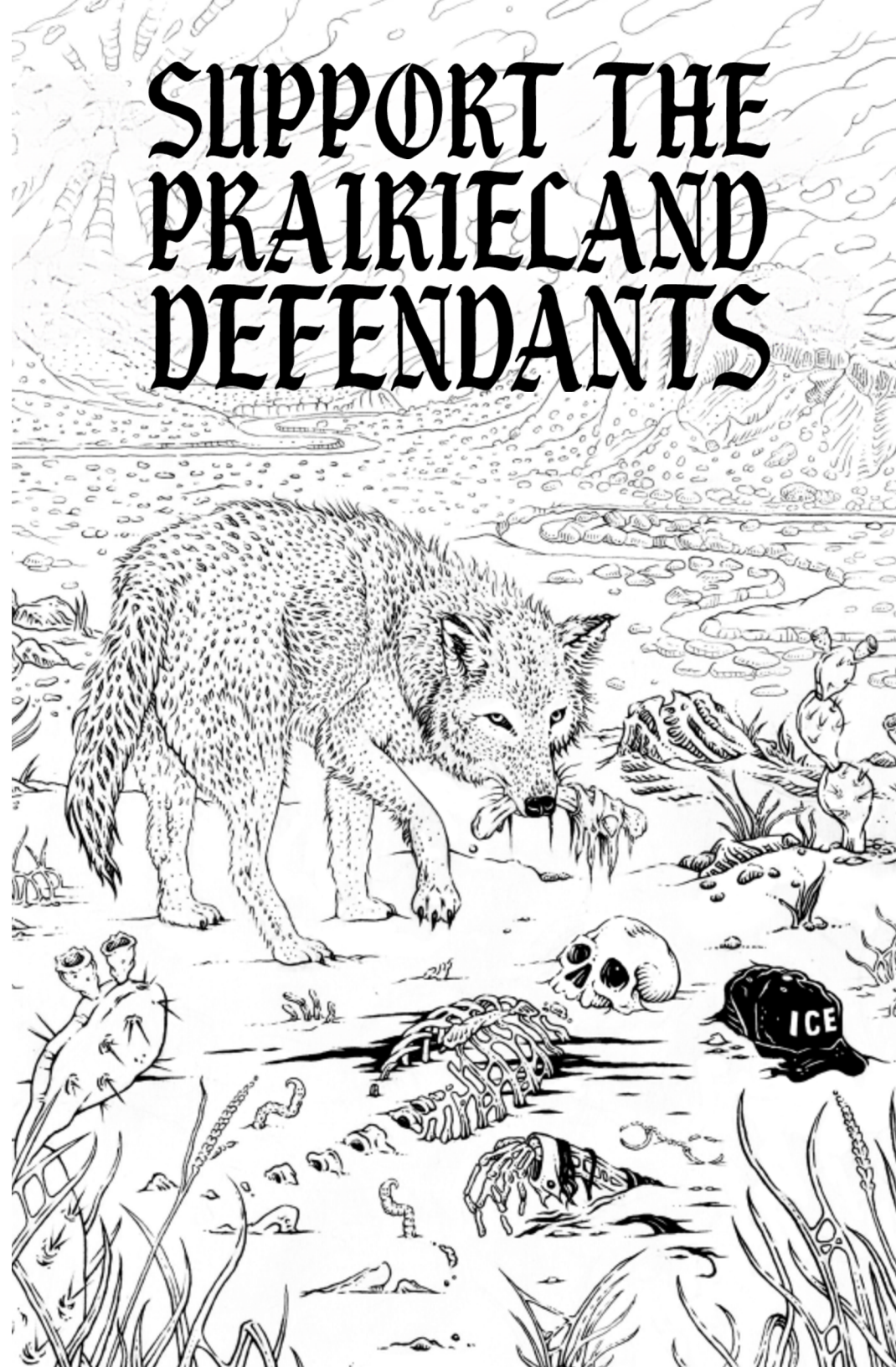


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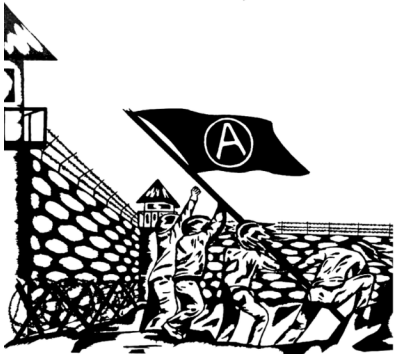
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***The future of political freedom in
America is on trial in North Texas***

