

About the Guelph Anarchist Black Cross

The Guelph Anarchist Black Cross Collective is committed to confronting the state, capitalism, colonization, and all forms of exploitation. The function of prisons is inherently codependent with these forces, for neither can exist without the other. We see prison as a daily threat, also manifesting in all aspects of society through surveillance, isolation and repression. We want to contribute to a struggle against prisons, and the world that needs them.

We want to support, provide resources, and help build a framework for defense with communities burdened by the legal system, courts, jails, prison, arrests, and police. This means having access to resources like lawyers, building networks of solidarity, maintaining relationships with those locked up and connecting with those who face similar struggles.

We do not limit our solidarity to “political prisoners”. We want to build a struggle with marginalized communities and anyone who strives for freedom. It is important for any ongoing revolutionary struggle to recognize that the fight against prison is a part of the fight for freedom (for us, as anarchist revolutionaries, repression and prison are a daily threat and reality). It is with this understanding that we expand our ties and strengthen our struggles.

Fight the system inside and outside the walls!



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Trans Woman Raped by San Antonio Policeman

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(Trigger Warning! The following story is a sexual assault account.)

Officer Craig Nash of the SAPD, arrested [name withheld], a trans woman of color outside of downtown San Antonio early Thursday morning citing her with “loitering” and “prostitution” (or rather, being trans in public).

Upon arrest, he frisked her and then ordered her to lay down face-first in the back seat of his patrol car.

Nash then drove to a nearby alley, uncuffed her, forced her to take off her skirt, and sexually assaulted her.

Afterwards, Nash dropped her off in the parking lot of a nearby middle school.

Later, the victim was able to identify him in a police lineup, and the GPS system in his police car confirmed him to be in the alley at the time of the assault.

He is now in jail awaiting conviction.

PS:

He’s out on bail, apparently.

If you want to send hate mail to his house, his address is:

Craig W. Nash

4330 Summer Sun Ln

San Antonio, TX 78217-4340

If you wanna call and “chat” his home number is (210) 646-8879

Alfredo & Christos denied bail (Greece)

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The two anarchist comrades, Alfredo Maria Bonanno and Christos Stratigopoulos, accused of being involved in a bank robbery in Trikala, Greece have had their bail refused. Alfredo must come out of the prison now. Alfredo has serious health problems and needs medical treatment.

Alfredo Maria Bonanno remains inside the prison based on his ideas and long reputation as a writer and theorist of anarchism. An anarchism which is not yet dead, which is not yet decaying in the pages of history but is very much alive and growing in ferocity. An anarchism which will tear a hole in the guts of the European Union. An anarchism long based in the South European 'Mediterranean Triangle', of Greece, Italy, and Spain, however finding fertile, rich ground to spread within many more minds not held by any borders, who are receptive to the anarchist vision of a future world without Church, State and Capital. Neither subjugation nor poverty.

This is an anarchism of freedom, joy and solidarity. An anarchism of stones and fire, of subversion and attack. This is the dynamite that explodes against the class enemy in Santaigo, Chile; the broken and smashed banks of countless dead cities of the USA & UK; the burnt BMW and Porsche of Berlin and Hamburg, Germany, which light up the night-sky for a precious passer-by; the gas-canister defence of Thessaloniki and Athens now turned quite deadly.

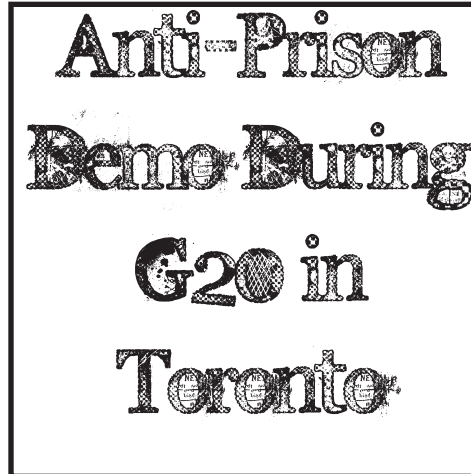
This is the anarchism of a complicit glance exchanged in a hostile crowd, or in a queue, or at work; sometimes like a smile, a warm expression of joy, sometimes like a friend who picks you up from the dirty punch you took all your life, or sometimes like the bullets which will find themselves periodically in the heads of powerful individuals and their pawns.

