

THE RESISTANCE

For the first time in decades, in the fall of 2014, people woke up and refused to accept the police murders of Black and Latino people. Starting in Ferguson after the killing of Mike Brown and then spreading as grand juries refused to indict the cop who killed Mike Brown and Eric Garner in NY City. The protests and resistance grew across the country as people took to the streets, the bridges, the malls. In churches, medical schools, artistic venues and sports arenas people spoke out and stood up against this police terror.

One year since the murder of Mike Brown and the Ferguson rebellion, the list of names grows longer almost by the day ... over 700 people killed by the police since start of 2015. Tamir Rice, Walter Scott, Freddie Gray, Sandra Bland, Sam DuBose and so many before and since. The reality is heart breaking. The police who murder are let off by the workings of the system ... not indicted by grand juries or in the very rare case that go to trial, the cops are aided by prosecutors who “forget” how to prosecute them. Or in the only case of a cop to come to trial in Chicago – the case was thrown out by the judge in the murder of Rekia Boyd.

#RISE UP OCTOBER has called for militant and mass mobilization on October 22 to 24, focused in New York City, to **STOP** this. These actions aim to mobilize many more thousands of people, from all walks of life, much more actively into this fight, to powerfully insist through their actions on those days that these



STOP POLICE TERROR!
Michael Brown... Freddie Gray... Rekia Boyd...
Andy Lopez... Tamir Rice... Eric Garner

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murders must simply stop, NOW. Such an unprecedented outpouring of protest and resistance, along with the whole process of building up to these days, would awaken and inspire millions, and sharply raise the question to the whole society and the whole world— **WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?** The aim is to get things to the point where there are millions who both feel in their bones that this system of intimidation, terror and murder is **INTOLERABLE...** and are willing to step out and act in all different ways to stop this, and have the ways to do so. In other words, these actions in October aim to change the whole tenor and direction of society. **That is what we are calling for. And that is worth going all-in on.**

SINGLED OUT FOR FELONY CHARGES

After a grand jury refused to indict a Ferguson cop for killing Mike Brown, Grant was the first protester arrested in the city of Chicago on November 25, 2014. Grant, along with two other people, was arrested with a banner that read, “Justice for Mike Brown.” The two others arrested with him their cases dropped last fall. Grant still faces three felony charges! Grant’s lawyer, Thomas Durkin, has been working on discovery of evidence in his case.

Grant was charged NOT for what he did that day but for his revolutionary political views and his years of rallying people to stand up to police murder of Black and Latino people in Chicago.

Iggy and Alfredo face felony charges stemming from a protest in December 2014 which was part of a national day of protest. There were multiple arrests throughout the hours-long non-violent protest along Michigan Avenue, during the height of holiday shopping. The arrests were for things like trying to cross a street or literally nothing at all. All but one of these charges have been dropped or pled out on minor infractions in exchange for community service. Iggy and Alfredo who were beat up by the police and then charged with felonies still face charges. Iggy works with the Revolution Club of Chicago and has been very visible in the protests since Ferguson. He along with others were clearly targeted for arrest by police for their visible role leading chants and speaking at rallies.

At this protest, police swarmed into the protestors who were on the sidewalk in front of Nordstrom while others staged a die-in inside the shopping complex. Iggy was literally standing in the crowd when he was grabbed and brutally assaulted by police who piled on him, sending him to the hospital with a bloodied face. Felony charges and \$75,000 bail each were slapped on Iggy and Alfredo. (Alfredo is not associated with the Revolution Club.) Nordstrom refused to press charges against the protestors arrested inside the mall.

Iggy and Alfredo’s lawyers, have been pressing for discovery of video tape that protestors know police took of the demonstration.

One example that illustrates how Grant is hated and targeted by the Chicago Police Department: Grant was returning from Ferguson in late August 2014 together with family members of people killed by the police in Chicago when they learned about the police murder of Roshad McIntosh. They went directly to the west side to stand with the outraged people in the community who were facing off with the police. Grant was grabbed out of the crowd and arrested. At the police station he was threatened by the commanding officer that they were going to press the “heaviest charges possible” against him. One detective said, “We aren’t having Ferguson in Chicago” while another detective expressed the police’s racist views, saying to Grant, “What the f* were you thinking stirring up the savages?” The charges from that night were subsequently dropped.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Demand the charges be dropped** against Richard “Grant” Newburger, David “Iggy” Rucker and Alfredo Reyes. Contact state’s attorney Anita Alvarez, 69 W. Washington, Suite 3200, Chicago, IL 60602; statesattorney@cookcountyil.gov. 312-603-1880.
- **Publicize the case.** Invite the defendants to speak in classes, to church groups, on the radio.
- **Pack the courtroom.** Next hearings:
Grant: Wed., Sept. 16, 9am, Room 500, Cook County Court, 2600 S. California Ave., Chicago
Iggy & Alfredo: Tues., Sept. 22, 9am, Room 206, Cook County Court, 2600 S. California Ave., Chicago or text COURT to 312 804-9121 to be texted information on court hearings
- **Donate and raise money** to help pay for the legal defense. The attorneys are doing all they can to lower the costs but these are serious charges, the cases have dragged on for almost a year. Information on how to donate below.
- **Refuse to be intimidated.** They arrest people and put heavy charges on some so that you will be afraid to stand up for justice. Make this backfire on them. For everyone they arrest, many more must join the struggle. The Revolution Club of Chicago is joining in with the Stop Mass Incarceration Network and others calling for #RiseUpOctober to stop police terror. For more information: stopmassincarceration.net.
- **Join and work with the revolution.** Learn about and support the Revolution Club in Chicago.

Tax Deductible contributions for defense of ALL arrested in the fall protests against police brutality or who may be arrested in similar protests in the future can be made to the “We Stand Together” Chicago Defense Committee through their fiscal sponsor: make checks payable to Eighth Day Center for Justice, 205 W. Monroe, Chicago, IL 60606. Write “Defense Fund” in the memo line. For more info on this: chi.stand.together@gmail.com
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POLICE WHO MURDER PEOPLE WALK FREE— WHILE THREE CHICAGO PROTESTORS FACE MULTIPLE FELONY CHARGES FOR STANDING UP FOR JUSTICE.



THE STAKES

IF YOU WERE SOMEONE WHO WAS AT A PROTEST, IF YOU ARE SOMEONE WHOSE HEART WAS WITH THE PROTESTORS, IF YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES IN THE VALUE OF PROTESTS IN SHINING A LIGHT ON GRAVE INJUSTICES—then you need to demand that the charges be dropped NOW against Grant, Iggy and Alfredo. These cases are currently still headed towards trials. Many of the other arrests from last fall have either charges dropped or protestors pled out on minor offenses, but these three people still face serious felony charges. These felony charges carry 7 years in prison. The defendants did absolutely nothing to deserve these outrageous charges.

The authorities are trying to send a message that this is what you will face for speaking out and protesting against police murder, for being a revolutionary, for standing with those on the bottom of society. We, together, need to let the authorities know that continuing to railroad these three defendants will result in many more people getting involved and standing up for what is right. We will not be silenced and YOU ARE NEEDED NOW!

WE URGENTLY DEMAND— DROP ALL THE CHARGES!

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