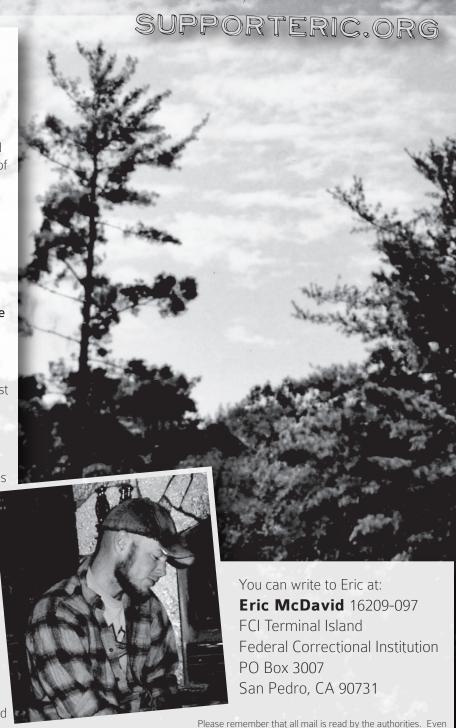
HELP SUPPORT ERIC MCDAVID

ric McDavid was arrested on January 13, 2006, as part of the government's ongoing Green Scare campaign against environmental and animal rights activists. He was imprisoned for what amounts to a most potent example of thought-crime — no actions were ever carried out, and Eric was charged with a single count of "conspiracy" ("Conspiracy to damage and destroy property by fire and an explosive") — a powerful legal tool often used by the state to crush dissent.

His arrest was the direct result of **a government informant** – known only as "Anna" – who spent a year and a half drawing him in and **working with the FBI to fabricate a crime and implicate Eric** in it. Anna was paid over\$65,000 for her work with the FBI.

Eric's case is a clear-cut example of entrapment, and he fought the charges against him on those grounds at trial in September of 2007. After a trial riddled with errors, lies and blunders on the part of the government, a jury found Eric guilty. Many of those same jurors later made damning statements about the FBI's handling of the case, and two of them submitted declarations to the court stating that they believed Eric deserved a new trial. None of this can change the fact that Eric has been convicted of a crime that was never committed.

In May of 2008 Eric was sentenced to an outrageous 19 years and 7 months in prison. At the time, it was the longest standing sentence of any prisoner in the US. Unfortunately, Eric's case and sentencing seem to have set a precedent for such injustice, and others have since been sentenced to similarly outrageous time in prison.



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