Alfredo; a writer who never betrayed his ideas in the pen and ink of conjecture, but wrote his words to express the realities around him, insights which came from the living social struggle that still remains in the hearts of many people, who will never stop dreaming about a beautiful life that has been denied to them by the prison society of capitalism and power.

This is an anarchism which cannot be jailed, cannot be repressed, cannot be put out, because it does not belong to anyone. This is an anarchism, which through the simple methods which people use to defend themselves from oppression, communicates itself through resistance and so finds friends everywhere that people have not given up hope that they can change the conditions that make their life miserable.

Destroy All Prisons – Free Alfredo & Christos.

Local News



On Sunday, June 27 2010 at 5pm there will be a Demonstration Against Prison in Toronto. Anarchists are organizing the demonstration as a part of the larger mobilization in opposition to the G20 meetings.

This is a statement of our perspective and intention for the demo, more details to come soon.

Prison is everywhere. It is nothing more than a reflection of the society in which we live. A society that resembles an open

prison in which the majority of the population is locked up because of the necessity to find money, because of the lack of purpose in life, because of the roles of submission and servitude that are imposed by the ruling values. It is a daily threat and reality that has permeated every facet of society.

With the deepening of surveillance, the integration of police forces, the increased use of private security, the existence of courts, repression and isolation, the walls of prison are already built around us. If we don't accept this miserable life offered to us, they'll always have room for us in their overcrowded cells. The fear of being ripped apart from our loved ones and thrown into jail is what we measure, each day, against our existing servitude.

In the streets, prisons, psychiatric institutions, detention centres, there are those who do not come to peace with their exploitation, who do not bury a taste for freedom, for a better life, just because a judge imposes it. There are people who refuse the daily humiliation of obeying guards and bosses. For whom the walls and the barbed wire of the prisons are not yet marked in their brains but are taken as obstacles to overcome.

We desire to stand with comrades and accomplices who refuse to accept this reality, who refuse to be defeated by the System, who taste freedom in the ashes of prisons. We want to shed our fear and together confront the prison apparatus – the surveillance cameras, the police, the alienating consumer culture, the prison itself.

A question is often raised: what do we do with the murderers and rapists? In this question lies the assumption that the current system offers a solution. All the prisons have yet to “correct” the elements of society that breed this violence. Let us think instead about what we can do with each other, how we create communities of self-determination and autonomy that do not breed this rape culture through patriarchy, or genocide through racism.

We want to expand our solidarity in struggle against prison. We want people to join us and directly confront the systems of social control. We want to be everything prison isn't: uncontrollable, joyful, creative...

The location for this demo T.B.A.

Keep the date marked off, we'll see you in the streets!

For updates and more info:

fireworksforprisons.wordpress.com



In the beginning of March 2010, a surveillance camera was installed on the fancy lofts in The Ward in Guelph. The camera is not pointed at an entrance or a parking lot. It points straight down Alice St, which happens to be the hood of many anarchists. Surveillance on Alice St is nothing new. This is just the latest attempt to impose repression.

In mid-March, the camera was defaced with paint-bombs and spray-paint.

- **January 9th, Paris** : Flash-demonstration in Montreuil. During 2 hours, about 20 people re-decorated the metro, banks and streets with hundreds of posters and graffiti. This demonstration can be read as a continuity of the marches in Bellville and La goutte d'Or areas.

- **January 18th, Paris** : Arson against La Poste cash machines. Two trash cans were also put on fire. A graffiti: “La Poste denounces. solidarity. Vincennes.”

- **January 19th, Besancon** : Solidarity Fireworks for the detainees of Besançon La Butte prison. “On January 19th 2008, Ivan and Bruno (and then Isa, Farid and Juan) got arrested in Vincennes and then imprisoned for their participation to the struggle against sans-papiers deportation... On January 19th 2009, in Bordeaux, the Detention Center for migrants burnt down... On January 19th 2010, a comrade was sentenced to one year of prison, accused for his attempt to bring material support (as meat, communication and entertainment means) to the detainees of that jail; he's now rotting in there.”

