

# ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT

## supporters group

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## Editorial

Since the last newsletter, we have seen further raids against and a second planned trial of SHAC supporters; Mel Broughton from the SPEAK campaign has been charged and remanded in custody only a few months after police were inadvertently recorded threatening to "wage a dirty war" against him; and following a £4.5 million investigation and trial involving the campaign against Sequani labs, Sean Kirtley was sentenced to four and half years under a new, totally unprecedented law which specifically targets anti-vivisection campaigners. In the UK, it is the anti-vivisection campaigns which are bearing the brunt of the repression.

It's clear that the reason for all this is the corrupting influence of the mighty pharma and biotech industry on the UK government, which long ago sold out in return for millions of pounds in donations to New Labour's party coffers.

Because of the nature of this newsletter, in order to raise awareness of the prisoners, we have to report further developments in the campaign of repression being waged against animal rights activists. It is important to bear in mind while reading these reports that this attack on the movement is the inevitable result the success of our campaigns. As one former ALF prisoner wrote, "If they haven't got prisoners, we have stopped fighting."

There are signs that as the animal liberation movement becomes more international, so the repression is starting to spread to other countries. Recently in Austria, armed police raided the homes and offices of many of the main animal rights organisations and individuals, arresting 14 at gunpoint and taking away everything needed for campaigns. Two months later, ten activists are still being held in prison without charge under a law which was introduced to fight organised crime.

In the case of Austria it appears it was the farming and fur lobbies which influenced the government into taking action, but the story is much the same; a government corrupted by the power and money of the animal abusing industries, and the resulting abuse of the legal system and the forces of law in an attempt to smash the animal rights movement.

We should not be surprised at these developments given our big successes in recent years. It's an often repeated phrase but in the current climate it is more appropriate than ever; to quote Ghandi: "first they ignore you, then they laugh at you, then they attack you..."

It is apparent we have now reached the stage where we are being attacked in a big way. For the sake of the animals we have to keep going and fighting even harder than before in order to reach the final stage and finish the quote, "...and then you win."



### THE ALF SG

The ALF SG's role is to support financially, practically and morally, those brave men and women who end up in prison as a result of their actions on behalf of animals. This is a vital part of the movement, and we in turn depend on our members and supporters to enable us to help the prisoners at a time when they are most in need. We are separate to the ALF, and we operate legally and above ground. This vital work has continued unceasingly over the years, along with other like minded organisations who support animal rights prisoners. If you would like to join the ALF SG and help support our work, please fill out the membership form on the back cover.

# GLOBAL LIBERATIONS



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then they attack you...



... and then you WIN. ”



# CAMPAIGN UPDATES

## SHAC bites back



Most of you will by now be aware of the government's ongoing efforts to smash the SHAC (Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty) campaign. SHAC was formed in 1999 to campaign for the closure of Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), the largest contract animal testing lab in Europe.

As we reported in the last issue of the SG Newsletter, the latest episode in the government's war against the SHAC campaign began on May 1st last year, when 700 police officers, accompanied by TV crews and reporters, carried out dawn raids at over 30 addresses across the country. Dubbed Operation Achilles, it was one of the biggest police operations ever carried out in the UK.

Thirty people, mostly SHAC supporters, were arrested and questioned over several days. Eventually 10 people were charged with conspiracy to blackmail, and three SHAC campaigners were remanded in custody awaiting trial.

Over a year later, the trial date has been postponed several times as the prosecution continues to serve mountains of "evidence" while Gregg and Natasha Avery and Heather Nicholson, are still in prison with a new trial date in September this year.

In January this year, following further police raids on the homes of SHAC supporters, the Crown Prosecution Service charged a second group of 6 activists with conspiracy, and they will appear in a separate trial to the original 10 who were charged following the earlier raids. All 6 have been granted bail, and no trial date has been set as yet, it will depend on the timing of the first trial.

