, a grand jury indicted eight activists on conspiracy and incitement charges for their part in protesting the 1968 Democratic National Convention.

In the SHAC7 case, the defendants were accused of having conspired to incite others to break the law in pursuit of the goal of shutting down HLS

What Now?

After being convicted of all charges, the defendants now face significant time in prison. The two defendants convicted of only one charge may be sentenced to up to a year in federal prison, and the others will likely face sentences of five to ten years.

Appealing the verdict will be a lengthy—and costly—process. For the defendants, this means potentially being imprisoned for years before it is possible the verdict could be overturned.

The defendants desperately need our support—both financially to cover the costs of the appeal process and morally to help them through these difficult and trying times. For more information on how you can help support the SHAC7, please visit www.shac7.com.

Donations may be sent to SHAC 7 c/o NJARA / PO Box 174 / Englishtown, NJ 07726



A few words about this newsletter:

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We do hope nevertheless to integrate other perspectives than our own, and we encourage others to contribute to this newsletter. For better or for worse, this newsletter has no fixed, regular publication schedule—we'll do what we can, when we can. Furthermore, we will not necessarily print all material received. We do, however, appreciate both any writing and feedback you care to offer. Please do not assume the "security" of any information passed along to us—this matter is your personal responsibility, not that of the editors.

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Obviously, this newsletter is intended for educational and entertainment purposes, corresponding with the strictest legality, only. Just say "no" to anyone who would tell you otherwise.

Our second issue is dedicated to the memory of Beth O'Brien, also known as "Horehound," who died April 12, 2002, after falling from a tree-sit at Eagle Creek. (The timber sale there was officially cancelled mere days after Horehound's death.) A warm and talented person, Horehound continues to be missed both in Portland and in all the other communities where she lived. Rest in peace, friend.

International Weekend of Resistance Against the Green Scare

June 9 - 11, 2006

*Call for Weekend of Resistance Against
the "Green Scare" June 9 - 11, 2006*
by Jeff "Free" Luers

This June marks my 6th year in prison. From behind these walls I have strived to remain an active part of this struggle; from contributing to the dialogue and discussion of tactics, to furthering the debate on climate change in the public. Perhaps most importantly I am proof that prison cannot crush the spirit of resistance.

This year has seen an increase in state repression against activists and radicals alike. It is truly a scary time. We all know about the "Red Scare"—the government's attempt to justify repression by labeling dissidents "communists" back in the 1950's. Today we see their "Green Scare" attempt to crush resistance by labeling them "eco-terrorists."

For the last three years, June 11th has been celebrated as an international day of solidarity with me, Jeffrey Luers. I have been overjoyed with a sense of love & pride at the support I have received from around the world. My deepest and sincerest thanks go out to all of you.

Right now there are more than a dozen people sitting in American jails (or on strict bail release) accused of Earth/Animal Liberation Front actions. Six people were originally arrested. These arrests were based almost entirely on the testimony of one police informant, Jacob Ferguson. Bill Rodgers—accused of multiple arsons—took his own life in a jail cell. Unfortunately, several of those arrested are now cooperating with the state.

These defendants are facing ridiculous charges and a draconian amount of time.

This June, I ask you to show them the solidarity that you have shown me. I ask that foremost in your mind be the thought that the state is trying to break

this struggle with repressive and intimidating arrests and sentences. I hope you understand that it's not just those of us in prison being punished with these sentences; they are designed to be examples to you, to frighten you into compliance. This June I'm asking you to demonstrate that you can't be intimidated. Celebrate your dissent, give it voice. Be loud. Be visible. If you have the ability, organize a reclaim the streets party or a critical mass.

If you are going to host a fundraiser or venue event, I ask that you donate all proceeds to the legal defense of those recently arrested who maintain integrity in the face of repression, whether they are innocent or guilty.

This June, show the world that the voice of truth will not be silenced by fear.



Contact: *Friends of Jeff Luers* / PO Box 3 / Eugene, OR 97440 or email freefreenow@mutualaid.org for organizing resources.