- **January 19th, Bordeaux** : Wild demonstration. Crackers, smoke bombs, flyers and about 250 people.

- **January 21st, Grenoble** : Several banks of the center, as also Ibis Hotel and Bouygues shops found themselves closed with glue in the locks. One Bouygues shops had its glass broken. Many graffiti all over the town.

- **January 23rd, Paris** : 27 cash-machines were sabotaged: La Poste, Credit Lyonnais, Societe Generale and CIC banks were damaged with acid or hammer blows. Stickers were let to say these banks denounce sans-papiers.

- **January 23rd, Paris** : Walk in solidarity with Vincennes. About 15 arrested.



*Like in Vincennes...
Fire to the Prisons*

ACTIONS IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE VINCENNES DETENTION CENTER DETAINEES IN TRIAL AND AGAINST PRISONS

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The rebels of the Vincennes detention center were on trial January 25th, 26th, 27th 2010, for burning their prison during a revolt in June 2008. Here are some solidarity actions.

- **September 9th, Paris** : Triple escape from the Vincennes detention centre.
- **September 19th, Paris** : Two ATMs of La Poste (a public french bank which denounces sans-papiers to the pigs) are set on fire in solidarity with the revolt of Vincennes.
- **November 14th, Paris** : 10th district's Red Cross building : « Red Cross collaborators » and « Fire to the detention centers » are painted on its outside surface. Also, the library of the french anarchist federation (which made a flyer where they propose solutions to humanize prisons) receives a visit with these graffiti : « FA collaborators », « Dirty traitors » and « FA wants to humanize prisons, let it burn with them ».
- **December 5th, Paris** : Against migrants deportation, More than 60 ATMs of the BNP bank and La Poste were damaged. On each screen a sticker says: "out of order. This bank denounces sans-papiers to police. Let's sabotage the deportation machine. Liberty for all."
- **December 10th, Paris** : A bulldozer of an Eiffage (prison builders) building site is set on fire. In solidarity with the prisoners in struggle here and elsewhere and with those accused of the torching of the retention centre in Vincennes.
- **December 12th, Paris** : 30 person demo in Belville, behind the banner "Freedom for all, with or without papers"
- **December 16th, Paris** : Alain Derbesse's architectural office, in 14th district, is attacked. Two fires are lit. This office has already built the detention centres of Vivonne and le Havre. It also built the prison of Mans, a Police Central station and renovated a law court building.
- **December 22d, Grenoble** : Bouygues shop windows are broken and a tag is left behind: " Bouygues builds prisons". This shop has been attacked several times.
- **December 23rd Paris** : A walk, tags and posters in the Barbès and Goutte d'Or area. Thousands of flyers and brochures are given to the passing people and slogans are shouted, such as «freedom for all, with or without papers» and «cops, pigs, murders»...
- **January 1st, Paris** : After midnight, fireworks and firecrackers are launched around the detention center of Villepinte and the detention center of Vincennes, accompanied with shouts of « freedom ! », to greet those locked up.

A Month Against Prison

A Contribution to the Struggle Against Prison and its World

www.againstprison.wordpress.com

Faced with the restructuring of prisons and their "correctional" apparatus, the chains that bind us to our slavery are becoming shorter and shorter. Those of us who would do away with the cages built around us have some important questions to ask ourselves about the methods and direction of our struggles. As the society outside the walls of prison begins to see an increase in tension and instability, the entire legal machinery (with its courts and prisons) is also weighing heavy with the burden of its overcrowded pens.

As a structure, prison is being applied to manage the growing instability caused by wars, economic crisis, ecological collapse and the elevated migration and criminality that result as a consequence of the last hundred years of rampant capitalist exploitation of land and people. Recently, prisons have been constructed all over the world for migrants, with surveillance and isolation units, and we will see more pop up to deal with the growing number of people sitting behind bars awaiting their trials. The backlog in the judicial process is growing and a swifter, harsher sentencing is on the agenda of Kanada's correctional services, hoping to clear up their saturated cathedrals of judgment.

