

Malik & Comrade Chino expose toxic work conditions inside Texas Prisons

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David 'Chino-' Martinez

"Our current form of Capitalism has no concept of right & wrong. It only recognizes what is profitable and what **you can get away with**. And when you have the Government, the Media* the Military, and the Police on **your payroll**, you can get away with pretty much anything."

-Modern American Proverb Socialist
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Revolutionary Greetings Comrades, Friends, and Free World Allies.

Environmental Injustices are forced upon people of color and disadvantaged minorities. This is a Fact and not a subjective feeling or statement. Recently, throughout Amerika I have noticed an increase in the exposure of what Politicized Prisoner Kerry 'Shakaboona' Marshall **call3** Environmental Racism. I don't have to expend a ton of energy attempting to explain this term all I simply have to do is quote Comrade Shakaboona in **ni3** recent short essay that appeared in Socialist Viewpoint Magazine. The essay **i3** entitled; Environmental Racism in Michigan and Shakaboona started it like this:

"Let's begin with the premise that Michigan Governor Rick Snyder must be charged with Federal and State criminal violations of criminal negligence and a hate crime, **for he knowingly forced the majority Black populated** city of Flint, Michigan to use contaminated Flint River Water, which inflicted immeasurable and irreparable injury on the populace." Kerry 'Shakaboona' Marshall
Environmental Racism in Michigan Socialist Viewpoint

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PEOPLE!!! I mention and reference Comrade Shakaboona because his journalism and revolutionary practice intersects with my work and my revolutionary practice as I strive to shed a discerning light on the corrupt practices of the State of Texas and their prison agency the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. For those of you have followed my work the Bay View published an article in their November **2015** issue which highlighted a problem we are facing in which Prison Officials and ACA inspectors attempt to cover up and down play the fact that numerous Texas Prisons have contaminated water supplies. The State of Texas brought in a State Agency to test the water at the Wallace Pack Unit located in Navasota, Texas. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality conducted tests for ARSENIC at the Wallace Pack Unit shortly after the release of my expose. This STATE AGENCY stated that the levels of ARSENIC present in the Wallace Pack Unit water supply were 'acceptable' and the water was good for human consumption. However, it is my assertion that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality **i3** a corrupt Agency rife with cronyistic practices and they will say anything the State tells them to say in order to cover-up the Scandal!

The TCEQ is not the only State Agency that works in concert with the Prison Agency -known as the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in order to downplay or cover-up instances of human rights and civil rights violations which take place inside T.D.C.J, prison facilities. For the past year or so many respectable friends of mine who have a history of being citizens committed to protecting the rights of disadvantaged minorities have filed numerous complaints with the T.D.C.J. - Ombudsman Office in an attempt to address the many instances of cruel and unusual punishment I and many other prisoners encounter while being housed within these modern (day slave camps and gulags. Time and time again we have found that these Ombudsman employees who are supposed to act as a liaison between the public and the prison agency are actually covert 'Agents' of the State who continue to lie and misinform the public, the media, and State Legislatures about conditions inside T.D.C.J.

In respect to the tainted water at the Wallace Pack Unit Professor Victor Wallis Ph.D. and Mr. John Dolley of Central Texas ABC in Austin, Texas as well as Dr. Heinz Leitner of Austria submitted many complaints on my behalf and on behalf of other prisoners who questioned the quality of the water at Pack Unit. The Ombudsman Office had numerous employees answer our complaints: Yolanda Crawford, Emma Guerra, Rosie Norman, and Jane Cockerham. They all stated that the ARSENIC tainted water was safe to drink. We discovered that Ombudsman Employee Jane Cockerham used to be a T.D.C.J, prison warden and a Regional Director. Many of us want to know whose interests Ms. Cockerham is protecting?? Can anyone say: **CRONYISM**. The responses we received were lackluster and downplayed the toxic contamination. These responses were in stark contradiction to a article written in the September 2015 edition of the PRISON LEGAL NEWS. Panagioti Tsolka the director of the Prison Ecology Project gathered credible information from a Navasota, Texas public official who stated clearly that the well which provides water for Wallace Pack Unit is contaminated with ARSENIC and T.D.C.J, and the State of Texas refused to pay the \$2 million dollars needed to replace the well so that the prisoners and guards at the Wallace Pack Unit can have access to clean and safe drinking water. When will the Public and Investigative Journalist start questioning the integrity and the motives of these corrupt employees of the T.D.C.J Ombudsman Office. Many Prisoner Rights Organizations in Texas have been pleading with Texas State Legislators to create an Independent Ombudsman made up of individuals with no connections to the T.D.C.J, prison agency but the Legislators continue to ignore the cries for transparency, fairness, and accountability of the largest State Prison System in Amerika!! How long will the mainstream Media in Texas and across the U.S. ignore this blatant violation of the Publics Trust.