Although this continuing repression of SHAC is alarming, it is a testament to the fantastic success of the campaign. Even before this latest wave of repression, the government had already spent many millions in tax payers' money propping up HLS. When no bank would agree to give HLS an account, the government took the unprecedented step of allowing the Bank of England

to give them a bank account, and when insurance companies all stopped doing business with HLS, the government actually agreed to provide cover themselves, making tax payers liable for any losses incurred by or mistakes made by HLS, with all the obvious implications connected with pushing potentially dangerous drugs onto the market.

It is also important to put these events into perspective; hundreds of people across the UK, and thousands across the world, continue to regularly take part in SHAC protests, only a tiny percentage is involved in the current legal problems, and the charges are not connected with regular SHAC protests. The protests have continued around the world, and indeed even more countries have joined the campaign.



Even as this newsletter is being put together, we receive the news that HLS's largest and only significant shareholder Eagle Asset Management have sold their half a million shares, after just a few weeks of protests in London and the US.

Whatever the outcome of the forthcoming trials, the campaign to close down HLS will continue until the hell hole is closed for good. In the meantime, write to the prisoners and keep supporting the campaign.

[www.shac.net](http://www.shac.net)

# Sequani Shenanigans!



In May, Sean Kirtley was sentenced to an outrageous four and a half years in prison for running a legal campaign against Sequani, under a new law which makes it an offence to "interfere with a contractual relationship" of a company involved in animal research. Sean has launched an appeal against this terrible injustice, here is the disturbing story so far...

In May 2006, 120 police officers carried out raids on several addresses and arrested 14 people in connection with the protests at Sequani and associated companies. Large amounts of property were confiscated and the police even made an appearance at activists' places of work. Yet despite the size of "Operation Tornado" there was no evidence to charge even one person at this stage which leads us to believe that this was a fishing expedition.

Later, 12 of the arrested activists were charged with offences under section 145 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (SOCPA), which makes it an offence to interfere with the contractual relationships of an animal research company. This controversial act was brought in by the government at the request of the biotech and pharma companies to stop legitimate anti-vivisection protests.

The 12 defendants were split into 2 groups in two separate court cases. Seven were charged with conspiracy to breach Section 145, the other 5 with a simple breach of the act. The trials were to take place in Birmingham i.e. as far away as possible from the defendants' homes and the judge, Peter Ross, was a bloodsports enthusiast.

Judge Ross started the case by trying to scare the jury, carting them to and from the court under guard by bus, to "protect" them from animal rights "extremists". Witnesses also gave evidence from behind a screen. These procedures are normally reserved for murder, terrorist or gang-related trials, and the intention was clearly to influence the jury and give them the impression the defendants were dangerous criminals.

After the court had been subjected to hours of videotapes

of people standing with banners occasionally shouting something, one defendant pleaded guilty to standing by the side of the road, occasionally holding a banner, and another rejected all deals offered to her by the police, telling the prosecution to shove it.

The staff from Sequani and from other companies where protests had taken place exaggerated and lied about the activists and the impact of protests. It is impossible to take seriously the histrionics of someone who thinks nothing of maiming and killing an innocent creature but who is a gibbering wreck at seeing a protest questioning their violence.

After more than four months, the jury finally went out in May to consider their verdicts. Wendy, the activist in her 60's who had refused to accept a deal was acquitted unanimously by the jury on 12th May 2008, vindicating her courageous decision. The jury later acquitted another two activists by a majority verdict. The Jury could not reach a verdict on another two of the activists, and the prosecution said they would decide later whether they would face a retrial.

However one of the activists, Sean Kirtley was convicted. While we're sad about Sean, it was remarkable that after all the efforts of the police, the prosecution and the judge to portray the defendants as dangerous terrorists, the jury only convicted one of the seven activists.

At a court hearing a few weeks later it was announced that the second trial was to be abandoned and all the charges against the 5 defendants were dropped.

However, the pharma industry would not want to see everyone getting away without punishment. Sean was sentenced to four and a half years in prison, to be followed by a five year "super" ASBO (CRASBO). Sean was the only person the judge could really vent his frustration on after the humiliation of the verdicts on the other defendants, and he was positively evil. He will be appealing this travesty of justice, and there are several good grounds for being optimistic, though the process may take quite a few months.

