

POLITICAL PRISONERS' BIRTHDAYS IN JANUARY

"Let us seek the feeling of a prisoner taking a sledgehammer to her cell."

**WILLIAM PHILLIPS AFRICA**

AM4984
SCI Dallas
Follies Road, Drawer K
Dallas, PA 18612
January 1, 1956

William is one of the people who make up the MOVE 9. There are currently eight MOVE activists in prison each serving 100 years after being framed for the murder of a cop in 1979. The 9th defendant, Merle Africa, died in prison in 1998. MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group dedicated to liberation struggles.

www.onamove.com

OSCAR LOPEZ RIVERA

87651-024
U.S.P. Terre Haute
P.O. Box 33
Terre Haute, IN 47801
January 6, 1943

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

www.boricuahumanrights.org

SADIE (JOYANNA ZACHER)

#36360-086
FCl Dublin
5701 8th St - Camp Parks- Unit E,
Dublin, CA United States 94568
January 25th

Serving 7 years & 8 months for an ELF arson against a Poplar Tree Farm and an ELF arson against an SUV dealership. www.denverabc.wordpress.com

MATTHEW DEPALMA

#14126-041
FCl Elkton
P.O. Box 10
Lisbon, OH 44432
January 15th

DePalma is an anarchist convicted of illegally possessing Molotov cocktails allegedly intended to be used at the Republican National Convention and against the police outside the convention. Encouragement to commit the crimes and then a great deal of evidence against DePalma has come from the assistance of a paid informant. www.denverabc.wordpress.com

JOSEPH "JOE-JOE" BOWEN

AM-4272
1 Kelley Drive
Coal Township, PA 17866-1021
January 15, 1946

"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. www.thejerichomovement.com

MARIE JEANETTE MASON

#04672-061
FMC Carswell
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 27137
Fort Worth, TX 76127
January 25th

Serving 21 years and 10 months for her involvement in an ELF arson against a University building carrying out Genetically Modified crop tests. Marie also pleaded guilty to conspiring to carry out Earth Liberation Front actions and admitted involvement in 12 other ELF actions. www.supportmariemason.org

SUNDIATA ACOLI (C. SQUIRE)

39794-066
USP Otisville
P.O. Box 1000
Otisville, NY 10963
January 14, 1937

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 continued the struggle 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. www.sundiataacoli.org

HERMAN BELL

79-C-0262
Sullivan Correctional Facility
P.O. Box 116
Fallsburg, New York 14871
January 14, 1948

Herman Bell is a former Black Panther framed for the murder of a police officer in New York and is serving 25 years in prison. www.freethesf8.org

JONATHAN PAUL

#07167-085
F.C.I. Phoenix
37910 N 45th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85086
January 31

Jonathan is serving 4.25 years for the ALF/ELF arson of a horse slaughterhouse and meat packing plant. www.supportjonathan.org