Surveillance, stricter identity controls and integrated policing permeate greater parts of society to serve as a deterrent to all who would think of revolting. With the fires that erupted in detention centres for migrants across Europe and with the riots that broke out in penitentiaries across Kanada in 2007-2009, we are urged not to ignore the signs of things to come, but to meet them with our daggers drawn.

We've already waited far too long to lay into them with everything we've got... It's time we get mean!

In July 2010, we will host a month of events against all prisons and the world that needs them.

"When you know that you're serving a life sentence, it isn't just one day after another, no: every day you serve the life term in its entirety, with the memories that anticipate, more and more, your coming suffering. This solidification of hours turns life into sickness... It's the most terrible institution of our era, this justice, tired of raising its bid on the crime it pretends to punish; it no longer crucifies, tears apart, cuts up, impales, burns, and even, decapitates. There is no longer the iron, the wheel, the gallows, the stake, or anything. What replaces them is time. Life amputated by time! This is prison: the naked infliction of time. We no longer kill, we let die."

-Serge Coustel

Three Queer/Trans folk arrested outside drag show in Guelph

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Three members of the Fierce and Fabulous collective based out of Guelph, Ontario, Canada were arrested on Friday, March, 6th, 2010 with charges of allegedly assaulting a peace officer (campus cop) outside of a drag show at the University of Guelph on Friday night. They were held overnight at the Guelph police station. All were released with conditions. Two have curfews of 11:00 pm and one has a curfew of 9:00 pm. All three of the kidnapped queer/trans folk have conditions to not associate with each other. One of the folks arrested who is trans. identified is also charged with a breach of probation. The specifics of the arrests are not being talked about due to legal reasons.

The folks arrested were brutally fucked up by the pigs. One person was slammed into the ground, had their head smashed onto the cruiser multiple times, and was kept in tight handcuffs to the point of having cuts and bruising on their wrists. These violent actions will NOT be tolerated, nor will the choices of the university security (The Brass Taps) who called them. The cops hope to serve their role by instilling fear into us and repressing us. Together we need to stay strong and make sure that not only their repression backfires, but that we also gather strength from these experiences.

Although Fierce and Fabulous can't say a whole lot about the context of the arrests, the real reasons for these arrests and the police violence are very clearly not because of the alleged charges of "assaulting a peace officer." It wasn't coincidence that the arrests happened outside of a drag show or that they were harassed by a private security company beforehand. These arrests are yet another ridiculously obvious attack on queers/transfolk. The war against us all becomes even more apparent, and makes seeing through the state's and the university's "queer positive" (but only if yer assimilationist, and straight) bullshit facade even more transparent.

Their next court date is April 19th. At the Guelph Ontario Court Of "Justice", 36 Wyndham St. South. 9:30 a.m Come out and support them, or send e-mails of support to fierce.n.fabulous1969@gmail.com

**Up The Queers, Up The Trannies!
In Love And Even More Rage**

-The Fierce and Fabulous Krew!

www.queers519.wordpress.com

International News

Struggle Against the Vincennes Detention Centre

The largest detention centre in France burned down on June 22nd 2008. From June 2008 to today (April 2nd 2010), some ten former detainees have been arrested and imprisoned. They were recently convicted, in January 2010 at the *Tribunal de Grande Instance* (a court which tries misdemeanours) of Paris, on several charges ranging from "aggression in band against a police officer..." to "voluntary destruction of the buildings of the Vincennes administrative detention centre."

A ceaseless collective struggle of the imprisoned *sans-papiers** took place for six months leading up to the fire. Hunger strikes, beginnings of fires, refusing to be counted, tearing up of ID cards, and individual or collective oppositions followed each other during this period. Outside, demonstrations and actions exposed the very existence of these centres and supported the revolts. On June 1st 2008, Salem Souli died in his room after he had asked in vain for medical care. The next day the detainees organized a march in his memory, which was violently repressed. A collective revolt followed and the detention centre was reduced to ashes.

