

TIDES OF FLAME

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In Silence
WE ROAR

Updates on Pacific Northwest
Grand Jury Resistance

FREE MATT DURAN



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Tides of Flame is a biweekly periodical which is part of an ongoing project of anarchist analysis and practice within the Puget Sound area.

We strive to live lives of joy, freedom, and rebellion, and for this, we are criminals.



*Who will revive the
violent whirlpools
of flame
if not us and those
that we consider
brothers?*

Come!

*New friends:
this will please you.
We will never work,
oh tides of flame!*

**THIS WORLD
WILL EXPLODE.**

- A. Rimbaud

FRIENDS AND COMRADES, MY NAME IS MATT DURAN* AND I WILL DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO RESIST THIS GRAND JURY.

I'm releasing this as it's come to my attention that the strategy my lawyer and I have been working under will more than likely not work; the prosecution wants to grant me immunity before I even have a chance to testify. I want to make it clear that I am in no way ever cooperating with the state now or ever. Anyone who knows me well enough to be a close friend knows that I will fight with my political allies and for them with every fiber of my being. If I ever did cooperate, it would bring an immeasurable amount of shame upon myself, my community, and my family as they have risked more in resistance than I have in my life so far.

This is not the first time that the State has attempted to kidnap me, extort money from me, and take me away from my family, loved ones, and comrades. The last time, the State even went so far as to create lies in order to put me away. Bearing this in mind as well as the institutional racism I face every day, I have long ago accepted that I am going to go to prison at some point in my lifetime. This compounded with the fact that I have such an amazing amount of support, to the degree that I don't even know what to do with it, allows me to know that I am going to make it no matter what is thrown at me.

People should know that this is more than likely not the end of this, the State will continue this Grand Jury well after my comrades and I are locked up. Whatever happens, I want you to know that

you are not alone and are more than capable of handling whatever is thrown at you. They would not be doing this if we were not successful in any respect; if we kept to our ivory towers debating what is more revolutionary and not actively creating conflict, we would not be facing this repression. Do not stop the struggle, keep organizing and fighting or they will have won. When the Haymarket massacre took place all those years ago and the martyrs were hung for their desire for a better life, the State attempted to crush all radicals. Clearly, this did not work then and it won't work now. If this was their desire, they have failed in every aspect of it as I have not seen anything other than flagrant disregard for them across the globe. Keep the struggle in your hearts and minds and do not bend to their will. They will never be able to destroy us no matter how hard they try.

In solidarity,
Matt Duran

WRITE TO MATT:

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Seattle, WA 98198

Make sure to put your name and return address as well as Matt's full name and inmate number (in pen) on each sheet of clean, plain, lined, paper.

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*Matt, pictured on the cover, is now being held in the Secure Housing Unit (isolation) of a federal holding facility in SeaTac. His lawyer guesses this is because he's never been to prison before. He says he's doing fine; reading trashy romance novels because that's all he has access to. He may be moved to general population soon, where he'll be able to play chess and have greater access to a phone.

The prison is so far not giving Matt access to all-vegan food, though he is applying for vegetarian food. We suspect he'd have much better access to vegan food if people resumed calling in and urging that he receive the food he needs! (206-870-5700)

UPDATE ON THE WITCH-HUNT

The Federal Government's Inquisition Continues...

In late July of this year, several anarchists in Portland, Seattle, and Olympia were subpoenaed to testify before a Federal Grand Jury set to commence on August 2nd at the Federal Courthouse in Seattle. The target of the investigation is presumed to be the vandalism that occurred during the May Day protests in downtown Seattle on May 1st, 2012.

August 2nd was the first day subpoenaes were expected to appear before

their inquisitors. Only one showed up. No one cooperated. After hitting this brick wall of silence, the Grand Jury scheduled its next round of interrogations for August 30th. But at the last minute, it was rescheduled for September 13th.

That day, Leah Plante (Portland) and Matt Duran (Olympia) went into the Federal Courthouse. Only one of them came out again.