We continue to protest much more frequently and in far greater numbers than before this crackdown. The police have motivated many activists into showing solidarity and in doing so have inadvertently turned a small local group into a campaign which is much larger, more effective and more determined.

## Mel Broughton: update



Many of you will be aware by now that Mel Broughton is in prison again. Mel has been featured in the SG magazine several times over the years having served two previous prison sentences in connection with animal rights.

However for the past few years Mel has been the public face of the high profile legal campaign group SPEAK, which has been campaigning against the building of a new animal laboratory at Oxford University.

The building was due to be opened almost 3 years ago, but has been delayed repeatedly due to the very successful and relentless campaign by SPEAK activists. If and when the laboratory opens, it will only have been made possible by the intervention of the government, which has spent over £100 million of taxpayers money on ensuring the building goes ahead.

In mid-December 2007, as it was rumoured that the laboratory was due to open, police officers from Thames Valley Police raided Mel's flat in Northampton on suspicion of conspiracy to blackmail. A large group of officers used a battering ram to smash down the door of Mel's flat, and as they entered his room shouting loudly, they allowed Mel's dog to run out of the house and he could only watch as she ran away terrified. It was only good fortune that she was found later, safe and well.

Mel was taken to Banbury Police Station and after 2 days of questioning he was eventually charged with arson and possessing incendiary devices, in fact this was a packet of sparklers.

It was clear to Mel's friends and fellow activists that this was above all else an attack on a campaign that had resolutely stood up to a very powerful institution and was refusing to back down. Oxford University and its servants had been attempting to frustrate and silence SPEAK since the beginning, and these attempts had grown ever more desperate.

Events had also thrown up evidence of the deeply disturbing relationship that exists between the university hierarchy and Thames Valley Police.

Most notable was an incident following the arrest of 16 SPEAK campaigners during a degree awards ceremony in June 2006. The protest was broken up by police officers, some of them using heavy handed tactics, and 16 campaigners were charged with public order offences. The 16 were eventually cleared of the charges almost a year later, but a few weeks before the case came to trial, the defendants received some sensational evidence.

Following the original arrests, one of the officers involved had accidentally left a voice recording device switched on, which then recorded the conversation between him and other officers in the back of a police van. Amazingly this evidence went unnoticed by the police and went to the Crown Prosecution Service, who transcribed the tape and sent the statements to the defendants.

The conversation between the officers was highly revealing. They spoke of waging a "dirty war" against SPEAK campaign, and said they would "prosecute the shit" out of Mel Broughton.

This is one of many examples of collusion between the Police and the University. In Mel's current case, the prosecution case includes witness statements from Oxford University officials, who are not even party to the alleged offences. One of the officers who drove Mel to Woodhill Prison following his remand in custody had only two weeks previously had Mel arrested for allegedly assaulting him during a regular SPEAK protest, a charge that has since been dropped.

On arrival at Woodhill Mel was allocated the status of Category A prisoner. This is usually reserved for the most dangerous and violent prisoners, and imposes severe restrictions on the day to day life of the prisoner. For example any visitors have to be approved in advance by the prison or Home Office, a process which can take weeks. Some visitors can be refused if for example they have criminal convictions. Category A prisoners are also subject to very stringent security measures, such as strip searches before and after visits, regular cell searches, constant supervision and isolation from prisoners of lower category status.

Mel's trial has been delayed twice now, a date has now been set for August. Please send messages of support to Mel, and don't forget to support the SPEAK campaign whenever you can.

## Austrian Arrests

On May 21 2008 masked and armed officers of the Austrian elite squad WEGA broke into homes and offices of NGO workers and organisations at the crack of dawn. Since that day, 10 people arrested in the raids have been detained in remand custody without being charged for specific wrongdoings.

