



TORONTO G20
PRISONERS



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GUELPH ABC UPDATE
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Two Years After the G20

Here in Southern Ontario, anarchists and anti-authoritarian rebels are re-discovering the strength of our networks and recovering from the shock of state repression. Over the course of the past two years, dozens of comrades have been forced through the courts, strict bail conditions, and prison sentences for organizing or attending protests during the G20 summit in Toronto in June 2010.

This pamphlet gives updates about comrades still facing serious repression and who need our continued support. We will share some thoughts on how the affects of the G20 are playing out in our current climate of struggle.

The following list of defendants still facing charges from the G20 is not complete. The people listed here are in contact with ABC or are comfortable with being public about their cases. There are others still facing serious charges and possible jail time who we don't have listed here. Keep checking the Guelph ABC website for updates and information on people who need support.

<http://guelphabc.noblogs.org>

Where We're At Now

Although the wave of repression that followed the G20 strained our communities and our organizing, we have also gained important experience about how to navigate the legal system and how to support each other through the courts and prison. The significant resources that the State has used to infiltrate, prosecute and imprison anarchists shows that they perceive us as a threat, even though we often view our influence on broader society as only marginal. We have learned of the consequences of struggle, and now we are in a place where our strength through repression can propel and inform our strategies and tactics. Our bonds have grown stronger by persevering through this together.

Guelph ABC had a small amount of infrastructure set up to support prisoners before all this went down, and now our abilities have been expanded and strengthened. Through directly supporting comrades in the court process, on strict bail conditions and in prison, we have established more contacts and concrete relationships.

To be in struggle means to support our prisoners. By having each other's backs through these hard times, we have more resolve to continue organizing against the State and Capitalism. People coming out of jail or harsh bail conditions need supportive friends to find continued inspiration. Throughout the past two years, we've learned the importance of taking care of each other, especially when we're in this fight against the system for the long haul. How the hell are any of us going to take struggle seriously if we don't support each other and prisoners?

The State's planned mass expansion of the Prison Industrial Complex makes the likelihood of being imprisoned even more of a reality, and the struggle against prison more relevant for anyone who exists in conflict with the State and Capital. The Crime Bill, the new proposed laws criminalizing masks at protests, and other efforts by the State will only increase the tensions between us and those in power. It would be useful to prepare for prison to be a reality for anarchists in the coming years. The State's tactics of repression are no longer abstract for anarchists in Southern Ontario. These collective experiences have been extremely difficult, scarring and traumatizing for many, but we are resilient. It's inspiring that we've come through it with dignity and even more determination.

JULIAN ICHIM

Julian was one of the first defendants of the G20 Main Conspiracy Group whose charges were dropped. In the fall of 2011, he was charged with six counts of Disobeying a Court Order. These charges were laid because of a number of posts on his blog about his personal experiences with undercover officers, Brenda Carey and Bindo Showan. He is taking these charges to trial.

DAN KELLER

Dan was arrested on August 25, 2011 by the OPP Anti-Racketing Branch. He is charged with one count of Defamatory Libel and one count of Counselling for allegedly posting information on an activist website, www.peaceculture.org about the identity and whereabouts of G20 undercover operative Bindo Showan. Dan is taking these charges to trial.

Guidelines for Support

When writing letters, please remember that they will be read by prison guards. Don't write anything that incriminates yourself or others. Though the specific rules vary between jails and guards, you generally can't send in stickers, anything with glue, sparkles, staples, or stamps. You can mail photocopied zines, staples removed. Depending on the content, it could be a good idea to remove covers and table of contents pages from zines.

Donate Funds

Guelph Anarchist Black Cross is collecting and raising money to cover things like: sending letters and reading materials; transportation costs for friends, family and supporters to jail visits; canteen; collect call phone bills; rent money for when they get out; storage for people's belongings; and more. The money that ABC is fundraising is to facilitate everyday and immediate needs of comrades facing jail and their support networks.

Our 2012 fundraising goal is \$3000. Here are ways to donate:

- 1. Paypal:** guelphabc@riseup.net or the button on the ABC website
- 2. Deposit cash** to the following TD bank account:
Transit # 00182, Institution # 004, Account # 00185228263
- 3. Write a cheque or money order** to Guelph ABC, with G20 in the memo line. Mail to the PO box address:

**Guelph ABC
PO Box 183
Guelph, ON
N1H 6J6**

G20 MAIN CONSPIRACY GROUP

www.conspiretoresist.wordpress.com (G20 main conspiracy group)
www.boredbutnotbroken. tao.ca (Mandy Hiscocks' Prison Blog)

Twenty-one people were charged with being part of the G20 main conspiracy group. The crown alleged that there were upwards of fifty other co-conspirators who were never indicted. These charges stemmed from a one and a half year infiltration operation undertaken by OPP officers Bindo Showan and Brenda Carey. By the time the case reached its preliminary hearing, charges were dropped against three defendants and one defendant received a suspended sentence in a non-cooperating plea resolution negotiated independently.

In November 2011, the remaining seventeen co-defendants came to a plea resolution in which eleven people's charges were withdrawn, and six people pled guilty to Counselling with various prison sentences. Erik Lankin, Peter Hopperton, and Adam Lewis have all been released following 3-5 months of jail time. Mandy Hiscocks and Leah Henderson are currently serving jail sentences. Alex Hundert will begin to serve his jail sentence in June 2012.