KILL THE SLAVES!!!!

Approximately 2 months ago I met a latino prisoner named David "Chino¹ Martinez TDC#613186. Chino has served 23 years on a 25 year isentence and **ha3** been denied Parole numerous times despite an excellent disciplinary record and working as a slave industrial painter inside the Metal Fabrication Plant Located at the Coffield Unit which is located in Tennessee Colony, Texas

Comrade Chino Martinez shared with me how Texas Correctional Industry employees such as James C. Fields an Industrial Specialist at the Metal Fabrication Plant at Coffield Unit would force prisoners to work in toxic work environments- Mr. Fields would poke fun at prisoners who complained too much about their inability to breathe in the toxic environment produced by too many welding and painting projects in a poorly ventilated area. Chino relayed to me how the prison administration at the Coffield Unit retaliated against him when he requested a job change away from the toxic work environment. Chino's hands started to tremor as a result of breathing in the toxic and cancer causing **fume3** of the paint he was given to use by T.C.I, employees who knew the risk and potential for harm but hid **thi3** from Chino. Chino is actually awaiting a medical trip to the University of Texas Medical Branch hospital in Galveston* Texas as Chino fears he may have contracted some form of CANCER as a result of the Toxic work environment at the Metal Fabrication Plant at the Coffield Unit.

FIGHTIN BACK AGAINST THE SLAVE MASTERS!

With the help of Professor Victor Wallis Ph.D. of Berklee College School of Music* former Austrian Government Official Dr. Heinz Leitner, and Jamani

Montague of ROOTS ACTION.ORG Chino and I were able to distribute a MEDIA RELEASE that we Had crafted together which was able to shed a discerning light on the Metal Fabrication Plant at the Coffield Unit. However, we took things one step further and had our friends contact Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis (D) Houston* Texas. Senator Ellis contacted the T.D.C.J. Ombudsman Office and that was the biggest mistake he made!! The new Senior Warden at the Coffield unit Mr. Jeffery Cato intervied Comrade Chino on March 9, 2016. Accauple days later a **choreographed/ pre-orchestrated/ and staged inspection** was conducted by T.D.C.J, pr'ison officials and T.C.I, employees at the Metal Fabrication Plant. A day or two later the Fire Marshall showed up and the Plant Manager Anthony S. Carlile made the decision to suspend operations so that the inspectors would not get a true perspective and understanding of what exactly is going on there. So the T.D.C.J. Ombudsman Office reported to Senator Ellis that everything was fine and there was no problems what-so-ever with the ventilation system and the environment was safe. Chino and I have seen these type of cover-ups for years and years but we found information that would expose all the State Employees as deceptive liars!!! **Trinity Valley Community College** operates a welding school at the Metal Fabrication Plant complex which is located on the property of the Coffield Unit. The welding school instructor aaunan named Mr. Ellis has complained about the lack of quality ventilation for a year and a half!! Mr. Ellis turned in major work order requests to the Safety Department at the Coffield Unit and his **plea3** for improved ventilation were totally ignored! Here in this stunning expose is a excerpt from the most recent Ombudsman Complaint submitted on behalf of David 'Chino¹ Martinez. Here is that excerpt:
Excerpt of most recent Ombudsman Complaint submitted in April 2016:

"Toxic & Hazardous Work Environment- David Stated that he went many months without being issued the proper filtered Safety Mask while he painted inside the Plant. David has reported that the ventilation was so poor that his mouth would **ta3te** like paint after a day of work. David said the un-filtered fumes caused a build up of toxic black residue which was eviddnt when he blew his nose after putting in 10 1/2 hours of work!! David has said the wiewlding departments have a faulty ventilation system which causes everyone to breathe in toxic fumes. However, one of the most glaring deficiencies which smack of an elaborate cover-up is the lack of **surveillance cameras** inside this extremely sensitive work area located at a **Maximum Security Prison In Texas!**

David reports that a couple of years ago T.D.C.J, spent thousands of dollars to install a state of the art Surveillance Camera System at the Coffield Unit. David states that these cameras are everywhere. There are cameras in the shower area where prisoners are routinely naked(they are 3ammed in the showers like barn animALS) canieras in the hall-ways, cameras inthe aay room areas , these sophisticated cameras can even see in prisoners cells!!! But in the **Metal Fabrication Plant where sensitive metal cutting and metal sharpening tools are present there is NOT ONE CAMERA!!**