Over a hundred people gathered outside the building, holding a support rally. Department of Homeland Security agents were scattered throughout the area, most of whom had guns with live ammunition. Inside, both Leah and Matt made it clear they would say nothing to the inquisitors. Leah was eventually dismissed but the inquisitors kept Matt. People outside soon learned there would

be a contempt hearing in the courthouse regarding Matt's refusal to testify. In a rare move by the feds, something that has not happened since McCarthy's Red Scare, the contempt hearings were closed to the public. Within a few hours Matt was being stolen out of the courthouse in a blue van with blackened windows.

The feds can incarcerate Matt until the Grand Jury expires or is called off. He is now being held at the federal holding facility in SeaTac. Leah has been re-subpoenaed for a later date. All of this took place in an overwhelming climate of fear.

On August 27th, the media began releasing stories about what they called an "anarchist group" in the U.S. military that had been planning to blow up dams and poison the water supply in Washington State. The "anarchist group" was called FEAR and its leader had executed one of its members and his wife when it was thought they might reveal the group's plans to the authorities. When the group was apprehended, the media uniformly described them as being anarchists. The only evidence to support this claim was the fact that some of them had tattoos that resembled an anarchist symbol. Not even this assertion

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Leah Plante

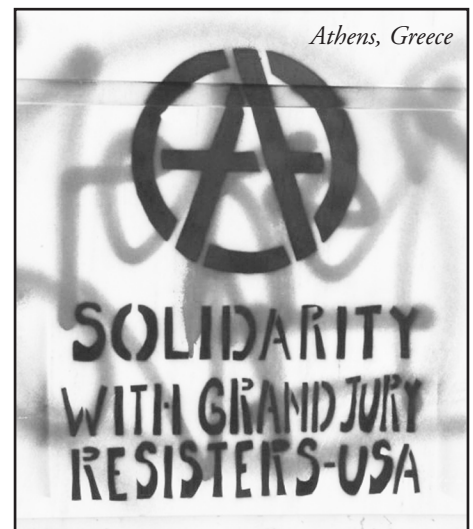
SOLIDARITY ACTIONS FROM AROUND THE WORLD (SINCE AUGUST 5TH)

One must wonder what has caused more disruption and property damage: Seattle's May Day black bloc or all the solidarity actions supporting those resisting the grand jury investigating the May Day black bloc...?

8/5 St. Louis, MO - attacks on ATMs
 8/6 Atlanta, GA - banner drop
 8/7 Athens, Greece - stenciling & graffiti
 8/10 East Vancouver, BC - banner drop
 *8/15 Paris, France - lots of tires slashed
 8/17 Vancouver, BC - banner drop
 *8/21 Besancon, France - bank attacked
 8/22 San Francisco, CA - yuppie businesses attacked
 8/28 Oakland, CA - bank attacked
 8/29 Call-in to US Attorney
 8/31 New York, NY - banner drop

9/9 Vancouver, BC - noise demo & grocery store expropriation
 9/12 Fax-in to US Attorney
 *9/13 Vancouver, BC - community policing center attacked
 9/13 Seattle - Anonymous hackers claim shut-down of US Attorney's phone
 *9/17 NYC area - rail line sabotaged
 9/17 San Francisco, CA - banner drop
 9/18 Vancouver, BC - yuppie restaurant attacked
 9/19 Seattle - bank attacked

* Full communiques on page 5.



Athens, Greece

For complete list of solidarity actions, see saynothing.noblogs.org/solidarity

THE ELF TODAY

The last part in our series on the **EARTH LIBERATION FRONT**

While the Green Scare of 2006 may have been the end for one particular cell, the repression certainly did not stop the idea and concept of the ELF from growing. In the immediate aftermath of the arrests, multiple new houses were burnt by cells in Guelph, Ontario. The communiques issued after these arsons contained language against unrestrained development and were dedicated to the memory of Avalon, a member of the Northwest cell who killed himself while imprisoned by the state.