Detention centres are but one of the cages of this prison society, of this system that would like to have us all resigned or subjugated so that the powerful can continue to profit from misery, ecological disaster or war. Decent imprisonment, like a humane capitalism, doesn't exist. Faced with the raids on *sans-papiers* in the streets and public transit, faced with the profiling of border guards; against the exploitation which kills with its touch: it's time that fear changes camp.

Ten *sans-papiers* are imprisoned, convicted of the fire of Vincennes. It isn't a question of innocence or guilt. They are hostages, taken to scare those who choose to stand up and return some of the violence that the state forces on us every day. Imprisonment is a reason in itself to rebel against these jailers and their walls of barbed wire. What is certain is that every individual who still has a taste for freedom and rage in their hearts can recognize themselves in these destructive revolts.

The deportation machine is not abstract, but is maintained in people and structures, everyone can find a way to express their solidarity in the most adequate manner they see fit. From political parties and the airlines that serve deportation like Air Canada and Air France, to the companies that build detention centres like Bouygues and Eiffage. From those who maintain and fill them like the Red Cross, police and private security, to the ones who finance them like Wells Fargo and the National Bank of Paris (BNP).

Its gears are found on every corner. Let's sabotage the deportation machine!

**Sans-papiers* are undocumented, or non-status, migrants.

Local Legal Updates

November '08 Blockade in Guelph

Of the five individuals who were arrested at the November 10, 2008 road blockade in Guelph two are still negotiating the court process. In spring 2009, three of the individuals were offered, and accepted a diversion program. Of the remaining two, one is preparing for a pretrial in which she will be representing herself. The other is preparing to plead guilty to a variety of charges. All defendants are continuing to maintain their commitment to not testify against each other.



September '09 Anti - Police Graffiti

The two people arrested on September 2 2009 for scrawling anti-police graffiti around Guelph have finished the court process. One is on probation, and the other accepted the diversion program.

POLICE ATTACKED IN MONTREAL

On Saturday March 13th, 2010, just after midnight, a Montreal Police Station in St-Henri used by the department's traffic division was attacked. About 20 hooded individuals dressed in black and carrying rocks, baseball bats and, in at least one instance, a hammer, damaged 11 squad cars, slashing tires and smashing vehicle windows and the vehicles' computers. The windows of the station house, were also broken and painted with graffiti slogans including FTP and ACAB. This occurred two days before the yearly demonstration in Montreal on the International Day Against Police Brutality.

source: (<http://www.montrealgazette.com>)



Measuring the Meaning of a March, in March, in Montreal

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Another March 15th passed in Montreal and not much has changed. The COBP who called the demonstration asked us to be peaceful, to show "the public" that we are different from the police, that we are "better" than them. Clashes with the cops took place and the COBP, once again, denounced the violent "provocations" of the police - hoping, as organizers of the demo, to save face in "the public's" eye. As participants in the action, we feel otherwise.

The reason we aren't like the police is not because we don't want to provoke conflict. The conflict already exists with the existence of the police and the society that needs them. What separates us from the police is our desire to see the end of arrests, detention, prison and the exploitative system they maintain; not sometime in the future, but here and now.

We went to that demonstration intending to attack the police. Apart from all the weapons we brought, we carried with us a desire to no longer see a single cop walk the streets the next day; at least without a limp, a headache and a feeling of fear that no overtime pay could reconcile. We went out into the streets to hit them as if we could actually smack them the fuck out of our lives, with no guilt, remorse or shame about it. While acknowledging that we have yet to realize the depth of our desires (cops aren't yet running for their lives), we can still move our lives and projects in that direction.



It's in this direction that other conflicts arise.

The more we attack the police, the more absurd we find the claims made by the COBP regarding the non-violent-until-provoked-by-police nature of the demonstration and demonstrators. We were there. We cast the first stone. We ARE offensive, not victims or cowards, and people can see that. After witnessing street fighting on this day for several years, who can take these claims seriously? We certainly cannot.

The COBP are trying to make their organization, and the demo it organizes, appear legitimate and credible to "the public," media and suit-wearing bureaucrats. In this context, they will always separate themselves from the people who attack the police because they share something in common with those to whom they make appeals. They don't see the value in open attacks against property and police. At least in the context of the demos they organize, our attacks push them (and us) away from the undignified people they want to get close to, and certainly not to punch in the face.