On July 4th, around a dozen people gathered to make a display of noise and fireworks to express solidarity with immigrants and ICE detainees who face threat of deportation under Trump's sweeping anti-immigration crackdown. The state's narrative about what happened that night is dubious and full of inconsistencies. After the demonstration, police claim that two people exchanged gunfire with correctional officers and one Alvarado patrol officer on a nearby street. Subsequently, police arrested everyone in the area and the state and feds have charged these 10 people with terrorism and attempted murder, respectively.

Two days later, an 11th person was arrested after receiving a phone call from a loved one in the jail. He was arrested by FBI in Denton, Texas with a box of zines in their car. FBI have turned him over to ICE in order to jeopardize his green card status. Ongoing raids of several other homes across Texas have created hardship for defendants' friends and families: agents deployed flashbang grenades, caused extensive damage, and detained spouses, family members and housemates without cause. In one instance, federal agents tackled the adult child of a defendant and put a bag over their head before arresting them and transporting them to jail. "I was terrified, I had no idea what was going on," the child later said. During this interrogation, agents offered this person monetary bribes in exchange for information, which of course were refused. Police also attempted to extort them by offering to "get rid of a warrant" if they cooperated with the law enforcement investigation.

This is a protest case, not a terrorist conspiracy

What happened July 4th was a normal protest, and regardless of what transpired that night, it's clear that the scale and aggression of the police response is a fear tactic to send a message not only to DFW but across the country of how this administration will treat anyone standing against their rising authoritarianism.

At this point, 19 people in total have been arrested. This includes partners and roommates who likely never set foot in Alvarado. Local legal experts explained that normally in this district, a defendant facing federal charges will receive a first court appearance within one to three days, whereupon appointment of court-appointed counsel,

release or bail conditions, and next court dates are all addressed. There has been no explanation why these normal practices are not being followed regarding these defendants. Meanwhile, the legal proceedings have not progressed on either the state or federal charges, leaving the arrestees in ongoing detainment and deprivation of their constitutionally guaranteed legal representation.

Everyday, Texans face increasing repression by both the federal and state governments. Those on the front lines especially are being met with this repression despite our constitutional right to protest and dissent. Instead of listening to us, the government is arresting protestors, creating false narratives about their actions, and wholly ignoring their own obligation to due process.

Acknowledging this, we have formed a committee of loved ones, friends and comrades of defendants who are committed to supporting them through the legal process and have experience with legal support and anti-repression organizing.

19 of our loved ones still sit in jail, many of them struggling to obtain legal counsel because the public defender assignment process has been obstructed by a seemingly deliberate and targeted array of red tape and outright denial. The framing of the case by the federal government should worry all of us. The glaring inconsistencies in the official narrative and the alarmist accusations are a clear attempt to bolster the Trump administration's claims that the United States is on the verge of chaos, and to excuse a dramatic increase in militarized police action. This, in turn, will almost certainly be used to justify sweeping expansion of repression not only of popular movements but all political activity in opposition to Trump and his regime. As such, what is happening to these 17 people should be a concern for anyone who does not want to see this country descend further into authoritarianism.

The Trump administration has a consistent record of brazenly lying and distorting facts to advance its political narratives. In particular, they actively stoke the flames of far-right conspiracy theories that fed Trump's rise to power. Time and again these narratives have been proven false and dangerous.

These 19 people are some of the first arrested under this unbelievable narrative, but we should expect this sort of repression to spread further and wider. Trump does not distinguish between these defendants, Zohran Mamdani, the Democratic Socialists of

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Write to the Defendants

Many of them have been incarcerated since July—let them know they are not alone! All mail is monitored by state and federal law enforcement. Be extremely mindful of what you are writing. Do not under any circumstances discuss the facts of the case and do not include overtly political commentary. Consider writing about fun things you've done, tell stories, or transcribe your favorite poem. Visit the New York City Anarchist Black Cross website for more detailed letter writing information.