MANDY HISCOCKS

Mandy was sentenced to 16 months in jail. She is expecting to serve about 11 months and to be released in December 2012. In recent years, Mandy has focused on Indigenous solidarity, environmental justice, strategies for developing healthy anarchist communities, and being a good ally. She would love to be kept in the loop so she can continue this work while in jail.

LEAH HENDERSON

Leah was sentenced to 10 months in jail. She is expecting to serve about 6.5 months and to be released in July 2012. Leah is a community organizer who has been active for the past decade in struggles for justice within apartheid Canada. She has been involved in the environmental movement; in supporting Indigenous communities in the struggle for sovereignty and self-determination; and in the fight for justice for women, queer and trans, low-income, disabled, and racialized people. You can send them mail to the following address:

**Amanda Hiscocks / Leah Henderson
Vanier Centre for Women
P.O. Box 1040
655 Martin Street
Milton, Ontario
L9T 5E6 Canada**

ALEX HUNDERT

Alex will be sentenced to 13.5 months in jail. He is expected to serve about 8 months, beginning in June 2012. Alex is a founding member of AW@L, a direct action group based out of Kitchener-Waterloo. He does Indigenous solidarity organizing and works with land defense struggles, including at Grassy Narrows First Nation and with allies at Six Nations. Check the Guelph ABC website for his mailing address when he begins serving jail time.

KELLY PFLUG-BACK

Kelly has been presented in the media as the “ring leader” of the black bloc action. She spent two months in pre-trial custody, before being released to house arrest with her parents. Kelly currently has a curfew and a lengthy non-association list which includes upwards of 100 people. Kelly was facing multiple counts of Mischief Over \$5000, Conspiracy, Obstruction of Justice, Assault Police with a Weapon, and Intimidation of a Justice System Participant. Kelly has had some of these charges dropped, but she is currently still facing seven counts of Mischief Over \$5000. Kelly has pled guilty and is awaiting sentencing at the end of May 2012. The crown is looking for upwards of 2 years. Check the Guelph ABC website for information on her sentence.

GEORGE JOHN HORTON NORABUENA

George’s charges are for allegedly participating in the black bloc. He was originally charged with Assault Police Officer, Intimidation of a Peace Officer, Obstruction of Justice, Masked with Intent, Weapons Dangerous, Possession of Stolen Property under \$5000, and three counts of Mischief Under \$5000. George pled guilty to three counts of Attempted Mischief Under \$5000 and one count of Masked with Intent. The Possession of Stolen Property and Weapons Dangerous charges were dropped. George went to trial for the remaining charges; he was found not guilty of Obstruction of Justice, and found guilty of Assault Police and Intimidation of a Peace Officer. The crown is seeking nine months in prison for George. His sentencing is in August, 2012.

ROBIN HENRY

Robin was convicted of two counts of Mischief Over \$5000 and one count of Masked with Intent for breaking windows at a Starbucks and Bell store. Robin served nine months under strict bail conditions before his sentencing. In March 2011, Robin was sentenced to one year of house arrest, followed by two years probation, a \$5000 fine and 300 community service hours. Robin is currently serving his sentence in London, Ontario.

RYAN RAINVILLE

On December 5, 2011 Ryan Rainville received a conditional sentence of four months under house arrest, followed by four months of curfew and then one year of probation. He spent about 100 days in jail awaiting bail. Ryan pled guilty to a Breach of Peace, and three counts of Mischief Over \$5000 for using a red and black flag and a hammer to destroy Toronto Police cruisers during the G20 riot. Ryan fought and won a trial where he contested charges of Assault Police with a Weapon and Obstruction of Justice.

JAE MUZZIN

Jae was arrested for breaking two windows at the Toronto Police Headquarters during the G20. He pled guilty to two counts of Mischief Over \$5000 and Common Nuisance. Jae took a plea deal and was sentenced to an intermittent sentence of 60 days, which he served on 10 consecutive weekends. Jae was also ordered to pay restitution of \$2,500.

GIRR ROWLEY

See Guelph ABC’s statement: “In the Face of the Courts” on our website. Girr was arrested in November 2010 for his alleged participation in the black bloc action. Girr pled guilty to one count of Mischief Under \$5000, one count of Masked with Intent and one count of Public Endangerment. He was convicted on February 3, 2012 and is currently serving a six month sentence. He is expecting to be released in June 2012. You can send him mail to the following address:

Greg Noltie-Rowley
Maplehurst Complex
PO Box 10
661 Martin St.
Milton, ON
L9T 2Y3

BYRON SONNE

<http://www.freebyron.org/>

Byron was arrested in June 2010 on multiple charges ranging from Possession of Incendiary Devices to Intimidation of a Justice System Participant. He was labelled a “bomb wielding terrorist” by the media spectacle made of his arrest, and he remained in jail for 330 days before he was released on strict bail conditions including house arrest. Many of his charges were thrown out at the preliminary inquiry, and in November 2011, he went to trial to fight the remaining charges of Possession of Incendiary Devices and Counselling. He won his trial, and on May 15 Byron was found not guilty on all remaining charges.