And then, in the last days of 2008, a group calling itself Eco-Anarchist Cell For Direct Attack decided to go on a spree in Mexico City (DF). First they threw multiple Molotov cocktails at the facilities for the new metro line, the construction of which had already resulted in evictions and tree clearing. Then the group destroyed a large telephone wire box belonging to Telmex, rendering over 100 lines useless. In addition to this, they completely destroyed eight telephone booths owned by the same company. Finally, the group burnt an ATM at a Banamex bank. The communique claiming this action ends, *"How beautiful it is to see revenge of the exploited and the oppressors squeezed! How beautiful is the fire that frees! How beautiful is the abolitionist fire of the anti-authoritarians! No to metro line 12! Stop the deforestation and the displacement of entire families! For every eviction or abuse of power... fire in the streets!"*

Although not officially claimed by the ELF, this group operated in the same manner and their action signaled the beginning of a new offensive against the destroyers of the earth. A few months later, the Frente de Liberación de la Tierra (ELF) burnt a construction machine that was being used to build a new campus at the National Autonomous University of Mexico in DF. They also

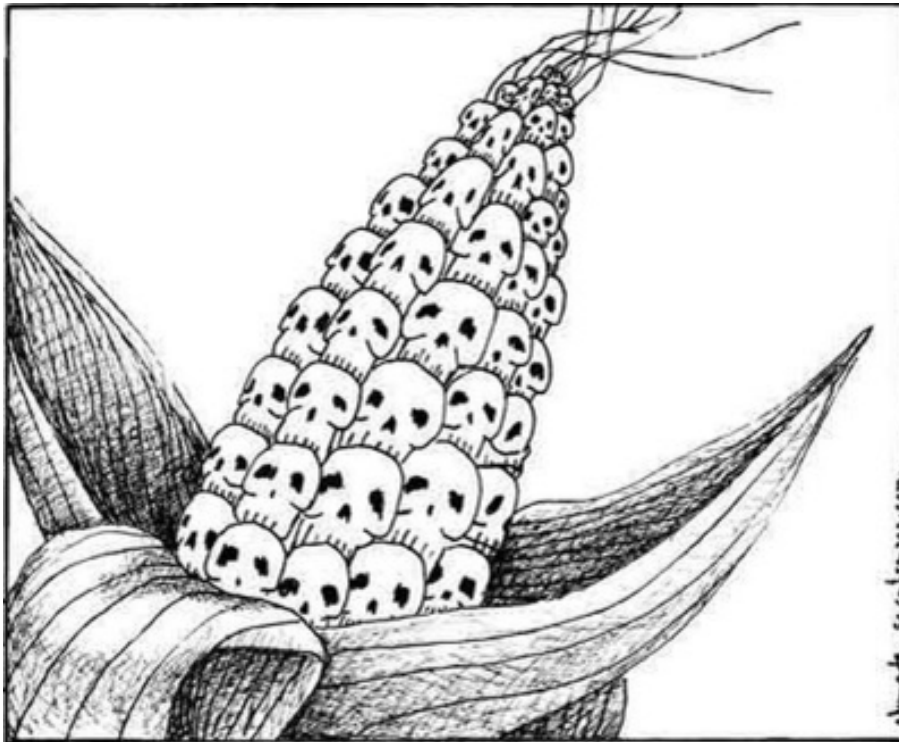
minds of students, they also seek to expand the same control over the land and the animals that inhabit her."

Over the course of 2009, ELF cells across Mexico began attacking targets in a diffuse offensive. Telmex remained one of their primary targets, as did the practice and spectacle of bullfighting. Multiple groups and cells set barricades aflame in the middle of highways, burnt construction equipment, burnt police stations, and freed abused horses. In 2011, an ELF cell aligned with the Informal Anarchist Federation bombed a police station in Coacalco. One month later, a different ELF cell burnt facilities belonging to the National Institute of Forestry, Agricultural, and Livestock Research in Texcoco. These facilities were used to do genetic research on plants. The attacks in Mexico continue to this day.

In Russia, the ELF has also found rich

soil. In 2011 alone, there were dozens of instances of arson and sabotage committed by the ELF, the first of which was the torching of construction equipment in the forests outside Moscow on New Year's Eve. Most of the activity centered around the defense of the Khimki forest, one of the few remaining wild places in the Moscow area.

The government and developers had plans to destroy it, put in a large freeway, and build housing and strip malls. In a rare development, the ELF and the general public had united in their efforts to stop development and had forced President Medvedev to halt the project in the



destroyed the new administrative offices in the campus.