Guidelines & Facility Addresses

Only write in blue or black ink on white 8.5×11 paper. No stickers, glitter, or whiteout. Include first and last name as well as ID number, page numbers, date, and a return address at the top of each sheet. All addresses must be formatted as follows and should include a return address.

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Prisoner Name, Number
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Phoenix, MD 21131

Johnson County Jail, TX
Prisoner Name, Number
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131

Prisoner Name, Number
FMC Fort Worth
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 15330
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Smart Communications / Tarrant Co Jail
Prisoner Name, Number
PO Box 9195
Seminole, FL 33775-9137

America, 50501, or anyone else standing against him. They are coming for undocumented migrants, they are coming for supporters of Palestine, they are coming for anyone who objects to ICE's violence.

Anyone standing up against ICE deserves our support

The first months of this administration have been a disaster. People have been kidnapped in broad daylight by masked agents and sent to hellish prison camps in other countries, with detention centers like Prarieland as stopping points along the way. Natural disasters have killed hundreds with little warning or care from the government – even now we're still trying to count the losses from flooding in Central Texas. Decades of advancement in public health have been eviscerated: measles killed more children in Texas in the last month than in the last 30 years. Transgender people are being erased from our society. US-made bombs are slaughtering millions around the world. Black and Indigenous histories are being scrubbed from official state narratives in an attempt to cage the public's imagination, shackle the people, and steal the future. The list goes on. People see the nightmare that is unfolding, and the state is furiously looking for ways to distract, confuse, immobilize, and terrify. In this context, it should be clear that these recent criminal charges in Alvarado, Texas, are a dangerous and unconscionable stunt in service of this goal.

We are all affected by these disasters already, but criminalization of protest means that we risk arrest and worse as the state moves to crush everyone under its power.

However, the people of this country will not accept authoritarian rule. From the initial waves of protest, resistance and antagonism have generalized and deepened. It has involved not only elected officials and formal organizations, but more importantly, millions of ordinary people taking bold action to protect their communities and reclaim their autonomy. This spreading resistance has been met with violent state repression such as deployment of active duty military on the streets of Los Angeles and the arrest of sitting judges and US senators. Now the state is attempting to ruin the lives of 17 people and their communities in North Texas. It is clear that this systematic demolition of our freedoms cannot be stopped by appeasement and capitulation. Those who face this state terror deserve our support, not silence.

We in the DFW Support Committee have no choice but to push forward and fight for those we care deeply about who are currently sitting in jail. To the rest of you, we call on you to join us in our support. We will be releasing future updates and statements about concrete actions people can take. The first and most important action today is raising funds so that these 17 people have the best legal defense possible.

We know that the fight doesn't end with the cruel and heartbreaking conviction of the first 9 non-cooperating defendants at federal trial, as we have to garner more support as we look toward appeals and supporting 13 defendants during their state trials, including 9 of those who were just tried in federal court.

Zachary Evetts



The following links will take you to the defendants active fundraisers:

DFW Support Committee

<https://www.givesendgo.com/supportDFW/protestors>

Maricela Rueda & her family

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-maricela-family-while-she-fights-for-justice>

Daniel "Des" Sanchez Estrada, Maricela's spouse & the only non-U.S. citizen in this case

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/get-artist-des-revol-an-immigration-attorney>

Write to Zachary:

Zachary Evetts, 11141-512
FMC Fort Worth
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 15330
Fort Worth, TX 76119

Savanna Batten



Savanna lived with her beloved cat and crabs. She has been an animal lover her whole life and has been vegan since she was 14.

“My daughter is a gentle soul with a heart for justice. She has devoted more than half of her life to advocating for animal welfare and human rights. She has been a voice for the voiceless. She’s saved the lives of countless animals and was instrumental in ending the use and abuse of live animals in circuses all over the country. She is deeply grieved by the kidnappings and human rights violations occurring all day, every day in cities and towns across America. It doesn’t surprise me one bit that she would have stepped up to defend other humans against the horrors being inflicted. It’s who she is.”

After being arrested, she has lost her apartment and her job.

Interests: Nature, bugs, and animals

Write to Savanna:

**Wichita County Detention Center, TX
Savanna Batten, 100006
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Autumn Hill



Autumn Hill’s name was legally changed circa 2023, but the federal complaint has used her deadname, Cameron Arnold.

