

Free the Cuban Five

Unjustly imprisoned in the United States



Gerardo

Who Are the Cuban Five?

The Cuban Five are five Cuban men in U.S. prison, serving four life sentences and 77 years collectively, after being unjustly convicted in U.S. federal court in Miami, on June 8, 2001.

They are Gerardo Hernández, Antonio Guerrero, Ramón Labañino, Fernando González and René González.



Antonio

The Five were falsely accused by the U.S. government of conspiring to commit espionage on the United States, and other related charges.

But the Five never engaged nor planned to engage in espionage. They were only monitoring the actions of Miami-based terrorist groups, to stop terrorist attacks on Cuba.

The Five harmed no one and neither used nor even possessed any weapons while in the United States.



Ramón

The Cuban Five's mission: to stop terrorism

For more than 40 years, anti-Cuba terrorist organizations based in Miami and financed by the CIA, have engaged in countless terrorist attacks against Cuba, and against anyone who calls for normal relations between the U.S. and Cuba. More than 3,400 Cubans have died as a result of these terrorists' attacks.

The Miami terrorists operate with complete impunity inside the United States to attack Cuba—with the knowledge and support of the FBI, Homeland Security and the CIA.

In the early 1990s, with the U.S. refusing to apprehend the Miami terrorists, Cuba sent the Five to Miami to monitor the terrorists. The Cuban Five infiltrated the terrorist organizations and successfully stopped many plots.

Cuban and American lives were saved.

But instead of arresting the terrorists, the FBI arrested the Cuban Five ANTI-terrorists, on Sept. 12, 1998.

The Five were illegally held in solitary confinement for 17 months in Miami's federal detention center, unable to properly prepare a defense.

During the seven-month trial based in Miami, a virtual witchhunt atmosphere existed.



Fernando



René

Despite five defense motions for a change of venue out of Miami, the judge denied the Five their right to be tried free from the prevalent anti-Cuba hysteria in Miami.

In a blow to justice, the Cuban Five were convicted June 8, 2001 and sentenced to four life terms and 77 years in Dec. 2001.

A new trial is granted, then a surprise reversal

On August 9, 2005, the Cuban Five won an unprecedented victory on appeal—the overturning of their convictions and the right to a new trial. A three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled unanimously that a "Perfect Storm" of prejudice and a history of anti-Cuba terrorism in Miami, along with prosecutorial misconduct, denied the Five their constitutional rights.

However, in an unexpected development, the 11th Circuit Court agreed to hear the U.S. prosecutors' appeal before all 12 judges in what is called an "en banc" hearing.

The struggle continues

On August 9, 2006, the 11th Circuit full panel affirmed the district court's refusal to change venue and denied the Five a new trial. This decision was an outrage and further travesty of justice.

On Aug. 20, 2007, oral arguments were heard over nine key issues of appeal that were remanded back to the three-judge panel for its consideration. We await a decision.

Your support is needed to win the Five's Freedom

The National Committee to Free the Cuban Five asks all people who believe in justice to join in the campaign to win their freedom. You can help raise awareness of their struggle. Become an organizer. Make a donation. Organize a public event or house meeting for your friends. Help get the word out!

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*Letters and cards of support are welcomed
by Gerardo, Antonio, Ramón, Fernando and René.*

You can write to them in Spanish or English. They are fluent in both.

**"Ours may be one of the most ridiculous accusations of espionage
in the history of this country."**

Gerardo Hernández • #58739-004 • U.S.P. Victorville • P.O. Box 5500 • Adelanto, CA 92301

**"... My beloved brothers and I must be unjustly kept in prison, but there
we shall not cease from defending the cause and the principles we have embraced."**

Antonio Guerrero • #58741-004 • U.S.P. Florence • P.O. Box 7000 • Florence CO 81226

**"If preventing the deaths of innocent human beings ...
and preventing a senseless invasion of Cuba is the reason
I am being sentenced today, then let that sentence be welcomed."**

Ramón Labañino • #58734-004 • U.S.P. Beaumont • P.O. Box 26030 • Beaumont TX 77720-6035

(NOTE: the envelope should be addressed to "Luís Medina,"
but address the letter inside to Ramón)

**"... I simply want to reiterate that at no time did I endanger the national security
of the United States, nor was this ever my intent, or that of my comrades."**

Fernando González • #58733-004 • F.C.I. Terre Haute • P.O. Box 33 • Terre Haute IN 47808

(NOTE: the envelope should be addressed to "Rubén Campa,"
but address the letter inside to Fernando)

**"Our trial was converted into a propaganda campaign by the prosecutors,
stirring up prejudices against Cuba among the jurors, to achieve a conviction."**

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A Message from Mumia Abu-Jamal:

For over four decades, the U.S. empire has been waging a secret and deadly war against Cuba. They have bombed fields, poisoned grain, hijacked planes, and plotted invasion. They have trained, paid, and protected terrorists who have cost the lives of thousands of Cubans and virtually crippled their economy through a seemingly everlasting embargo. **The Cuban Five**, young men who tried to protect their people from these instances of U.S. state terrorism, who have bombed no one nor planned to, who poisoned no one nor planned to, who hurt no one nor planned to, who merely reported the plotting of crimes against their people, face the full foul fury of the empire's judiciary for trying to stop crimes.

We must all, all of us, protest the unjust convictions of René González, Fernando González, Antonio Guerrero, Gerardo Hernández, and Ramón Labañino. Free the Cuban Five.

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