In the beginning of their communique they write, *"We were informed that the university had been destroying a large part of the ecological reserve where a so-called 'education' center is being built. Several varieties of trees and diverse plants were cut down, considered to be in the way of their ability to expand their facilities and their mastery over nature. The progress and education that they extol in their classrooms is always based on domination and anthropocentrism. In this act by the UNAM, it is more than clear that not only do they wish to dominate and mold the*

summer of 2010. A communique for an action in July of that year reads, *“On July 17 2010 a tracked tree transporter was torched by a group of elf activists. The action took place at the road construction site near Sheremetjevo airport in Himki forest, North of Moscow, Russia. We support local activists in their fight against deforestation campaign of Moscow authorities, although we disapprove of their half-hearted liberal tactics.”*

The battle for the Khimki forests has still not ended, but it represented a new era for the ELF. Unlike the schisms and splits that had occurred in the US between the environmental movement and the ELF guerrillas, the two sides in Russia were able to work together in their fight against Moscow and the international development companies. When suddenly the president himself suspended the project, it was as if the endless circle of history had been broken and for once, a group of humans using a diversity of tactics was united against the exploitation of the earth.

The last action related to the defense of the forest took place on July 21st, 2012. The full communique reads, *“After having received news of new tree-cutting activity in Khimki forest, we decided to visit the workers. We aimed for 2 trucks and excavator parked on the clear cut. They were completely destroyed. Our solidarity goes out to eco-activists who broke the arm of private guard who was guarding the clear cut (this piece we learned from news). Enough of pseudo-legalism! Do like us, do better than us.”*

The rulers of the world will never succeed in wiping out any of these groups, including the ELF. While the cell in the Northwest may have been arrested and neutralized, their efforts and examples live on from Indonesia to Mexico, from Russia to Chile. We wish everyone good luck, especially you. 🌀

SELECTED COMMUNIQUES: SOLIDARITY WITH GRAND JURY DEFIANCE

9/13 VANCOUVER, BC: COMMUNITY POLICING CENTRE ATTACKED

Glass etch cream was thrown all over the front windows of the Community Policing Centre on Commercial Drive on the night of September 13th in solidarity with those resisting the Grand Jury in Seattle.

Solidarity with the Silent.

In Silence We Roar! (A)

PS: Although these windows apparently aren't breakable, etch cream does the trick.

9/17 NYC AREA: RAIL SABOTAGE

On September 17th, under cover of night, we sabotaged a railway track north of New York City. Wearing standard work gloves, we took a piece of thick gauge copper wire and tied it from one track to another, disrupting a signal relay. This temporarily renders the track unusable.

We did this in solidarity with our Anarchist comrades in the Northwest, particularly Matt Duran. The courage all of you have shown continues to inspire us.

Now is the time to attack.

- Anarchists against linear movement

8/21 BESANCON, FRANCE: BANKS ATTACKED

On the night between 21 and 22 August, the bank Crédit Mutuel, located on Avenue Gaulard, was attacked with paint.

We threw eggs filled with red and black paint on the facade: This action was done in solidarity with our comrades who are resisting the grand jury in the northwestern U.S.. We likewise send our support to LA Anarchists, rebels of the world for anti-authoritarian ideas and / or actions of disobedience and resistance to the capitalist system: strength and value to our comrade Luciano “Tortuga” recently condemned by the Chilean state, Kelly, convicted of involvement in the riots of the counter-G20 Toronto (Canada) in 2010.

Last month, the Credit Agricole bank, from 50 meters, was the target of vandalism: the glass facade exploded with a cinder block donated by the city of Besançon, which is doing work for the tram.

It is only the beginning!

Anarchist Solidarity with the current social war prisoners!

8/15 PARIS, FRANCE: MANY TIRES SLASHED

During the nights of August 15th and 16th, some tires rebelled against their existence, preferring to deflate themselves rather than perform the tasks imposed on them.

- an Orange SUV (exploits prisoners)

- a Veolia car (nuclear)

- a Red Cross van (manages the Roissy detention center and other detention centers in several countries)

- an SUV of Sunland Energies d'Avenir

- a city government car

- two Vinci cars (builders of jails)

- a SPIE car (nuclear and surveillance technology)

Tired of transporting yuppies from work to home, the tires of 17 vélib' tires have committed suicide. The same goes for some 4x4's and a Porsche.

