

# Political Prisoners' Birthdays in January

January 4th, 1963

**Siddique Abdullah Hasan**

#R130559

Ohio State Penitentiary

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Youngstown, Ohio 44505

[denverabc.wordpress.com](http://denverabc.wordpress.com)

*Address envelope to Carlos A. Sanders.* In April of 1993 hundreds of prisoners at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility took control of one of the facility's wings for 11 days before it was forcibly taken back over. The rebellion was composed of a temporarily united front of prisoners across racial, religious, and gang divisions that produced 21 demands centered around basic human rights. Siddique Abdullah Hasan and other prison activists were unjustly charged and convicted of murder during the uprising, and have been in solitary confinement and/or on Death Row for over 19 years.

Send a birthday card to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember: don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities "lose" the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at [ppbirthday@riseup.net](mailto:ppbirthday@riseup.net). Brought to you with love by the Chapel Hill Prison Books Collective. For a pdf of the poster or news and updates about anti-prison struggles, visit: [prisonbooks.info](http://prisonbooks.info)

January 6, 1943

**Oscar Lopez Rivera**

87651-024

U.S.P. Terre Haute

P.O. Box 33

Terre Haute, IN 47801

[boricuahumanrights.org](http://boricuahumanrights.org)

Oscar Lopez Rivera is a Puerto Rican Independista and political prisoner serving 70 years for seditious conspiracy. He is the only remaining Independista remaining behind bars, the other eleven were granted clemency by President Clinton.

January 8th, 1985

**Jeremy Hammond**

18729-424

FDC Philadelphia

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Philadelphia, PA 19105

[freejeremy.net](http://freejeremy.net)

Jeremy Hammond, a former member of the hacking network Anonymous is a gifted young anarchist computer programmer sentenced to a decade in prison for leaking information from the private intelligence firm Strategic Forecasting. The leaks revealed that Stratfor had been spying on human rights activists at the behest of corporations and the U.S. government.

January 14, 1937

**Sundiata Acoli**

39794-066

FCI Cumberland

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*Address envelope to Clark Squire.* Sundiata Acoli is a New Afrikan political prisoner of war. A tireless worker for black liberation, Sundiata was a prominent member of the Harlem chapter of the Black Panther Party. Continually targeted by the FBI's illegal CoIntelPro operation, Sundiata went underground with the Black Liberation Army. In 1973 he, Zayd and Assata Shakur were ambushed by New Jersey state troopers. Zayd Shakur was killed, while Assata was wounded and taken into custody. One state trooper was killed in the attack and another injured. In a politically charged and biased trial Sundiata was sentenced to life plus 30 years.

January 15, 1946

**Joseph "JoeJoe" Bowen**

AM-4272

1 Kelley Drive

Coal Township, PA 17866-1021

[thejerichomovement.com](http://thejerichomovement.com)

"Joe-Joe" Bowen is a Black Liberation Army Prisoner of War, serving two life sentences for the assassination of a prison warden and deputy warden, as well as an attempted prison break which resulted in a five-day standoff.

January 26th 1962

**Marius Mason**

#04672-061

FMC Carswell

Federal Medical Center

P.O. Box 27137

Fort Worth, TX 76127

[supportmariemason.org](http://supportmariemason.org)

*Address envelope to Marie Mason.* Marius Mason is serving 21 years and 10 months for his involvement in an ELF arson against a university building carrying out genetically modified crop tests. He also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out Earth Liberation Front actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions.

