

political prisoners' birthdays in May

Send a birthday card for these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember- don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities "lose" the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday, email us at ppbirthday@riseup.net.

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DANIEL MCGOWAN

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FCI Marion
Box 1000
Marion, IL 62959
May 2, 1974

Daniel McGowan is an environmental activist who was arrested for a number of Earth Liberation Front Arsons that effectively targeted genetic engineering research. He was sentenced to 7 years and 1.9 million in restitution. He is being held in a communication management unit which restricts his access to phone and visits from loved ones.

New York native McGowan has worked on many activist issues including military counter-recruitment, demonstrations against the Republican National Convention, the Really Really Free market, and the support of prisoners such as Jeff Luers and others. McGowan was a graduate student earning a Master's degree in acupuncture and was an employee of WomensLaw.org, a nonprofit group that helps women in domestic abuse situations navigate the legal system.

www.supportdaniel.org

ALVARO LUNA HERNANDEZ

#255735
Hughes Unit
Rt. 2, Box 4400
Gatesville, TX 76597
May 12, 1952

In the 1990s, Alvaro was recognized as the national coordinator of the Ricardo Aldape Guerra Defense Committee, which led the struggle to free Mexican national Aldape Guerra from Texas' death row after being framed by Houston police. Alvaro did local Houston and national organizing around the case, and was instrumental in winning Adalpe Guerra's freedom from prison. In March 1993, Alvaro was a non-governmental organization (NGO) delegate before the 49th session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland. Before the U.N. General Assembly, he exposed the U.S. government's dismal human rights record and its human rights violations of U.S. political prisoners.

Alvaro also spearheaded the National Movement of LaRaza, Stop the Violence Youth Committee and the Prisoners Solidarity Committee in Houston.

On July 18, 1996, Sheriff Jack McDaniel of Alpine, Texas, attempted to assassinate Alvaro but was thwarted when Alvaro disarmed him. For this he was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Currently Alvaro has been denied access to legal materials in the Hughes Unit Law Library. Alvaro has submitted an I-60 Grievance request on December 13th 2009, and has received no response.

www.freealvaro.org



ALEX JASON HALL

#2009-06304
Davis County Jail
800 West State Street
Farmington, Utah 84025
May 5th, 1988

WILLIAM VIEHL

#15909-081
FCI Terminal Island
Post Office Box 3007
San Pedro, California 90731
May 19, 1986

WILLIAM "BJ" VIEHL AND ALEX HALL were arrested March 5, 2009 for the alleged raid of a South Jordan, Utah mink farm in August, in which 600 mink were liberated and \$50,000 worth of damage done. And the alleged attempted raid of a second mink farm in October. They face a maximum of 6 years each.

<http://www.supportbjandalex.com>

MONDO WE LANGA (D. RICE)

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Lincoln, NE 68542-2500
May 21, 1947

Ed Poindexter and Mondo we Langa (formerly David Rice), have been incarcerated on life sentences for the 1971 bombing death of an Omaha policeman. Both have insisted they never manufactured a bomb, and never instructed a 16-year-old to make a 911 call to lure police to a trap which would kill one policeman and badly injure another. So much evidence has come to light since their convictions to corroborate their story that Amnesty International and the Lincoln NAAC have called for their release, or for a new trial.

Mondo We Langa was a known member of the NCCF. (National Committee to Combat Fascism)

This group consisted of Black Panther members that were working to protect the black community from police brutality. David Rice was Minister of Information in the NCCF. Rice's political actions were a large part of why he was convicted.

TED KACZYNSKI

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US Pen-Admin Max Facility
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Florence, CO 81226
May 22, 1942

Sentenced to multiple lifetimes in prison for the "Unabomber" bombing attacks against the architects of the New World Order.