This small action is a modest contribution in solidarity with the anarchists incarcerated in the American Northwest after their attacks against domination; in any case, those who remain silent in the face of the Grand Jury. Dedicated also to those incarcerated under “Ardire” and “Mangiafuoco.” [note: recent Italian repression campaigns against anarchists] Here's hoping an epidemic of tire suicide will ensue.

- Some tires who are deflated—but not resigned.

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but, after three days of hearing about the “anarchist group” named FEAR, the general public had formed the basic association between mass, indiscriminate murder and anarchists.

It should go without saying (to the regular readers of *Tides of Flame*, at least) that there is an insurmountable difference between right-wing psychopaths and anarchists. The members of FEAR, with their plans to form hierarchical cells and kill random people, were clearly not anarchists. Regardless, they provided the authorities with an opportunity to spread fear in the population regarding anarchists in the hope of people ignoring any future repression against them.

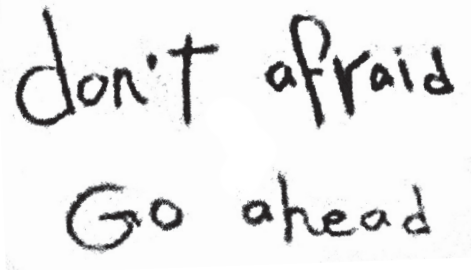
Meanwhile in Seattle, there was little media attention regarding the grand jury, nor did the authorities attempt to tell their lies directly to the mainstream. Unable to explain what they are doing without revealing their own stupidity

and desperation, the federal government is keeping a low profile while also attempting to instill fear into the hearts of anarchists and their friends.

The true function of the inquisition is to burn a few witches and traumatize a rebel population into subservience and submission. It has not changed for hundreds of years. There are, however, far more free people, witches, and rebels inhabiting the planet. But as many of you know, capitalism has adjusted to accommodate nearly all types of thought and lifestyles, creating a society where even those who would have been burned to death in the past, the heretical and the unholy, can now rent an apartment and work at a bar. Everyone who is now comfortable, everyone who is now safe from the authorities: remember that the inquisition is still pursuing those who cannot stand to be used as cattle, who do not let fear and despair keep us enslaved, who keep the flame of anarchy alive. We remain the greatest enemy of power and authority, and there is still

only one way to defeat the inquisition: FIGHT.

Please, feel free to join in the struggle. Everything is plain to see. The pieces and the board are visible to all but those who refuse to see them. There are infinite possibilities for scuttling the plans of the rulers of this world, and as the past year has clearly shown, the rebels of the world are coming closer to joining forces against their common enemies. *Tides of Flame* will continue to provide you with information regarding the break down of the world in the hope that the flame will spread beyond these pages and render these words as redundant as they should be. As our friends in Egypt told us last year:



JOUISSANCE

an excerpt from BÆDAN: JOURNAL OF QUEER NIHILISM



Jouissance is the driving elan of queer sex culture, and yet it is precisely that element of queer sex which still cannot be locked up in an industry, sold as a commodity or scheduled at some mass commercialized ritual. While each element of the sex industry attempts to resolve some fundamental lack and to integrate one's desires into a coherent subjective experience, *jouissance* is spe-

cifically that element of sexual desire which makes such a union impossible. It is a desire for *jouissance* which sends us into the night seeking to overwhelm our bodily capacity, to disintegrate the corporeal limits of ourselves, to truly flee from what and who we are. It is specifically this remainder, which defines the chasm between between the public sex culture of the seventies (massive squat- ted sex warehouses, perpetual orgies, a culture of cruising which entirely dissolved the distinction between sex and the rest of life) and the so-called cruising of the cybernetic era (Grindr, craigslist, sparsely attended and overpriced parties at failing sex clubs). This distance might also be understood as what separates the anarchy of an orgy from the democratic ideology of purist polyamory. *Jouissance* is the unnameable desire that one hopelessly attempts to summarize before giving one's body to another: “I want to be negated.”

Jouissance is that essence of queer criminality which cannot be reduced to vulgar determinism. It is the joy found in the retribution of robbing some bourgeois john, the thrill of theft, the satisfaction of destruction. It is because we are addicted to the intertwining pleasure and pain which brings us again and again into the streets: seeking to riot or fight or fuck. It is specifically the pursuit of the unnameable *jouissance* which causes, without fail, to risk everything in sacrifice of to some more grand chaos. This *aufheben* of the categories of pain and pleasure is also the overthrowing of our attachments and investments in political activism, stable identity, and reason. The negativity of *jouissance* is the same that drives us away from the obligations to the economy, the family, the law, and, above all, the Future.