January 14, 1948

**Herman Bell**

79-C-0262

Great Meadow Correctional Facility

11739 State Route 22

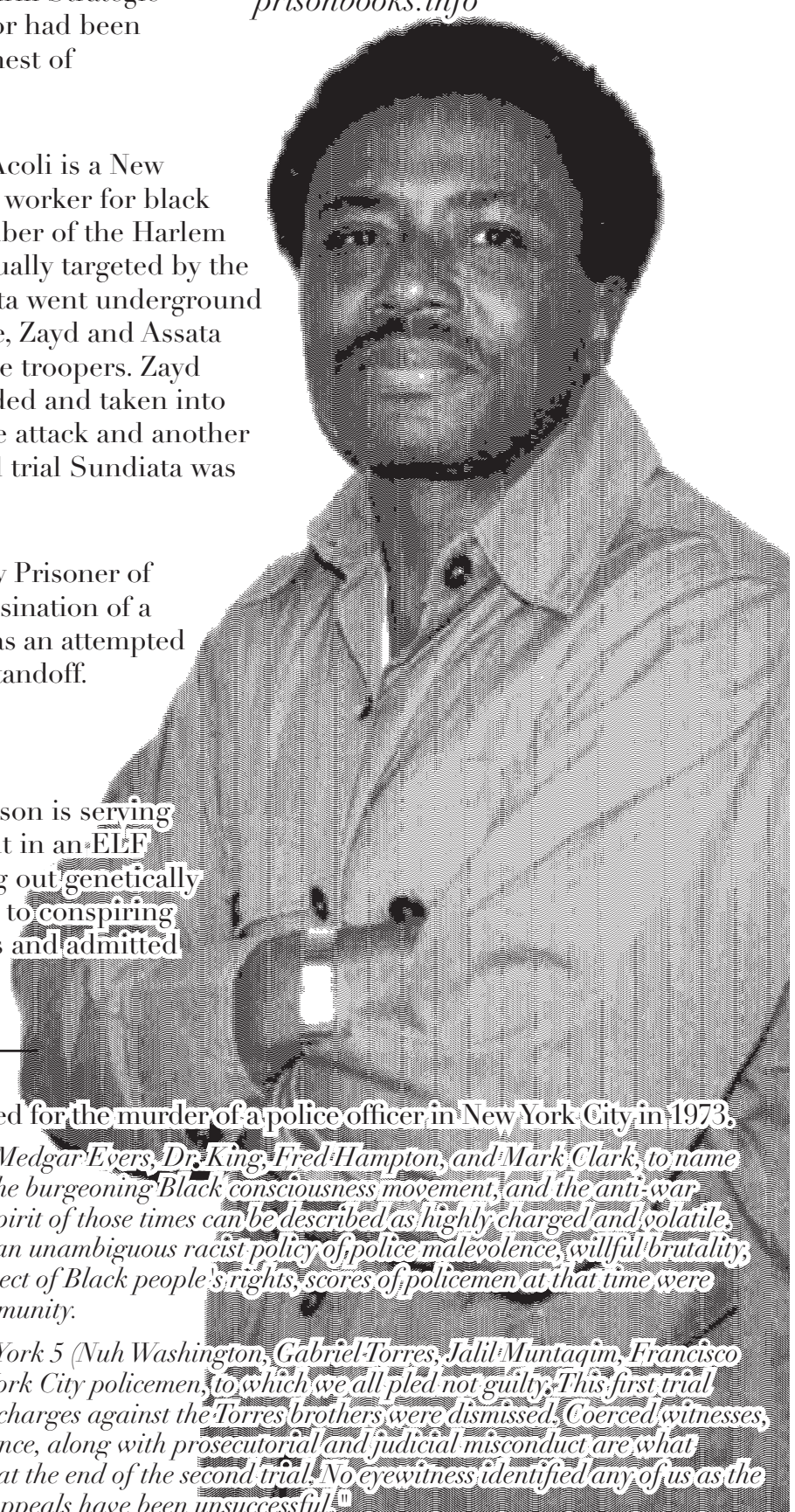
P.O. Box 51

Comstock, NY 12821-0051

[freehermanbell.org](http://freehermanbell.org)

Herman Bell is a former Black Panther framed for the murder of a police officer in New York City in 1973. "In the aftermath of the murders of Malcolm X, Medgar Evers, Dr. King, Fred Hampton, and Mark Clark, to name a few, coupled with the Civil Rights movement, the burgeoning Black consciousness movement, and the anti-war movement of the 1960s and 1970s, the tone and spirit of those times can be described as highly charged and volatile. And in the wake of what had been perceived as an unambiguous racist policy of police malevolence, willful brutality, excessive use of deadly force and general disrespect of Black people's rights, scores of policemen at that time were seriously injured or fatally shot in the Black community.

I come out of that time period. In 1974, the New York 5 (Nuh Washington, Gabriel Torres, Jalil Muntaqim, Francisco Torres, and me) stood trial for killing two New York City policemen, to which we all pled not guilty. This first trial resulted in a hung jury. During the second trial, charges against the Torres brothers were dismissed. Coerced witnesses, manufactured and circumstantial material evidence, along with prosecutorial and judicial misconduct are what persuaded the jury to convict me, Nuh, and Jalil at the end of the second trial. No eyewitness identified any of us as the assailants. Years and years of state and federal appeals have been unsuccessful."



