

Solidarity Actions and Statements for Jeff 'Free' Luers

Solidarity Actions

Claim for Romania arson

March 2001

"1 million dollars worth of luxury SUV's were torched at Romania Chevrolet. Sucking the land dry, gas-guzzling SUV's are at the forefront of this vile, imperialistic culture's caravan towards self-destruction. We can no longer allow the rich to parade around in their armored existence, leaving a wasteland behind in their tire tracks. The time is right to fight back.

Romania Chevrolet is the same location that was targeted last June, for which two earth warriors, Free and Critter, are being persecuted. The techno-industrial state thinks it can stop the growing resistance by jailing some of us, but they cannot jail the spirit of those who know another world is possible. The fire that burns within Free and Critter burns within all of us and cannot be extinguished by locking them up.

In this continuous assault on both the planet and ourselves, SUV's destroy the earth while the prison system tries to destroy those who see beyond this empty life. We must strike out against what destroys us before we are all either choking on smog or held captive by the state. Take the power into your own hands. It's your life."

Underground E.L.F. Claims Responsibility For Torching 4 Luxury Homes On Long Island, NY

Communique, December 31, 2000

Greetings Friends,

As an early New Years gift to Long Island's environment destroyers, the Earth Liberation Front (E.L.F.) visited a construction site on December 29 and set fire to 4 unsold Luxury houses nearly completed at Island Estates in Mount Sinai, Long Island. Hopefully, this caused nearly \$2 million in damage. This hopefully provided a firm message that we will not tolerate the destruction of our Island. Recently, hundreds of houses have been built over much of Mount Sinai's picturesque landscape and developers now plan to build a further 189 luxury houses over the farms and forests adjacent to Island Estates. This action was done in solidarity with Josh Harper, Craig Rosebraugh, Jeffrey "Free" Luers and Craig "Critter" Marshall, Andrew Stepanian, Jeremy Parkin, and the countless other known and unknown activists who suffer persecution, interrogation, police brutality, crappy jail conditions, yet stand strong.

Whether it's denying a prisoner vegetarian or vegan food/phone calls (which is a right), or even the terrorism of the Grand Jury, they stand strong. Oppression of our brothers and sisters will only make us uproot our tactics, by means, frequency, and cost. The more brutality you give our brothers and sisters, the more money we cause the oppressors. Our

hearts go out to all of them.

Keep up the fight. Never Give In.

Letter from Lorenzo Ervin to Jeff Luers (2002)

Hello Free:

I have been where you are now: as a young man (then 21 years old) facing the rest of my life in prison. Sentenced to "natural life" imprisonment, which was supposed to ensure that I would never get out of prison except when I expire, but guess what? I didn't die, and I did get out much sooner than everyone expected. Don't get me wrong, I spent almost 15 long years in prison, and was subjected to every form of terrorism and brutality that the state could throw at me. I spent nine years in solitary confinement and control units. I was beaten and tortured, starved and whipped. They wanted to break me, and to see me crawl. Instead, I decided on resistance by any means possible. If there was a riot, I would lead it; if there was an escape, I would be part of it; if there was a strike, I was calling for the most extreme measures--all forms of struggle was what I lived for and was prepared to die for.

Don't get me wrong, I was no hero, and I sure as hell would have lied to have been somewhere else, but just like you I understand why it is so important to defy your captors, even while you fight to survive, literally in hell. I was no hero or "special person", and it was because I had an international support campaign, the Anarchist Black Cross, HAPOTOC (Help A Prisoner Oppose Torture Committee), and various segments of the Left and even liberal movements around the world, that I was freed from captivity. It wasn't what the warden wanted, and the parole officials promised me that I would be imprisoned "forever" because of a prison riot in the wake of the 1971 Attica rebellion and slaughter. Several guards were severely injured, and I was made the scapegoat, and given an additional 30 years. This was what I faced, and yet I got out in 1983, and been raising hell ever since.

What does this mean? That you can struggle and you can survive. More importantly, an effective campaign could free you as well, no matter the circumstances you are now under. Hell, the international support campaign is all that has kept Mumia Abu Jamal alive and now improved his chances of being finally released, not smart lawyers. Hell, his trial lawyer fell asleep at trial and his first team of "civil rights" lawyers sold him out for fame and glory-- provided by a book deal.

You sound like your spirits are strong, and I am sure they are. We will do all we can out here to overturn your unjust conviction. I am due to come to Eugene to speak on your behalf this Fall, and hopefully raise money for your defense committee. You are actually in much better shape than I was when I first went to prison, I had no source of help because the government had already crushed the Left by the early 1970's. Things may seem daunting now, they were worse then. But I learned that the movement in the streets determines whether you languish in prison or are released, not the State. If it becomes strong enough it can compel a favorable outcome, even if the officials swear that you will be executed or die in prison. We must fight hard for you and all political prisoners, especially those who have been confined for decades. We must defeat this racist, corrupt government. Prison, where is thy victory?

Love and struggle,
Lorenzo Komboa Ervin

Irish Republican Socialist Party

May 2005

On the fifth anniversary of his incarceration, the international department of the Irish Republican Socialist Party sends greetings of the party's solidarity to American Prisoner of War Jeff "Free" Luers, his friends, and his comrades.

The sentenced handed down to Free for burning three SUVs at Romania Chevrolet in Eugene, Oregon--22years and 8 months--is yet another reminder of what the law in the United States is designed to protect; not human liberty and the pursuit of happiness, but property. Free's real crime wasn't the destruction of three oversized, petrol-guzzling automobiles, it was daring to suggest that the health of the planet might be worth more than private property. There is something obviously missing in the story of Jeff Luers confrontation with the law--justice. Justice is wholly lacking in the tale. Instead there are a list of hypothetical rights guaranteed by the U.S. constitution, each lined out in deference to the only right that only matters within the American system of jurisprudence: the right to private property.

The IRSP is aware that Free has continued to follow the course of a revolutionary since his incarceration, speaking out on the concerns of political prisoners, prisoners in general, the environment, and issues concerning the broader anarchist and activist communities and applauds him for his continued activism. To those struggling to win Free's release, the IRSP extend our solidarity and encouragement. To all those struggling on behalf of the environment, to ensure the survival of ourselves and all other species against the inhuman degradation of the earth witnessed under the system of capitalism, we extend our solidarity as well.