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In a society that makes people feel ashamed of not fitting into gender-norms, or for not behaving like a “real man”, or for simply being born with a vagina, it has been very empowering to see the latest string of pro-queer, pro-femme, and anti-rape guerrilla art around Capitol Hill. From “Sissies Rule” to GLITUR (Grand Legion of Incendiary and Tenacious Unicorn Revolutionaries) to Grrrl Army, radical feminists and queers are saying “fuck you” to a culture that says women are to blame for rape, not their attackers; to a society that tells us that any behavior other than hyper-masculine, hetero-normative behavior is wrong; to the mainstream

gay culture that says that progress is assimilation and marriage; to a gay culture that shames effeminate males and gender non-conforming persons for being sissies; and to a society that celebrates the cis*, white male over everyone else.

The first time I saw “Sissies Rule” scrawled across the side of a bus stop shelter, I felt like there was someone else in the world who understood me, and I don’t even know who wrote it. I felt like it was speaking directly to me, while at the same time telling “real men” to fuck

off. It was much like the feeling I had when I first became aware of GLITUR, which I would eventually become a part of. Seeing messages about fighting back against our oppressors gives me more hope than “it gets better” ever could. Now, Grrrl Army is spreading a message of empowerment to women and queers on a scale that makes it almost impossi-



ble for anyone to ignore, painting entire walls of buildings and light poles pink and filling them with messages against rape culture, sexism, misogyny, transphobia, and homophobia. This isn’t just graffiti or street art. It is a message to anyone who would oppress us that we are not to be fucked with.

We are Grrrl Army, we are GLITUR. We’re here, we’re queer, we’re unicorns, and we’ll fuck you up!

— a GLITUR sissy

* A cis-gendered person accepts the gender they were assigned at birth; they are not transgender.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 26

GRAND JURY SOLIDARITY EVENTS

MATT DURAN’S CONTEMPT HEARING

9AM - Federal Courthouse

700 Stewart St

The prosecutor will ask Matt if he still wants to refuse to testify after spending 2 weeks in federal prison, and Matt will continue to refuse to snitch.

It’s important for us to pack the courtroom to show we still have his back – both for him personally, and so the prosecution knows that too.

SOLIDARITY MARCHES

12pm & 6pm - Federal Courthouse

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FOR UPDATES

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 26 - 7PM

READING GROUP: ON A FEW OLD TOPICAL QUESTIONS CONCERNING ANARCHISTS AND NOT ONLY & LETTER TO THE ANARCHIST GALAXY

Copies will be available. Will read both texts together aloud and then discuss.

See thewildcat.org for more info.

@ The Wildcat (1105 23rd Ave)

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The Burning Secret

Woops! Part 2 of *Tides of Flames*’ new serialized story “The Burning Secret” won’t be out until next time.

For now, check out Part 1 in issue #22: tidesofflame.wordpress.com

Support Grand Jury Defiance!

- 1. Attend Matt Duran's contempt hearing at 9am on Wednesday, September 26, at the Federal Courthouse (700 Stewart Street).** Please check saynothing.info for updates as the time, location, or plan may change as details emerge.
- 2. Organize a fundraiser or support event** to spread information about the grand jury. Contact resistthegrandjury@riseup.net to coordinate.
- 3. Act on your rage!** Solidarity means attack. Consider acting in ways that communicate the passion for freedom that those in the Northwest have continued to express by their refusal to cooperate with the State's witch hunt. Their courage has already inspired dozens of solidarity actions across the world. **Drop a banner, smash a bank, paint-bomb a copshop, or disrupt business as usual.**
- 4. Donate money to support the legal costs and provide material support for those resisting the grand jury and the investigation.**
 - **The Quiet Coyote Cash-Out**
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 - **No Political Repression Fund**
On PayPal, send funds to nopoliticalrepression@gmail.com
 - **Buy shit.**
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THERE IS THUNDER IN OUR HEARTS

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