Austrian and international organizations and individuals are extremely concerned about the arbitrary way in which these activists are being treated. A string of human rights violations against these animal protectionists has caused outrage and strong criticism towards Austrian authorities from the international community and concerned Austrians.

To find out more about the Austrians and for addresses to write to, see:

**[www.austriasolidarity.com](http://www.austriasolidarity.com)**

## Letters

### Jonny Ablewhite

Another Christmas, New Year and Birthday in jail! What a monumental start to 2008! By way of consolation, the festive food was utterly fantastic and worthy of gargantuan congratulations! The donated cakes and delicacies organised by the VPSG were the tastiest morsels of munchy loveliness I've had in over 2.5 years! The remarkable work of the VPSG in arranging this and securing all the necessary ethical toiletries must be heartily commended. Furthermore, the inimitable talents of our personal chef John Smith in preparing all the wonderful dishes must also receive acclaim: blessings upon his radiant, holy dome! So my time was spent vegetating in front of Sky Sports and Film Four whilst twanging my guitar (yes, I did fiddle with my G string!) and stuffing my fat face - how these glorious hours of food-filled, mind-numbing TV entertainment eased the burden of my iniquitous incarceration!

On the legal front, rather predictably the CCRC (Criminal Cases Review Commission) rejected my pleas for a re-trial/re-sentencing! You may begin weeping forthwith! My Birthday and this unsurprising dismissal did remind me of my fragile mortality - again, I praise you all for your cards and generosity, they totally cheered me up! So, given that I am decaying by the minute and will be stuck in jail for the full duration, if you haven't visited yet please try and squeeze one in before I die and pass over into Vegan Valhalla (where the rivers flow with Vegan ice cream and the moon is made of Cheesley!) On a more triumphant note, I should be recategorised to category C status this summer and may make the move to a cat C prison this time next year or before. After 6 months I'll hopefully make the ultimate shift to a category D establishment, around autumn of 2009 where I'll spend the final 2 years. In cat D's inmates are allowed the freedom of visits into town, a job and some weekends away (dirty ones I hope!!) It's effectively up to my Probation Officer but she seems a decent person so let's pray to the Lords of Karma that I will be granted that lip-smacking service!

My Masters in Social Science will continue in May; I don't want to get too sycophantic but most of it will be paid for by the

money many of you have so graciously sent - it's not wasted on chocolates and treats I assure you! I really do owe my mental athleticism and overall sanity to you for such big-heartedness! My next module is about 'the semiotics of the visual image' so no doubt most of my word count will be spent waffling on about state sponsored anti-Vegan corporate propaganda! ("It's the violence inherent in the system! I'm being oppressed!")

But don't get me wrong - this is not easy by anybody's standards. The most pressing problem for any long term prisoner is boredom and it is a burden no one should have to bear. But strength comes through adversity and all that: 'The higher the hurdle, the greater the jump!' I don't grumble too much, it must be my stoical upbringing - and like most locked up liberators, I try not to - for better or worse. The daily avalanche of cards and messages of support has been recently overwhelming. I've only truly appreciated how universal and endemic compassion is since my imprisonment - strangely enough, when I was free and deeply immersed in the Vegan bubble (the aptly named "vubble") I barely noticed the rest of the world! However, when I now receive letters from the international animal/human/earth rights community brings me such hope; not only for us here in the gloomy UK but for all those that are pursuing lives of compassion and equality in the global justice movement. As a virtuous Kropotkinian (!), I try to see good in all people, obscured as it often seems. There are so many morally inclined people around us (less around me I'll admit!) who may not be Vegan but have that biologically programmed gene that automatically favours mutual cooperation and altruism. That interdependence is innate; it is the principle that powers all social mammals: that of mutual aid! It is there and it's up to us to ignite it in others and towards other species! We are all potentially cooperative flowers in the desert and long may we all flourish!

"Do not go gently into that good night,  
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;  
Rage, rage, against the dying of the light." Dylan Thomas

Brightest Blessings

# LETTERS

## Don Currie

Dear All,

Things are going well here on the Island. I am on education full-time. By full time I mean 7x3hr sessions a week! I'm getting more visits here. The food is okay; some of the time meals are very tasty, especially the vegan pizza with vegan cheese.