On the evening of July 5th, the FBI conducted a no-knock raid at Autumn’s shared house. Autumn was arrested after exiting the house without a struggle.

Interests: Religious history and mythology

Write to Autumn:

**Cameron Arnold, 11138-512
FMC Fort Worth
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 15330
Fort Worth, TX 76119**

Please address your actual letter to Autumn Hill.

Benjamin “Champagne” Song



Champagne lived with their partner and codefendant, Joy Gibson (Rowan). They had four cats, who have since been housed with family and friends.

Champagne gave themselves fully to their community with love, duty, and devotion. They fed the unhoused population of Oak Cliff and provided training in first aid. They also taught a weekly queer self defense class.

Champagne had steady, full-time employment but has since lost their job and their apartment. Read their poems: <https://prairielanddefendants.com/defendant-writings/poems-by-champagne/>

Interests: Food, travel, history, animals, SciFi and fantasy stories, poetry
Write letters to Song using the following address:

**Benjamin Hanil Song, 11137-512
FMC Fort Worth
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 15330
Fort Worth, TX 76119**

You can address them as Champagne or B, and any/all pronouns are okay.

Rebecca Morgan



Rebecca has a degree in neurobiology and loves history and the applied sciences. She is an avid reader, a splendid artist, and talented cook. Friends and family describe her as kind and compassionate.

As a young girl, she loved horses and was able to have a horse on a ranch near her family home where she took riding lessons, eventually participating in local rodeos.

Write to her about nature, your favorite recipe, or the book you're reading.

Write to Rebecca:

**Wichita County Detention Center, TX
Rebecca Morgan, 100008
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Maricela Rueda



Maricela (Mari) is a devoted mother and partner, and community member. She has a 12-year-old daughter. She has a dog named Oso and 2 cats, Tom Cat and Kitty. A committed vegan, Mari finds joy and peace in her garden, especially in the sunflowers she grows in her backyard. Her lifestyle shows her deep respect for life and the world around her. Mari recently became a birth and postpartum doula, offering care, guidance, and compassion to mothers and families as they navigate one of life's most meaningful journeys. Just a week after her arrest, her father was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and Mari's greatest hope is to be by his side, caring for him during this critical time.

Read a poem by Maricela on the Prairieland Defendants support page! Also please see this additional fundraiser that Mari's family has created:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-maricelas-family-while-she-fights-for-justice>

Interests: Poetry, horror stories, animals, nature, witchy stuff

Write to Maricela:

**Wichita County Detention Center, TX
Maricela Rueda, 100010
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Daniel "Des" Rolando Sanchez Estrada



Des Revol—a tattoo artist, PoC anarchist, immigrant, and all-around sweetheart—is currently facing serious charges related to transporting “antifa materials” (aka zines) in the larger Prairieland case of political repression in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. But Des isn't just a victim of trumped-up political prosecution. He's a beloved artist and friend who loves nothing more than experimenting with new vegan recipes, digging into new books, looking at baby opossums and sometimes fostering them, spitting out bars or writing poetry, and spending time with loved ones. As a longtime vegan dedicated to animal liberation, solidarity with nonhumans shows up in much of Des's artwork, including through his playful depictions of raccoons, cats, and other critters. Des extends this deep solidarity outward: he's a loving brother, son, and friend; he's a free-spirited dreamer who takes good care of everyone and everything around him. Now stuck in a federal prison and facing potential deportation, Des is continuing to lend solidarity by, among other things, drawing pictures for other inmates to send to their families. Des's Support website: *freedes.net*

Interests: Animals/nature, tattooing/drawing, veganism/cooking, motorcycles

**Daniel Rolando Sanchez Estrada, #95099-511
FMC Fort Worth
Federal Medical Center
PO Box 15330
Fort Worth, Texas 76119**

Lucy Fowlkes

Dario Sanchez



Dario is a computer science teacher with 5 years of service. In the summer of 2024, he put his career on hold to take care of his partner who is injured and needs help caring for herself. As he is currently unemployed, he relies on his partner’s income and on savings. He was arrested at a pre-dawn raid on their home with no struggle.