My'uquestion that I'd like to pose to T.D.C.J., T.C.I., and our Legislators who sit on the House Corrections Committee and the Senate Criminal Justice Committee is "What do these prison profiteers have to HIDE?". Could it be they are trying to cover-up th° many safety violations, environmental hazards, and unsafe practices which David has reported about? Or could it be the deceptive business practices of T.C.I, and T.D.C.J, employees who continue to exploit prison laborers **who work for nothing!?** David reports that T.D.C.J, and T.C.I, employees are constantly bringing in personal **'Special Projects'** for the prisoners to work on. I thought T.D.C.J, had rules and policies which prohibit employees from personally benefitting from Inmate Labor?" end of excerpt...

We are awaiting a response to this complaint and we should have a response by the time that this expose goes to print. A T.C.I, employee actually heard about the report that Chino and I were putting together and this State Employee actually gave us a label from the Toxic Paint that Chino used for months and months as he slaved in the Metal Fabrication Plant on the Coffield Unit. The label reads as follows: **Delayed effects from long term Overexposure. Contains Solvents which can cause permanent brain and nervous system Damage.** The Label reads further: **Warning: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause Cancer and Birth Defects or other reproductive harm.**

Brothers and Sisters do you realize how explosive this evidence is?? This means that if it is actually proven that the ventilation is inadequate at **this** Metal Fabrication Plant it will open the door for Million Dollar Civil Lawsuits. But do you realize that the State of Texas has crafted laws which keep Federal Occupational Safety Agencies like OSHA from stepping foot in this toxic work place????!! The prisoners have to rely on corrupt prison agents to keep them safe don't you see the problem that exists here???

WE ARE NOT SLAVES WE ARE WORKERS!!

Comrades* no-one cares about the health* welfare* or safety of prisoners who work for free in the State of Texas. This expose is just another facet of our multi-faceted campaign to END PRISON SLAVERY IN TEXAS! We are not Slaves we Are Workers and we are entitled to be treated with dignity and respect. We deserve to be paid for our Labor. Do you realize that Texas Prisons is the only prison system that is represented on the Stock Exchange?? Prisoners are viewed and treated as commodities in Texas not human Beings. Do you think that any reporter will bring this up to Senator Ted Cruz as he attempts to represent himself as a integrity filled Servant of the People??? He is nothing more than a racist capitalist liar, a person who enjoys exploiting the poor masses who toil away in the Slave Camps and Gulags in Texas. Does anyone think the U.S. Government will intercede on our behalf?? Maybe they will come down here and perform a thorough fact finding investigation??? Who will protect the Workers??

Comrades* there is not no help coming from the oppressor!!!! And for this reason I have decided to join^my Minister of Defense Kevin 'Rashid' Johnson and I have officially joined the Industrial Workers of the World and the Incarcerated Workers Organization Committee. The State of Texas and the corrupt agency T.C.I, won't protect prison workers they have classified us as Slaves!! We must get with organizations that promote and protect the rights and lives Of the WORKERS!!!

For those of you in the Free-World who are concerned about the toxic environments prisoners in Texas are forced to work in* I urge you to visit **ROOTS ACTION.ORG** view some of the petitions they have created. In fact the petitions were crafted by Roots Action.Org intern Ms. Jamani Montague! !! If you want to really help us: Contact Senator Rodney **Ellis** via **e-mail: rodney.ellis@rodneyellis.com** Ask the Senator to visit Coffield Unit and ask him to interview David 'Chino' Martinez, Mr. Ellis the Trinity Valley Community'.Colleg Welding instructor* and ask him to interview ME Comrade Malik!! Comrades* the END PRISON SLAVERY IN TEXAS CAMPAIGN IS REAL!!! Please visit us at <http://facebook.com/comraderaalik.com> and support us as we prepare to face off with the State of Texas in Federal Court challenging this Modern day Slave Empire. In the year 2016 don't you think that the United States of Amerika should Amend the 13th Aaiendment to finally ABOLISH ALL FORMS OF SLAVERY?? **DARE TO STRUGGLE. DARE TO WIN, ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

Sister Mary When you get time Please share this EXPOSE with Jamani Montague of Roots Action, org Michael Novick of Turning The Tide and definitely be sure to share with Panagioti Tsolkas at the Prison Legal News' --Prison Ecology Project We need all the exposure we can get but the Bay View is where I g>ot my big break in Revolutionary Investigative Journalism and the Bay View has exclusive rights to ray work I want to do all I can in Making the Bay View a must read for Activists across the Nation. Thank God for you and Dr. Willie I love and respect you both.----- Oh yeah if you have any media contacts in Houston* TX Please ask them to Post or Publish this shocking expose!!!!