I know what some of you are thinking: he has a 21 hour week, plenty of good food, it's not fair! I'm sorry you feel like that and to be honest a little disappointed. I recently celebrated my birthday, I won't disclose the great time I had as there would be more jealousy.

Thanks to everyone that sent me cards, cheques, postal orders etc. A big thank you to ALF SG and all its supporters; obviously I extend that to everyone that supports me directly. I really enjoy receiving mail, even if I take months to reply.

Love & respect

Don

## John Smith

Dear All

Firstly, thank you for all your support and good wishes over these past 2 ½ years, it has been greatly appreciated. And although I may have not replied to many of these cards and letters, I have indeed kept them all. Boxes and boxes of them under my bed.

I am coming off the prisoner list for several reasons, one of them being that the remaining, ever increasing prisoners may receive the support I have been given.

Once again, thank you all.

John

## Sarah Gisbourne

Hi Y'all

Well, I had a great weekend out last week. Saw my great dog, deer, badger, fox cubs and lots of furry things big and small and that all took care of my animal fix! Lovely.

Also want to thank all the people that made it such a special weekend by putting me up and putting themselves out. I had great food and am quite content with my pot belly. I got to see "Behind the Mask", what a great reminder to us all what really matters.

Only 3 months left to go now and want to thank the SG for their support and supporters for the regular money.

See you soon

With the fight in your heart

Sarah x

## Heather Nicholson

Dear Friends,

As always your letters and visits have made me happy. Thank you for your love and support. I will never forget all of you who have kept my spirits as high as they can possibly be in this place. Only in prison do I have the time and the opportunity to read such books as "From Dusk 'til Dawn" by Keith Mann and "Ocean Warrior" by Paul Watson. Both books blew me away and are truly inspiring. It made me realise that there are actually only a handful of people who have been taken out of action and there are still plenty of good people out there making a difference.

Whatever happens at our trial in September I am not holding my breath for any kind of truth to be told or justice to be done. There will be the usual hysteria, lies and half truths in so called newspapers that is for certain (I am getting my "hated by the Daily Mail" t-shirt washed and ironed). As for justice, well when I see that a Metropolitan Police inspector was given bail by a judge after strangling his wife, a jockey did just five months in prison after attacking a man and putting him in a wheelchair for life and an Oxford magistrate ordered that James Gray and his vile family (Amersham) were given back 29 of the ponies and donkeys they had starved, you can see why I have little faith in the system. Anyway I will fight on and say what has to be said. The recent victories of the Sea Shepherd over the Japanese whalers and the brilliant pro-Tibet protests have filled me with joy, hope and inspiration.

Life here is easy and pleasant. I now take care of the four cockatiels and eleven budgies in the aviary. You will all understand that this is in absolute delight for me. I have never had much to do with birds before and I have discovered what really funny and gentle characters they are. They make me laugh every day.

The life I live and my heart are full of love and goodness and beauty and the world I fight against is full of all that is evil, ugly and twisted. What these people do fills me with such horror and grief that I am forced to step into their nasty, bloodthirsty world and come into contact with some unsavoury people to say the least. You have to be careful as it can get inside you and eat you up. The only way we can deal with it is to fight back and save as many lives as possible. I have spent so many years on demos in the face of people who work in places such as HLS and Glaxo, and to counteract the despair I feel at how callous these people are, I only had to turn and look at the people standing by my side, and all those feelings would melt away in an instant. You are truly wonderful people and I am grateful every day that I count you as my friends and we are all in this fight together.

We belong to the few people on this planet who are prepared to make a stand when we see injustice. Have courage and never give in. I don't think it can be repeated enough times that we are not extremists, terrorists or fanatics. I am certainly none of those things. What I am is broken hearted and not prepared to let animal suffering continue unchallenged.

