

# **FREE THEM ALL, even the innocent ALL PRISONERS ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS**

**HOW TO WRITE TO A PRISONER**, adapted from the [NYC Anarchist Black Cross](#):

## *WHY LETTER-WRITING MATTERS*

Writing a letter to an incarcerated comrade or prisoner of war is a concrete way to support those criminalized for their political struggles. A letter is a direct way to brighten someone's day by creating human connection and opening communication—something prisons attempt to destroy. Beyond that, writing keeps prisoners connected to the communities and movements of which they are a part, enabling them to provide insights and stay up to date.

Writing to prisoners is a practice of solidarity, not charity. We on the outside have as much to grow from these relationships as prisoners. Understanding the importance of letter writing is critical: prisons are isolating and oppressive structures. Any bridge from the outside world into one can be profound.

In this spirit, overcome feeling intimidated about writing to someone you do not know yet—and when possible, be a consistent pen pal. Be transparent about your capacity and how often our incarcerated comrades can expect to hear from you.

## *WHAT TO WRITE*

For the first letter, offer an introduction, how you heard about the prisoner, and a little about yourself. Tell stories, write about anything you are passionate about—movement and community work are great topics until you have a sense of the incarcerated comrade's interests.

Incarcerated people often encourage pen pals to include detail. Prison can be so totalizing that the details of life on the outside become distant. Scents, textures, and sounds of the street become dulled behind bars. Description and specificity in letters reconnect comrades with the experience of the outside and those who support and are fighting alongside them.

## *GUIDELINES*

Below are general guidelines. Before mailing your letter, search the prison's website and double-check any facility-specific requirements for letters.

- If you are writing to someone who is pre-trial, do not ask questions about their case. Discussing what a prisoner is alleged to have done can negatively affect their trial or negotiations leading up to it.
- Do not write anything that you would not want a cop or judge to see. Assume that law enforcement agencies are reading your letter. This advice extends to any snail mail, e-mail, texting, messaging, or speaking that takes place in known movement spaces or organizing homes.

- Write in standard pencil or non-gel pen in blue or black ink.
- You cannot enclose glitter or write with glittery gel pens or puff paint pens.
- Include your return address inside the letter as well as on the envelope. It's common for incarcerated comrades to receive letters without envelopes.
- If your letter is multiple pages, paginate — number, 1, 2, 3, etc — each page and include your return address at the top of each page. This ensures that if pages of your letter have been removed or don't make it to the incarcerated recipient, they will know it.
- You cannot include articles or anything torn out of a newspaper or magazine. You can, however, print that same article from the internet or photocopy it and write your letter on the other side of the page.
- You cannot include polaroid photographs; you can often include regular photographs. Note that some incarcerated people have a limitation to the number of photographs that they can receive at any given time, so check with the recipient before sending a stack of photos.
- If you mail more than a letter, clearly write "CONTENTS" on the envelope/ package with a full list of what is included.
- Consider carefully the expectations that you set with regard to cadence and frequency of letter writing, and commit to what you are certain you can do. If you cannot maintain a correspondence past an initial letter, let the recipient know. Conversely, if you would like to maintain an ongoing correspondence, let them know as well.

## WRITE TO MUMIA ABU-JAMAL

freemumia.com

Mumia Abu-Jamal is a former member of the Black Panther Party, supporter of Philadelphia's radical MOVE organization, and an internationally celebrated Black writer and radio journalist. He was tried, convicted, and sentenced to death in 1982 for the murder of Philadelphia police officer Daniel Faulkner. He remains in prison under a sentence of life without parole. Mumia Abu-Jamal survived more than 30 years of death-row isolation and torture, and has never wavered in his commitment to the struggle for his community. Listen to his words at [Mumia Radio Essay Podcast](#) and [Prison Radio](#).

As Mumia's legal team does its work, the international movement for Mumia's freedom needs your support. Become involved in this campaign by visiting [freemumia.com](#) and learning how you can host an event in your home or community space; fundraise; and write to Mumia:

**Mumia Abu-Jamal #AM 8335**  
**SCI Mahanoy**  
**301 Morea Road**  
**Frackville, PA 17932**



## WRITE TO JAIA CRUZ

Jaia Cruz is a 24-year-old transwoman of color convicted of second-degree murder charges for defending herself against a transphobic attack in a Harlem deli on January 2, 2025. Jaia, who regularly experienced violence and harassment in public, was brutally struck with repeated blows while being called transmisogynistic slurs. Jaia took a plea deal and is currently serving a 15-year sentence.

Show up for criminalized survivors by contributing to her fundraiser, so that she has the food, clothes, and other essential items needed to survive while inside: [bit.ly/SupportingJaia](https://bit.ly/SupportingJaia)

Write to Jaia:

**Jaia Cruz #3492500039**  
**Rikers Island – Rose M. Singer Center**  
**19-19 Hazen Street**  
**East Elmhurst, New York**  
**11370**



## WRITE TO MARIUS MASON

Marius Mason is an anarchist, environmental and animal rights activist, as well as a loving parent, artist, poet, and musician. He is currently serving nearly 22 years in federal prison for acts of property damage carried out in defense of the planet.