Here, again, is the conflict. The only thing the COBP said, after the anonymous attack against a police station on March 13th, was that they didn't do it and were worried that, after this attack, the police might provoke demonstrators on the 15th. Provoke them into doing what? Undesirable things like attacking the police? Exactly what some people did to that police station! (<http://www.montrealgazette.com/news/M...story.html>)

Instead of fighting alongside the enemies of police, they choose to represent

Olympic Torch taken down in Guelph, with two arrests

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On December 28, 2009, at 7:30 am, about 40-50 Anti-Olympics protesters took to the streets in Guelph to unwelcome the 2010 Olympics Torch Relay. When the torch was approaching, the protesters took to the street to precede the Torch through downtown. Stacks of pamphlets were handed out or thrown around the patriotic Olympics fans, which

described the reasons why we oppose the 2010 Olympics.

AND THEN! The protest and the torch had a head-on collision! The torch relay rounded a corner only to be met with chants and banners "NO OLYMPICS ON STOLEN NATIVE LAND"! A scuffle then occurred between the torch security/entourage and the protesters. The torch bearer and one of their escorts fell to the ground, dropping the torch. Police rushed to the scene but it was too late. The torch was ambushed.



**No Olympics on Stolen Native Land!
Honour Harriet Nahanee!
Stop the Police and State Repression!**

For more information on the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and Resistance, visit: www.no2010.com

One person was arrested and is being charged with mischief. A few days later, another person was arrested and charged with assault and mischief.

this prison world, alone or with others, the walls that stand between us begin to look a hell of a lot thinner. For an end to prisons and the world that needs them!

“Let’s escape into rebellion!”



This prison is located close to downtown Hamilton in a working-class neighborhood. For many of us who have spent time or live in Hamilton, Barton Jail is not an abstract or seemingly invisible place – it is a constant threat and reminder of the reality of prison. People who live here have spent time in it, know people who have, or are well aware that they may one day find themselves kidnapped behind its walls. These might be some of the reasons why people getting groceries at the supermarket next to the jail and people walking by, who checked us out, took the time to express their solidarity. Some people stood with us and cheered, while others took part in the noise demo by honking their car horns in the supermarket parking lot. One woman used the megaphone to wish her own happy new year to the prisoners. Also, a child took a picture of the flying banner. The excitement both on the inside and the outside revealed possibilities of, and will only push us further in, the struggle against prison and its world.

FREEDOM FOR THE IMPRISONED REVOLUTIONARIES ON HUNGER STRIKE AROUND THE WORLD!

SOLIDARITY WITH COMRADES FIGHTING AGAINST PRISON, INSIDE AND OUT!

them in the media while distancing themselves from the undesired methods they employ. It’s clear that they would rather organize others to support their cause (in non-violent ways) than to organize themselves to attack the police as our accomplices. Trapped in Medusa’s gaze, they wait for political gains or the next police murder that will boost the turnout at next years’ demonstration.

Rather than wait, we choose the method of open conflict and will always support the actions of people who express this tension in the things they do. This is why we support the action on March 13th, as well as other past actions that have openly targeted the police. These acts speak louder than words and certainly aren’t asking anything from the people who keep us down every day of our lives. Refusing to demand anything of the police means to be locked in permanent conflict until one side is destroyed. It means we don’t distance ourselves from potential companions to save face in the media or to “the public”, because our faces are masked and we speak with our bodies. Let the gorgeous side shine!



Every police car that is put out of service is one less car that can drive the guns of the state to their next execution. It’s one less police car that can drive an asshole around to harass the undesirables in the neighbourhoods that are getting gentrified. It means less police presence and less people getting thrown through the courts and into prison. Like in Vincennes (in France), when the detention centre for migrants was reduced to ashes, things changed in the streets. Significantly less people were arrested and detained because they had no place to put them. Imprisonment, like exploitation, ends when the places, tools and people that carry it out are put “out of service.”

Their repressive tools and strategy are always adapting and changing to better control us. We cannot wait for the numbers or the right social conditions before we change our methods and get seriously uncontrollable.