Lots of Love,

Heather xxx

# UK Prisoners

## Kerry Whitburn, TB4886

Dear SG,  
Hello you lot! Hope you're all well and life is being fair. Before I go on, I want to thank everyone who has, this far, given me their superb and wonderful support; be it letters, stamps or even the odd postcard. I have some perfect friends outside who visit me or care for my dog, Karma, or supported Josephine when she was incarcerated. These people -- they know they know who they are -- are my TRUE friends for life. But to receive the precious support I do from many people who've never met me shows how genuine and warm and down right caring many people within the movement are. Such support evokes emotions that can ONLY be positive and uplifting. It is an old cliché to say that times of adversity expose your TRUE friends. But it IS true. Just as it is true that times of adversity expose people who ARE NOT true friends, even though you expected them to be. I think I can say that this is true for my other friends in prison; we HAVE found out who our TRUE friends ARE whilst also discovering the pseudo friendships we held outside, before our imprisonment. Extremely disappointing and shocking in some cases, unfortunately! But on a more positive note, our TRUE friends will ALWAYS diminish the negative emotions evoked by certain others. Apologies for waffling on there, but I make NO apologies for WHAT I waffled about. Loyalty is an attribute I value dearly, as ANY relationship is lost without it. Loyalty breeds/holds trust and honesty and truth. Without loyalty, I believe, contempt and apathy becomes the controlling factor of any relationship. For me, personally, I do NOT want or need such people in my life. This is why I value my TRUE friends with such passion and respect, and why I am so thankful and appreciative to EVERYONE supporting me.

My beautiful soul mate, Josephine, is NOW FREE (HURRAAAAAAAH!), and this is such an enormous positive. These past two years, being separated from her, have been two of THE MOST difficult years of my life. To have such minimal contact (particularly for the first 15 months!) with the woman I am so deeply in love with was so painful. But now we can have longer, and more regular, contact when WE want; NOT when we're 'allowed' to, with weeks at a time having no contact. A MASSIVE improvement in life.

Also, I have recently been recategorised down to a category C (lower security) prisoner, so should be moving to a different prison, soon. Not sure when, but it should be before the summer. Just over 2½ years in with just under 3½ years to go, and I believe it's all positive and good (well, better!) from now on!

My sincerest and fondest wishes to you all, with heartfelt thanks.

Kerry. xxx

## Gregg Avery (TA7450)

HMP Winchester, Romsey Road, Winchester, SO22 5DF  
Remanded 4 May 2007 on charges in connection with HLS.

## Natasha Avery (NR8987)

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx TW15 3JZ.  
Remanded 4 May 2007 on charges in connection with HLS.

## Heather Nicholson (VM4859)

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx TW15 3JZ.  
Remanded 7 May 2007 on charges in connection with HLS.

## Mel Broughton (TN9138)

HMP Woodhill, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK4 4DA. Remanded on 14 Dec 2007 in connection with alleged offences relating to the SPEAK campaign.

## Sarah Whitehead (VM7684)

HMP Bronzefield, Woodthorpe Road, Ashford, Middx TW15 3JZ. Sentenced to 2 years for rescuing an abused beagle.

## Sean Kirtley (WC6977)

HMP Hewell (Blakenhurst), Hewell Lane, Redditch, B97 6QS  
Serving 4.5 years for organising legal demonstrations against animal testing company Sequani.

## Kerry Whitburn (TB4886)

HMP Lowdham Grange, Lowdham, Nottingham. NG14 7DA.  
Serving 12 years in relation to the Newchurch Guinea Pigs Campaign.

## Jonny Ablewhite (TB4885)

HMP Lowdham Grange, Lowdham, Nottingham. NG14 7DA.  
Serving 12 years in relation to the Newchurch Guinea Pigs Campaign.

## Donald Currie (A3660AA)

HMP Parkhurst, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 5NX.  
Serving 12 years in relation to arson attacks.