He has fought tirelessly during his incarceration for trans prisoner rights.

Marius' 2008 arrest was part of what has been subsequently termed the Green Scare, a series of environmental activist arrests based on snitching and FBI harassment of activists that set a precedent for charging non-violent activists with "terrorism."

Letters are his main connection to the outside world. As people become more digitally focused and less familiar with writing letters, letters have dropped off, contributing to his isolation. ***Marius is unlikely to write back due to limitations on his end***, but he always appreciates connection to the outside world. As of May 6, 2025 his letters have started getting returned when they are addressed to Marius, so please go back to this until further notice.

**Marie (Marius) Mason #04672-061**  
**Federal Satellite Low**  
**33 1/2 Pembroke Rd. Rte. 37**  
**Danbury, CT 06811**

Letters are one of the only ways Marius can connect to the outside world. He loves to hear about people's projects, what they're reading, sensory information, animals, daily life, political thoughts. Even brief postcards, especially if they are sent regularly, help him feel connected. You can also send in printed out copies of articles, which helps him keep up to date on the world.

Marius has a list of 100 pre-approved people he can write to; this means he will be able to receive your letter but until your name is added to his list he cannot write back. Marius can request people to be added/removed but this takes time and is not always granted.

When writing to Marius, keep in mind that all his mail is read by prison staff. For this reason, do not mention any illegal acts or actions. Letters that mention other Green Scare prisoners may be rejected.

- All envelopes must be white. No colorful envelopes.
- The prison will not accept postcards, colored paper or cardstock
- Letters over 5 pages will be rejected.



- No mailing labels or return address labels
- Your letter and envelope must contain your first and last name when writing.
- All letters have to be written on only one side of the page.
- If letters are not entirely in English, they may be delayed up to several months.
- Be sure to include your return address on the envelope and in the letter/card. You may also want to include his name and prisoner number on the letter/card in case it gets separated from the envelope during processing. Page numbers are also helpful in case of lost pages (example: page 1 of 5).

If your mail is rejected, let us know at [supportmariusmason@riseup.net](mailto:supportmariusmason@riseup.net)



## WRITE TO KAMAU SADIKI

<https://freekamau.com/>

Kamau Sadiki is a veteran of the Black Panther Party, a Muslim, and a loving father of two daughters and grandfather of five. Kamau joined the Black Panther Party at the age of sixteen in Queens, New York. He served his community for years before he was arrested on trumped-up charges in 2002. Kamau, now 69 years old, is among many incarcerated elders who suffer from medical neglect. Kamau struggles with sarcoidosis, untreated hepatitis C, malnutrition, and unhealed and infected ulcers on his legs.

Write to Kamau:

**KAMAU SADIKI (fka FREDDIE HILTON)**  
**#0001150688**  
**AUGUSTA STATE MEDICAL PRISON**  
**BLDG. 23A-2**  
**3001 GORDON HIGHWAY**  
**GROVESTOWN, GA 30813**

# FREE PEPPY .ORG

Brian "Peppy" DiPippa is a 38 year old Pittsburgh community activist who has been the subject of government repression since his house was raided on May 19th 2023. He is currently serving a five year federal prison sentence.

The case against Peppy & Krystal, his wife & co-defendant, arose out of an April 18, 2023, demonstration against a University of Pittsburgh-sanctioned event promoting hatred toward transgender people & communities, featuring notorious transphobes Brad Polumbo & Michael Knowles, posing the question, "should transgenderism be regulated by law?"

The government alleges that during protests outside the event, a "civil disorder" occurred, when a commercially available firework & two homemade "smoke bombs" were discharged. This led to the government raiding Krystal & Peppy's home & charging them in federal court.

On June 30th, Krystal was charged with conspiracy & obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder, & released on pre-trial probation. Peppy was charged with the same, plus use of explosive to commit a federal felony. He was detained & has been incarcerated ever since.

Peppy has fought this case while locked up, after being denied bail multiple times.

Facing what could have exceeded 10 years in prison each, & considering all the risks of going to trial & the larger political context surrounding the case, in September of 2024 Peppy & Krystal accepted a non-cooperation deal. Peppy pled guilty to conspiracy & obstruction of law enforcement during a civil disorder. The "use of explosive to commit a federal felony" charge, carrying a 10-year mandatory minimum, was dropped. On January 6th, 2025, Krystal was sentenced to 3 years of probation, avoiding jail time. By statute, Peppy's plea carries a 60-month sentence.

They were also given a deadline to jointly pay restitution to the University of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$1,400, along with \$47,284 to a University of Pittsburgh police officer for alleged financial damages.