MEDIA RELEASE! For Roots Action.org as well as Multiple Media Outlets and Internet sites.

Please Help End Prison Slavery in Texas Now!

**A Message from End Prison Slavery in Texas Spokesperson:
Keith 'Malik' Washington and Aaron Dyson**

My name is Aaron Dyson I am a White Male Prisoner housed in the same prison as Keith 'malik' Washington. I stand in Solidarity with Malik as he confronts the Slave Plantation System operated by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Please help us end Prison Slavery in Texas and **BEYOND!!**

"The probability that we may fail in the struggle ought not to deter us from the support of a cause we believe to be just." -Abraham Lincoln

A famous quote from a man most known in our history for his incumbency during the Civil War to end slavery. Although President Lincoln's union came out victorious in 1864, the United States still suffers from pockets of resistance one-hundred and fifty years later. Texas, one of the eleven Confederate states during that era, still practices slavery on U.S. citizens confined in its state prisons. As one of only two states to still practice this large scale of servitude, Texas finds itself out of step with the rest of the country on the appropriate treatment of its people.

Inmates confined in the Texas prison system are provided with a "Time Sheet" showing all of the relevant information concerning their sentence, time completed, and parole date. On this sheet, inmates can also observe the "Good Time" and "Work Time" they have accumulated over the course of their incarceration. This "Good Time" and "Work Time" are TDCJ's way to compensate inmates for their good behavior and more importantly, their labor. To one observing this paperwork, this would appear to be a fair system; Stay out of trouble and work for the prison system and accumulate the time from these two categories with your completed flat time and make it home early. This certainly sounds good, but unfortunately this "Good Time"- "Work Time" system TDCJ has in place is nothing more than a paper trail. I read once where someone had said this system is equivalent to giving a starving child an empty bowl. The question should arise: Why does TDCJ give its prisoners time sheets reflecting "Good Time" and "Work Time" if it is not a tool to be used towards their early release? This system certainly had to originate for a far higher purpose~~ness~~ than the nothingness it is being used for. The proof in this is demonstrated with each inmate's release as they are **forced** to sign away their accumulated "Good Time" and "Work Time" before they are released. Allow me to repeat that. Inmates are **forced** to sign away the time they have earned before the Texas prison system will release them.

Without legitimate compensation for labor it can only be deemed as slavery. There are only two ways to rectify this grave injustice our citizens confined in the Texas prison system are being forced to endure. Pay them for their labor, or compensate them with "Work Time" that is just as meaningful as their flat time.

1. Paying prisoners for their labor enables them to not only better provide for themselves in prison, but enables them to pay on outstanding bills such as child support and court fees by garnishing part of their wages. In turn, this will give relief to the constant incurring cost in tax dollars.

2. Compensating prisoners for their labor through a legitimate "Work Time" system grants them the opportunity to be reviewed early by parole and released back into society. This system also relieves state tax payers through the simple fact that an earned early release is one less prisoner they have to pay for.

Slavery is very real here in the state of Texas and is a practice that will remain until it is put to a stop. Strength in numbers can achieve anything and it is for that that we ask for your support in standing against Texas' slave labor.

"Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." -Martin Luther King Jr.

Sisters and Brothers most of the words that you have read here are Aaron's not mine. And here is a photo of Aaron and his Dad. I want you to know that there are many families who suffer and that are destroyed on account of T.D.C.J.'s oppressive policies. At this moment I am being targeted by T.D.C.J., the Texas Attorney General Office and numerous other State Agencies. Never have I advocated violence or Gang Activity NEVER!!! But what I do advocate for is the Humane treatment of Prisoners Across America!! I boldly speak Truth to Power and I will continue to do so until death overtakes me. Texas is pulling out every stop in order to silence my voice. Petitions are great!! But we need E-mails, Protests, Radio Announcements, and MEDIA EXPOSURE. I desperately need Legal Help. If you are a person who is passionate about protecting the Human and Civil Rights of ALL Human Beings then this is for you!! This is your Fight!! Please send me any words of encouragement or a letter of support. You can write me or Aaron at the following address or you can J-Pay us just visit J-Pay.com. The Movement to End Prison Slavery is so much bigger than just Texas but since Texas has the largest State Prison system in the United States, it sure seems like a good place to start!! Think about Aaron's words and let them resonate in your heart, mind, and Soul. Is this the America we want our children to inherit or can we make it better--together???

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