# USA Prisoners

## Kevin Kjonaas, 93502-011 [6 years]

FCI Sandstone, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072.  
www.supportkevin.com

## Andrew Stepanian, 26399-050 [3 years]

FCI Butner Medium II Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 1500, Butner, NC 2750. www.andystepanian.com

## Jacob Conroy, 93501-011 [4 years]

FCI Victorville, Medium I Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 5300, Adelanto, CA 92301. www.supportjake.org

**Lauren Gazzola, 93497-011 [4 years, 4 months]**

FCI Danbury, Route #37 33 1/2 Pembroke Road, Danbury, CT 06811. [www.supportlauren.com](http://www.supportlauren.com)

**Joshua Harper, 29429-086 [3 years]**

FCI Sheridan, Federal Correction Institution, P.O. Box 5000, Sheridan, OR 97378. [www.joshharper.org](http://www.joshharper.org)

**“Operation Backfire” Prisoners**

The following people have been arrested on suspicion of being part of ALF / ELF groups in the US. Those in the case who snitched on their fellow defendants are not listed.

**Nathan Block, #36359-086 [7 years and 8 months]**

FCI Lompe, Federal Correctional Institution, 3600 Guard Road, Lompoc, CA 93436, USA.

**Joyanna Zacher, #36360-086 [7 years and 8 months]**

FCI Dublin, Federal Correctional Institution, 5701 8th Street - Camps Park - Unit F, Dublin, CA 94568, USA.

**Daniel McGowan, #63794-053 [7 years]**

FCI Sandstone, P.O. Box 1000, Sandstone, MN 55072. [www.supportdaniel.org](http://www.supportdaniel.org)

**Jonathan Paul, #07167-085 [51 months]**

FCI Phoenix, Federal Correctional Institution, 37910 N 45th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85086, USA.

**Other Prisoners**

**Briana Waters**

On March 15, 2006, Briana was falsely accused of participating in a politically motivated arson. See [www.supportbriana.org](http://www.supportbriana.org)

**Eric McDavid, #16209-097 [19 years 7 months]**

FCI Victorville Medium II, Federal Correctional Institution PO Box 5700, Adelanto, CA 92301. Convicted of “conspiracy to destroy property by means of fire or explosives.” [www.supporteric.org](http://www.supporteric.org)

**LEGACIES**

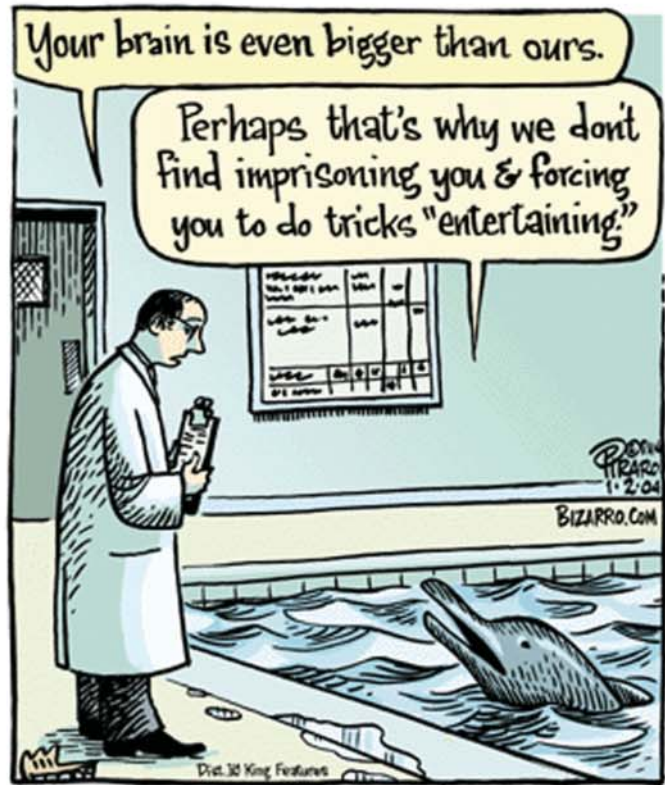
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**VPSG**

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[www.vpsg.org](http://www.vpsg.org)



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