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From Arkansas ACLU (please share with anyone who made need the info)


These may be worth posting or keeping extra copies handy.

What to do if stopped by police, FBI or ICE

Carl Gibson | “Why Police Should Strike on May 1st”
Reader Supported News, April 14, 2012
Gibson writes: "... it's a mistake to paint all cops as unthinking brutes. Police are also victims of the greed perpetuated by the 1%.”
READ MORE  http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/441-occupy/10950-focus-why-police-should-strike-on-may-1st

“Pentagon Offers US Police Full Military Hardware”
Robert Johnson, Business Insider, Dec. 6, 2011, RSN
Intro: "The US military has some of the most advanced killing equipment in the world that allows it to invade almost wherever it likes at will. We produce so much military equipment
that inventories of military robots, M-16 assault rifles, helicopters, armored vehicles, and
grenade launchers eventually start to pile up and it turns out a lot of these weapons are going
straight to American police forces to be used against US citizens."


**STOLEN LIVES.**

There is a nationwide epidemic of police brutality in the United States. The victims are
overwhelmingly African American, Latino and other people of color.

_Stolen Lives_ provides important and compelling exposures of the nationwide epidemic of
police brutality and murder. People who’ve been killed, their families and loved ones, and
communities under the gun speak through the pages and tell their stories. And they get a
platform to speak out even more broadly.

Among people who don’t deal with police brutality in their daily lives, this book shows that it’s
more than just a “few bad apples” or some “isolated incidents.” Many such people will be
moved to join the struggle against police brutality and stand with those under the gun when
they see the shocking scope of this epidemic.

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Stolen Lives is a joint project of

• **The October 22nd Coalition** to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a
  Generation

For more information, contact: info@October22.ORG  or call 1-888-NO-BRUTALITY

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In the fall of 1996, a friend who was organizing for the first National Day of Protest to Stop
Police Brutality asked me to help out. In the course of attending meetings, I met some of the
relatives of victims of police killings. When I heard their stories of how their loved ones were
killed, I was horrified. Like most people, I had believed the news accounts of these killings
which usually describe the victims as criminals posing an immediate threat to the community.
After meeting with many relatives and eyewitnesses over the course of the past three years, I
now know that this widely promoted notion is very far from the truth.

Continuing to attend meetings, I would hear about police killings occurring weekly and
decided to keep track of these deaths. I began my own newspaper research and compiled the
results. When I could, I contacted family members for their version of events. I have yet to
come across an eyewitness account which corroborates the police version of events.

At the same time, three organizations, the Anthony Baez Foundation, named for a Puerto
Rican young man killed by an illegal police chokehold, the National Lawyers Guild, and the
October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a
Generation initiated the Stolen Lives Project. In 1997, they published the first edition of Stolen
Lives which listed 500 cases of people killed and brutalized by police and border patrol agents
since 1990.

I soon joined up with the Stolen Lives Project. With a grant from the San Francisco Foundation and a gift of fiscal administration from the Sonoma County Center for Peace & Justice, I collaborated with Project Censored at Sonoma State University and began a search of Lexis-Nexis and other national newspaper databases for cases of police brutality for the year of 1997. That search produced approximately half of the cases listed in this edition.

Simultaneously, public service announcements filmed by artists and families of victims aired on MTV. Organizations such as Physicians for Social Responsibility contributed funds to air the announcements on Black Entertainment Television (BET). These announcements called on people to send any information they had about someone who’d been killed by police to the Stolen Lives Project. Many individuals and organizations, among them the Center for Constitutional Rights, spread the word about Stolen Lives. Victims' families and friends, lawyers who handle police brutality cases, and local civil rights groups sent in stories. These are some of the many ways we uncovered these cases.

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Introduction to the 2nd edition of

Stolen Lives: Killed by Law Enforcement

ILLEGAL FBI HARASSMENT
I don't know if you're aware of this or not, but the FBI, over the past few days, has been raiding the homes of peace activists in various states. I'm including two or three links on this subject. Al

http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/article26452.htm

http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/content/inspector-general-criticism-doesnt-faze-fbi-raids-midwestern-anti-war-activists
Here are a couple of websites where you can read about many violative protest arrests:
http://twincities.indymedia.org/
http://coldsnaplegal.wordpress.com/

I have a friend going to where many of the protests are taking place with her camera today to attempt to document some of the abuses. She is doing something very important, but very dangerous. Please keep her in your thoughts.

From Coldsnap Legal:
**St. Paul, MN** – Two days into the Republican National Convention (RNC), more than 300 people have been arrested, including at least 120 people for felonies — mostly the notoriously vague charge, “conspiracy to riot.” With no provocation, police have indiscriminately used rubber bullets, concussion grenades, and chemical irritants to disperse crowds and incapacitate protesters. Police appear to be specifically targeting videographers documenting these police abuses. In response, lawyers have filed a federal restraining order against such conduct.

By the end of the day today, only 12 people had been arraigned. Many arrestees are refusing to provide identification, in order to call attention to what they consider trumped-up charges and to collectively bargain. “These tactics are designed to protect the most vulnerable people in jail, and take a page from the history of labor solidarity,” said Rick Kelley of Coldsnap Legal Collective, an activist-based legal collective supporting the arrestees. “Based on the vagueness of their charges and the program of police intimidation currently underway, these individuals understand how they will fare if they don’t stick together.” The court has been imposing the maximum bail of $2,000 for misdemeanor defendants.

This is a video of the band Rage Against the Machine at the protests at the RNC. The police wouldn't let them play, so they led the audience in a cappella versions of Bulls On Parade and Killing In The Name.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYwzW2QFnwo
-Courtney