# They are in there We are out here for Us, for Them:

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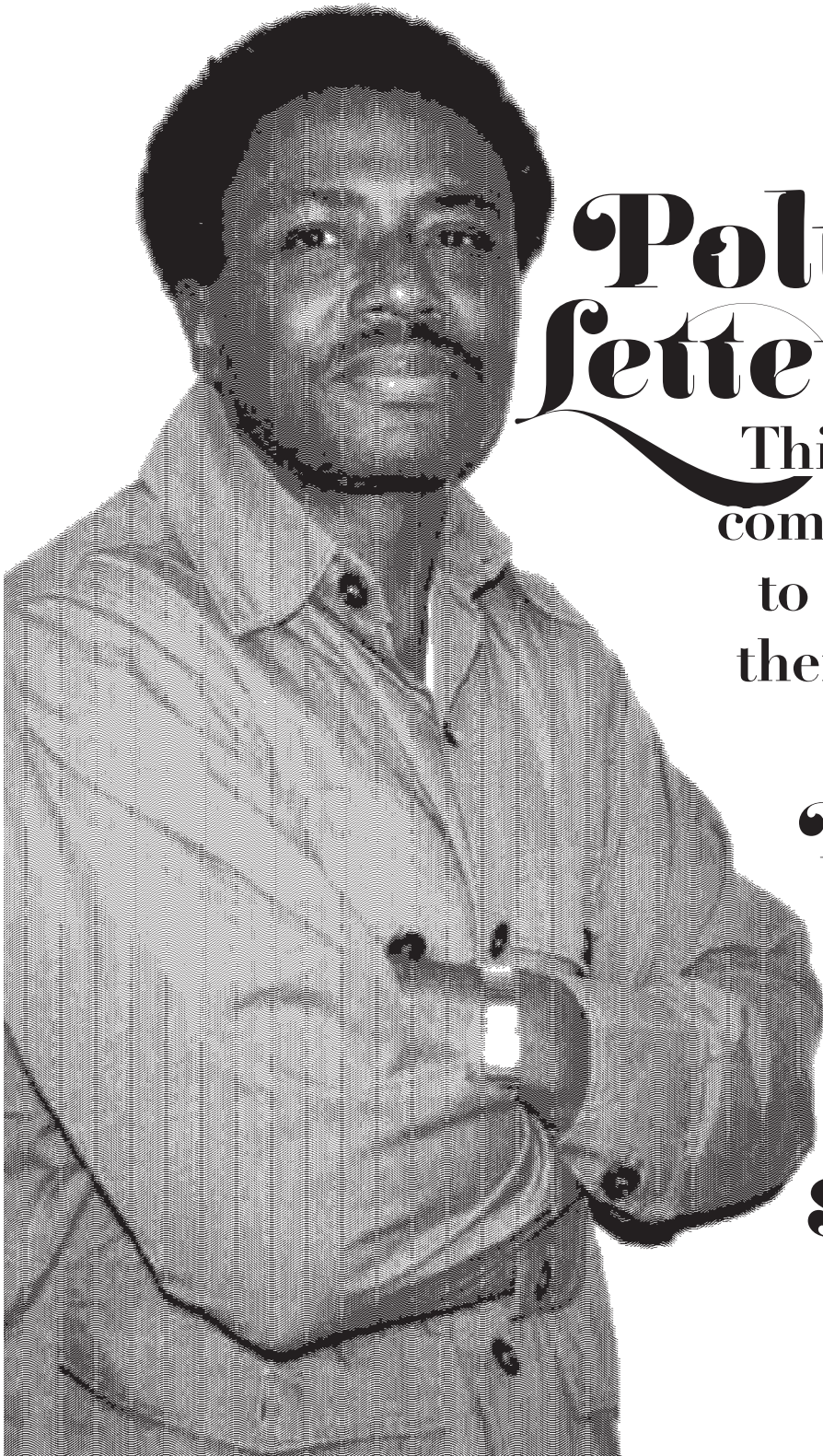
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## Political Prisoner Letter Writing Night

This January, join others in your community to send birthday cards to political prisoners to remind them that they are not forgotten.

**Time:**

**Date:**

**Sponsoring Organization:**

Herman Bell

Black Panther imprisoned for 41 years