



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

The Committee to Free Alvaro Luna Hernandez encourages human rights and prison support communities to step up the work on behalf of political prisoner Alvaro Luna Hernandez, and all prisoners of political oppression, targeted for their prison activism. Retaliation against political prisoners through hearsay and dubious false testimony by informants is a known tactic frequently used by prison staffs to repress and to frame.

The tormenting Administrative Segregation-form of isolation imprisonment imposed on Alvaro from a contrived, due process-abandoned charge and conviction of gang-association that Alvaro has been subjected to for the past two years; is Inhumane and a travesty of justice. Ironically enough, he is imprisoned in Ad Seg, a prison within a prison, just down the road from Mr. Law & Order Bush and his ranch in Crawford; at the Alfred D. Hughes Unit in Gatesville, Texas.

Alvaro was originally convicted and sentenced to a 50-year charge of Aggravated Assault for the disarming of a Brewster County, Texas Deputy Sheriff in self-defense; fearing he would likely be assassinated if he didn't act. The Sheriff, in a later T.V. news interview, stated that Alvaro only disarmed him of his gun; never acted aggressive; or in a threatening manner; nor was he violent.

That video clip, considered as pivotal evidence, was to be subpoenaed in his 1997 trial, but the prosecution squelched its introduction and convinced the judge to block it, then forced the Sheriff to recant his off-the-record story in subsequent testimony.

The Committee to Free Alvaro Luna Hernandez asks that you come to Alvaro's support at a crucial phase of his incarceration, with letters and postcards, requesting that the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, in New Orleans, LA, grant him his COA (Certificate of Appealability) for his popularly called "Ad Seg Appeal", Hernandez v. Dretke, No. 04-50923, on the gang-association charge and conviction.

We ask this of you in particular, because as many of you know, as prison activists yourself, the serious omni-present conditions of Administrative Segregation, and all the other aberrant torturous isolation schemes designed by the fascists to break and destroy the political & revolutionary spirit of our friends in the gulags; must be responded to and fought by we the few but tenacious prison abolitionists and revolutionaries.

TDCJ has placed him in a self-incriminating "damned if you do and damned if you don't" kind of a situation that the prison administration has hung on him in this retaliatory false disciplinary charge and conviction for gang-associated activity; which he has adamantly denied.

Alvaro needs to be back in general population again, with this popular "tool" that the TDCJ uses to intimidate activists removed, by using a Mexican Mafia label, so he can effectively and more diligently apply his energy to his 5th Circuit Appeal on his equally framed-up 1997 conviction for Aggravated Assault.

U.S. District Court Judge JUSTICE found in Ruiz v. Johnson, that... " [U]nlike most of TDCJ ID's facilities and services, the administrative segregation units of the Texas prison system deprive inmates of the minimal necessities of civilized life...Texas administrative segregation units violate those rights through extreme deprivations which cause profound and obvious psychological pain and suffering. Texas' Administrative Segregation units are virtual incubators of psychoses - seeding illnesses in otherwise healthy inmates and exacerbating illness in those already suffering from mental infirmities."

Please address your letters of support for Alvaro's appeal styled: Case No. 04-50923, and send to the attention of the judges:

To:
The Judges of the
U.S. Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit,
600 Camp Street,
New Orleans, LA. 70130

Good luck, the revolution continues...

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