At least one anarchist faces trial for the street actions and attacks against police on March 15th in Montreal.

It’s time we abandon our roles as spectators and organizers, find our accomplices and pass to action. Our power grows when theirs is weakened.

The Anarchist’s Accomplice - AA

About The Hanlon Creek Five

edited from hanloncreek5.wordpress.com/what-is-this-all-about/

At dawn on Monday July 26, the last coldwater creek of the Hanlon Creek watershed became a flashpoint of resistance. 60 people converged and occupied the site, right where a 4-lane culvert was supposed to be put across a tributary of the Hanlon Creek. Autonomous from any organization, a broad coalition of Land Defenders attracted hundreds of supporters from all over Guelph, Southern Ontario, and other parts of this continent. Lasting for 18 days, this action succeeded in stopping construction for 2009, and has created a huge legal and political battle that continues today.

Within four days of being on the land, the City of Guelph delivered an injunction to try and force people off the land, which would have the threat of police and imprisonment to back it up. Seven people's names were on the injunction, including a claim for \$5 million in damages. With only a weekend to prepare, a legal battle soon began, with courtrooms packed full of supporters. In the end, the occupation lasted for 18 days, eventually ending in injunctions forcing the City of Guelph to stop work and the Land Defenders to vacate the site.

Since then, the City of Guelph has maintained their lawsuit against the remaining five individuals (two of the original people's names were dropped). In August the City reduced their claim to \$150,000, to "recover costs associated with stolen equipment and damage to the property." Then on February 24 2010, the City changed it back to \$5 million, "to ensure that the actual cost of damages incurred to date and potential future damages resulting from protestor activity can be recovered so the business park can move forward without further cost to taxpayers."

This is a support site for these five individuals, collectively known as the Hanlon Creek 5. While there are five named individuals on this lawsuit, this is an issue that affects all of us. At stake is a 675-acre parcel of land which is important to all of us for a long list of reasons. When individuals get targeted in a SLAPP suit like this, it is intended to send a message to all of us – look what happens when you step out of line. The choice the City would leave us with is to conform to actions that don't stop business-as-usual, but of course that makes no difference to the ongoing destruction of our planet. The success of our movements requires us to stand up for each other and support those who are targeted.

HAMILTON NEW YEARS EVE DEMO IN SOLIDARITY WITH PRISONERS

On December 31, 2009, about 30 anarchists took to the streets in Hamilton, Ontario surrounding the Barton St. Jail (or the Hamilton-Wentworth Detention Center). Our intention was to show solidarity with prisoners locked behind those walls, and also as an act of solidarity with the revolutionary prisoners on hunger strike throughout the world. This action was an attempt to break the isolation between inside and outside the prison walls. We used our voices, drums, fireworks, whistles, and other noise-makers to disrupt the day-to-day normalcy of the prison. We chanted: "The passion for freedom is stronger than their prisons!" "No prisons, no borders, fuck law and order!" "They might take our lives away, but not our dignity. Our hearts will pound against their walls until we are all free!" Prisoners waved and banged on the windows while we were outside. We wished them a Happy New Year.

There was also a banner that said "ESCAPE" attached to helium balloons that was freed next to the prison and floated into the sky. It was originally intended to say "escape into rebellion" but our 120 latex helium balloons weren't enough to lift it into the sky. We decided to cut it down to roughly 6 x 3 feet because we wanted a flying banner.

A speech was read on two sides of the prison through a megaphone. Here is the speech:

"I'm standing here today because I refuse to accept the leash of submission that this society hopes to tie around my neck. With every one of its laws, courts, cops, prisons and networks of surveillance, it's made very clear that the 'life' we're supposed to accept is nothing more than a life sentence in an open prison.

"I'm here to stand in solidarity with the fifteen social rebels who've been on hunger strike in prisons around the world because they continue to refuse the meek existence that the state and capital tries to impose on them with every weapon that it has available.

"I'm also here in solidarity with the man who escaped from the [custody of] Barton Jail a little while ago, as well as his accomplices, and anyone on the inside who yearns for freedom and will do what it takes to take their lives back.

"Because with every act of solidarity and with every individual who attacks