



## The Queen Verse the State

Although it is the fortieth anniversary of the Black Panther Party and our community is celebrating Black History Month, I'm very worried about my Black Panthers who are reaching their golden years and are disabled. It seems I just wrote about Malcolm Samuel, a local Black Panther with a disability who was rounded up by Berkeley's police and died in prison for no reason in 2005. Now one of our queens of the US's Black community has been dethrone by the state and left homeless.

Queen Mama Khandi of Ohio is one of our living treasures like Malcolm Samuel was however the state has always tried to weaken our leaders. Although Malcolm & Queen Mama Khandi were thousands of miles apart; they have common elements they shared, both Panthers, both disabled and both victims of prison, police abuse and both turned away from social service agencies. Although Malcolm is with our ancestors, we still have time to help Queen Mama Khandi regain her thrown to her queen Dom. I was contacted by Queen Mama Khandi's friends who reached out to me on her behalf to help get her story of oppression, discrimination and down right racist and disabilist practice of the state of Ohio toward a long standing Black Panther, disabled activists, artist and entrepreneur. Mama Khandi is physically disabled, a diabetic and wears a full back brace.

Just like Malcolm, Mama Khandi is a musician and joined the Black Panther Party early in her youth. This was the same time Mumia Abu Jamal joined. They attended the same broadcasting school. She was a MOVE family Afrika supporter and played a key role in organizing the members after MOVE was bombed. At that time her house was raided by police on horseback trampling three of her daughters and was beaten into a miscarriage. Queen Mama Khandi co-founded several independent Afriikan schools in Philly and two cities in Ohio. She has also co-founded various organizations: frikan-amerikan Cultural Center in Millville, NJ, Church of the Afrikan Sons and Daughters of Sampson, COASADOS. COASADOS has been of monetary, resource and material support of various freedom fighters, POWs and political prisoners. Queen Mama Khandi has delivered

Black babies at her home for Black women for over 32 years. While disabled and homeless, she graduated magna cum laud from Central State as the first Black woman.

The above profile of Mama Khandi is only a peek-a-boo of the talented activist\artist so why has the state of Ohio completely destroyed her Afriiken queendom? Mama Khandi, who spent her days around and working with children was accused of child abuse... by two white ladies in her neighborhood. On January 13, 2002, Mama Khandi was half asleep in her own bed when the police barged in with no search warrant and told her to get dress. The police threaten her saying that they will pull her out of bed and take her to jail naked. The arresting detective tried to trick her in signing her rights away. She was not told why or what she was charged for and was taken to jail in her wheelchair but the cops could not wait till Mama Khandi got on her brace. Her bail bond was \$850,000. She was contacted by housing authority while in jail telling her that her voucher was being taken from her because “head of household is not in the home” and being in jail constitutes her having “somewhere else to live.”

It was very hard for me to read Khandi’s letters. She wrote about her emergency situation she has been forced into. Mama Khandi was consistently taunted and abused in jail by guards and other staff. Malcolm died in prison because of a lack of medical care for his diabetes and Mama Khandi came very close to following in Malcolm shoes by the hands of prison guards and a lack of accurate medical care and a specialize dietary foods. After being in solitary confinement where she didn’t receive physical therapy, her back brace, her wheelchair, medicine, warm clothes causing her disability to worsen plus she lost half of her weight in her six months in solitary confinement. In her letters to me, Mama Khandi went into details of the physical abuse she went through while in prison. Read her website link below.

Mama Khandi’s health case manager explained to the judge that if something didn’t change soon then they will have a dead prisoner on their hands. In November of 2002 Mama Khandi was released from jail on \$40,000 bond and place on house arrest. For almost three years Mama Khandi has been trying to get her section eight and disability income back. She was staying with friends until she was forced to leave and her friends kept her personal belongings on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2003. In November of the same year the house arrest was finally removed and criminal trail began. Jury

found Mama Khandi NOT GUILTY of kidnapping, NOT GUILTY of abduction and split 10-2 in favor of NOT GUILTY on child endangerment. However she still is not allowed to see her son.

In a recent email from Mama Khandi she is in the middle of representing herself in civil court, small claims court, juvenile court, criminal court, medical disability and financial...The pre-trial civil court hearing was scheduled for February 13, 2006 that she filed against the heffas who cause her all of the hardship, harm and injustice. However she also found out that she has to file another law suit on her own against section eight because many disability law offices in Ohio can't help litigate. Mama Khandi called the local Red Cross about housing but they had nothing. Same responds came from the Salvation Army. Although her history of advocacy on behalf of African Americans, Mama Khandi wrote that no local African American agencies or organizations have come forward to assist her in any way! Not even those organizations of which she is a member. It was sad when I read this but not surprising that only agencies and organizations who have come to her aid are all WHITE and organizations that advocate for people who are disabled and those are all WHITE run too.

So as we celebrate Black History Month and the Black Panther Party's fortieth anniversary lets practice what we preach. Help restore Queen Mama Khandi to her throne. This is only a short version of what Mama Khandi has shared with me about the injustice the state has poured on her. To read her full story, view prison letters, her art and listen to Mama Khandi's music go to her website at

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By Leroy F. Moore & Queen Mama Khandi

# **There is no Summer in Jail**

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There is no warmth behind cinderblock walls; leaks from the ceiling constantly falls; flooding solitary confinement jail cells to make a change, deputies are not compelled

Iron metal beds, upon which We sleep, concrete floors, inmates pace and creep. Metal ceilings, tables, benches and stools; deputies insult intelligence & condescend as if We are fools.

There is no distinction between innocent or guilt; upon corruption and oppression, this genocidal system is built. Inmates and deputies, to each other they cuss; fights, arguments, unjust treatment and fuss.

A paradigm most imperialistic and strange. This place is enough to make someone deranged. It's cold in treatment and temperament alike. Lights on at all times, robs melanin battery at night.

Ceretonin/Melanin imbalance is thusly enforced; acid over Alkaline, giving inmates no choice. Poor - nutrition, medical, rehab - a joke. All - so sickening, robbing body and spirit - to choke.

Nothing allowed that's living can be, in anyone's cell; considered contraband - not even a shrine w/me.

i trust the Almighty, in spite of all, will prevail; cause truth be told,

**THERE IS NO SUMMER IN JAIL!**

By Queen Mama Khandi from her website