Days after being released on bond, another charge and bond conditions were added at a pre-trial hearing. This second, unexpected arrest is where Dario witnessed the horrific abuse of another prisoner. Weeks after being released on bond, prosecutors had Dario arrested a third time, at gunpoint, after alleging he searched for information on explosive devices, when in reality his bond officer had made those searches. All of this has been a massive financial drain on him and his partner, with fees attached to each of his bond conditions.

Lucy Fowlkes (she/they) is the most recently arrested defendant in the Prairieland case.

Lucy loves gardening and horticulture. Hiking and exploring. She loves her dog, Daisy. She lives on a farm and raise goats and chickens. She loves nature and just being outside.

She is very protective of people she loves and strangers as well. She is part of a prayer circle in the jail and is bonding with their cell mates.

Write to Lucy:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Samuel Fowlkes #202600038
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Please address the envelope to Samuel Fowlkes, but write to Lucy.

Joy “Rowan” Gibson



Rowan (they/she) lived with their partner and codefendant, Benjamin Song (Song). They had four cats, who have since been housed with family and friends.

Rowan serves their community with love and care. They were always there if someone needed help and fed the unhoused population of Oak Cliff. They are a vegan who cared for stray animals around them and did their best to make sure everyone had a home.

Interests: Animals, poetry, anime, art, science fiction, fantasy literature

Write to Rowan:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Joy Gibson, 202502016
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Elizabeth Soto



Elizabeth (Liz) is a mother of 3, provides for her youngest child, and has 2 fur babies. Her partner, Ines, was also arrested. Liz is the kind of person whose loving nature shows in everything she does, fulfilling the role of an older sister in many of her relationships. She is always fiery and passionate. She is as courageous as they come. Liz is spontaneous and fun, enjoying life with an adventurous zeal. A lifelong learner, she passionately studies history. In her family, she prioritizes their traditions and culture. Her non-judgmental presence allows her to connect lost or hurting people with community and support. The community confides in Liz and depends on her for support and advice. Liz lost her job after being arrested at an intersection the night of July 4th. With two people incarcerated, the remainder of her small family is struggling financially.

Interests: Geology, native plants, gardening, and sci-fi

Write to Liz:

**Wichita County Detention Center, TX
Elizabeth Soto, 100005
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Ines Soto



Ines is a father of 3, provides for his youngest child, and has 2 fur babies. His partner, Liz, was also arrested.

Ines is big-hearted, a dedicated friend and father with a great sense of humor and even greater sense of civic virtue. He sticks to his values and is incredibly honest. He is trustworthy, determined, genuine, and humble. He is always focused and committed to his family. He embraces the loner and welcomes the stranger. We met at a social event that I came to alone: he was the first person to welcome me. He has a genuine interest in making everyone comfortable and an overall interest in the well-being of others. Ines spends a lot of time and resources cultivating spaces for creative individuals from marginalized communities to meet each other. Whether he's working on cars or shooting boops with the kids, it is evident that Ines is someone who loves deeply. I have seen him personally risk his safety to ensure others' safety. He has a long history of volunteer work including natural disaster relief. He fights for unpopular, excluded, and desperate people. Now we have to fight for him. Ines lost his job of over 5 years after being arrested at an intersection the night of July 4th. With two people incarcerated, the remainder of his small family is struggling financially. Ines is an avid reader who likes fantasy and sci-fi but isn't picky and looks forward to reading just about anything.

Ines lost his job of over 5 years after being arrested at an intersection the night of July 4th. With two people incarcerated, the remainder of his small family is struggling financially.

Write to Ines:

**Ines Houston Soto, 11144-512
FMC Fort Worth
Federal Medical Center
P.O. Box 15330
Fort Worth, TX 76119**

Janette Goering



Janette's loved ones are funding Janette's case via savings and kind parents. She has a husband of 7 years, Jesse Spahn, and 2 wonderful cats.

At 6 am on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, several Black SUVs surrounded Janette's home and in full tactical gear with automatic weapons broke the silence of the pre-dawn day to search her home and arrest Janette. She was awoken from sleep in a panic and ordered to leave the home where she and her husband were placed into handcuffs and led out for her to be put into the back of a black SUV and driven from her home under arrest.

Interests: Japanese flower arranging, anime, Japanese culture, gaming, Kirby, and gardening.

Write to Janette:

**Janette Goering, 202503019
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P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**