There is still a long road ahead, & both Peppy & Krystal need our support. Check out [freepeppy.org](https://freepeppy.org), find us on social media, donate, spread the word, & write Peppy letters of support and solidarity:

**Brian DiPippa #66590-510**  
**FCI Elkton**  
**Federal Correctional Institution**  
**P.O Box 10**  
**Lisbon, OH 44432**





## WRITE TO JACK MAZUREK

John “Jack” Mazurek is a outspoken opponent of Copy City, environmental and animal rights activist, vegan, and beloved community member living in Atlanta. He was arrested in his home in southeast Atlanta in the early morning of February 8, 2024. That morning, a combined taskforce of Atlanta PD, Georgia State Patrol, SWAT, and FBI conducted raids on three houses, including Jack’s. In the course of these raids, law enforcement officers dragged Atlanta residents out of their homes by their hair, sexually harassed them, detained them for as long as 8 hours before letting them go, and trashed their belongings.

Authorities say they targeted these houses because of their connection with the Defend the Forest / Stop Cop City movement—the latest media stunt in an attempt to intimidate activists and repress the movement against Cop City. During the raids, Jack was arrested and charged with first-degree arson for alleged involvement in the burning of multiple Atlanta police motorcycles at the current Atlanta Police training facility.

After his arrest, he was held for a month without bail at Fulton County Jail, which is notorious for its inhumane conditions before being transferred to Cobb County where he spent another month before finally being released to await trial on highly-restrictive 24-hour house arrest.

**Support Jack’s lawyer fees and court costs:** <https://givebutter.com/tLAvDE>

**Now that Jack is home, he can receive messages of support via email at [freejack@riseup.net](mailto:freejack@riseup.net). When writing, please DO NOT mention the specific allegations or discuss the nature of Jack’s case.** Instead, his support crew asks you to consider writing about Jack’s interests: “He loves rock climbing, history, philosophy, Zen Buddhism, ‘The Middle Way,’ poetry, vegan prison recipes, hip hop, straight edge, punk, carpentry/DIY construction, sewing, he wants to hear anecdotes that felt special to you from just everyday things. You could share your critiques and opinions about interesting theories or historical events. You could write about a sunset or a wholesome gathering or a way a song made you feel.”





## **SUPPORT ATLANTA'S RICO 61**

Attempts to repress the first amendment rights of Stop Cop City activists have made headlines internationally. Dozens of activists were charged under Georgia's Domestic Terrorism law after attending a music festival in the South River Forest. In early February, The Georgia House of Representatives passed SB63, a bill that criminalizes not-for-profit bails funds like the Atlanta Solidarity Fund. 61 have been indicted under RICO, a law designed to target organized crime, for activities like handing out fliers.

Ayla King was the only person of 61 defendants who successfully invoked speedy trial rights, but she has still waited two years for her trial to begin and continues to face delays. Her case is currently being appealed in a higher level court. The judge indicated intent to proceed with other trial groupings ahead of Ayla. Though there is no trial date set for Group 1, in the next few weeks, there will be motions ruled on for a few defendants, and **there are asks to pack the court virtually**.

**On Wednesday, August 6**, pack the virtual courts for Jamie Mariscano. The prosecution will need to argue why Jamie's Domestic Terrorism case from Dekalb County should not be dismissed. At this time, supporters can attend the hearing via zoom:

<https://dekalbcountyga.zoom.us/j/88387517511>

Meeting ID: 883 8751 7511

**On Thursday, August 14**, Hannah Kass, Grace Martin, Teresa Shen, Brooke Couremanche and Priscilla Grim will all have Bond Modification hearings in Fulton county related to the RICO charges. We believe at this hearing attorneys will argue to modify the "no contact" orders among other bond conditions impacting co-defendants' lives. At this moment, it's unclear if there will be a way attend the hearing virtually.





## **WRITE TO CASEY GOONAN**

Casey's sentencing has been rescheduled again to September 23, at the Oakland federal courthouse. We will be mobilizing court support again for this hearing so stay tuned for confirmation and guidelines a few weeks before that date. Since the plea deal, the US Attorney has entered substantial new material into evidence consisting of a large amount of phone call audio and copies of correspondence between Casey and supporters obtained via the jail's monitoring of communications. This is concerning, but let it serve as a reminder that all communications into jails and prisons are actively monitored and that it is incumbent upon everyone to maintain responsible communication habits.

Rescheduling the sentencing hearing also means there is more time for people who know Casey personally to send the lawyers letters of character to file with the judge. If you want the guidelines and details, contact [cscommittee@proton.me](mailto:cscommittee@proton.me).

Casey has had a very difficult year healthwise. As a result, they have been spending a lot of time in bed, and have not been up for doing much letter writing. Letters are always appreciated but correspondence is also challenging due to 2-4 week delays in receiving mail. Write to Casey:

**Casey Goonan #UMF227**  
**Santa Rita Jail**  
**5325 Broder Blvd.**  
**Dublin, CA 94568**

Visits are very appreciated by Casey! They can be in person at the jail or via video. To schedule in-person or video visits: <https://www.alamedasheriff.gov/.../santa-rita-jail-visiting>

Support Casey's legal defense fund: <https://chuffed.org/project/SupportCasey>