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## Jeff Free Luers - Update and Dispatch from Prison

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Below is a Dispatch from Jeff that was just received. Jeff is scheduled to be released from the hole (solitary segregation) and back into the general prison population tomorrow, August 20, 2006. As far as we know, he still has not received a hearing and still could face the loss of his visits for the next year. We will continue to update you on this situation. Thank you to everyone who wrote words of support to Jeff and sent him books while he was in the hole or donated money - it is greatly appreciated! (and of course letters and donations are still needed!)



-Friends of Jeff Free Luers

Jeff "Free" Luers Prison Dispatch - August 10, 2006

Thank you all so much for the letters and books you have sent me in recent days. I know right now there's a bit of confusion about why I'm in the hole. I'd been hoping to know more myself before writing about it. However, that hasn't happened. So here is what has happened and what I know:

The whole thing started in mid-June when my neighbors got caught in their cell with a joint. The next day they took the wrong neighbors to the hole! Realizing their mistake a few days later they let the innocent party out of the hole and UA'd my tier.

One week later on June 30 I was called down to give a UA based on a phone conversation I'd had. I complied thinking it was just more of the same goings on as the week before.

Then I was UA'd again on July 3 and again on July 5. On July 10 they came to take me to the hole. I was told my June 30 UA was diluted. By which they mean I had more liquid intake than my body used (more than one cup of coffee). Some how this throws the PH balance of your pee off.

The report against me alleges that I admitted to smoking pot on the phone. That I drank excessive water to dilute my system in order to mask my drug use.

There are a few things wrong with that theory. Weed stays in your system - which is why they retested me twice before bringing me to the hole. And again a week after. All test negative. The other problem is the last time I smoked pot was June 15, 2000, the day before my arrest.

At my initial hearing I asked for an investigation including questioning the

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## Otra Radio Es Posible! PCUN prepares for initial launch of its LPFM signal

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With the aid of hundreds volunteers from Cascadia and around the world, the Pinos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN) will test-launch its radio signal on 96.3 FM this afternoon. The station will serve the farmworkers, treeplanters, communities, and families of Woodburn, Oregon.

The goal is to launch the signal at 5pm pacific time, but volunteers say this is at least 2 hours too ambitious.



Folks outside of Woodburn can check on the progress and listen to the first broadcast online. This weekend's test-launch was made possible by the labor of over 300 volunteers who came out for a "gran conferencia," co-hosted by the Philadelphia-based Prometheus Radio Project. These gatherings, affectionately dubbed "radio barnraisings", have become a mutual aid tradition in the microradio movement.

PCUN plans to start full programming in November, and engage in a series of community sessions between now and then to name the station and hone its vision. According to Ramone Ramirez, president of PCUN, KPCN-LP is part of "a long-term dream to put farmworker voices on the air," and will help not only to build local connections but also to link PCUN's work with similar efforts around the world. "This weekend is not just about building the station," he said. "We are also looking forward to working with Prometheus and all of its supporters for the long haul, to build this movement for a media that is really the voice of the global working class."

**PDX Events Calendar** 

<http://protest.net/pdxindymedia/>

**Portland IMC delivers commercial-free web radio and podcasting**

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(IMC) radio programs from all over the world on your computer? If you've got a simple media player like xmms, iTunes, or Winamp, Portland IMC Web Radio can be heard 24 hours a day with coverage and programs from independent journalists worldwide.

## "Camp Suzanne" Open Outside Fort Lewis

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Fort Lewis, WA -- On Thursday, August 17th 2006, The Swift Action Network began "Camp Suzanne" outside Fort Lewis in Washington State, in honor of active duty soldier Spc. Suzanne Swift. The organizers' stated goals are to bring attention to the epidemic of sexual assault in the military, and to show support for Suzanne Swift. They have demanded an honorable discharge and medical care for life for Spc. Swift.



During her deployment in Iraq, Swift was sexually harassed repeatedly by two of her Sergeants there. She was the victim of "command rape," which is rape by a superior officer under the threat of punitive action. The harassment continued even after their return to Fort Lewis. The situation culminated when, within a month of her return, she asked her superior where she should report the next morning, to which her superior, the third perpetrator, responded "In my bed, naked." This act prompted her to report the abuse which led to her being

interrogated and treated like a traitor for telling. Three days before her re-deployment to Iraq, Suzanne experienced a breakdown due to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder which caused her to go AWOL from her unit, missing her unit's second deployment to Iraq in January of 2006. She was in her mother's home in Eugene, Oregon, where she was found and arrested by Eugene police on June 11, 2006. She was initially returned to her unit under the care of her original harasser. She has since been moved, and a "no contact" order was put in place against this Sergeant, who has since been reassigned to a different unit.

According to Swift's mother, Sara Rich, Suzanne is still subject to demoralizing and dehumanizing behavior, being verbally abused and harassed by her superiors and assigned to an office to sit at an empty desk during her hours of work. She continues to suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder received in Iraq, from being in the line of fire all day and being terrorized by the superiors she depended on at night.

The Swift Action Network has stated that "Enough is enough." They have demanded an immediate honorable discharge for Suzanne Swift, full medical care for life for Spc. Swift, and that the perpetrators be brought to justice. On Thursday evening, the group set up a solidarity camp called Camp Suzanne, near Exit 119 on Interstate 5. The Swift Action Network pledges to remain outside Ft. Lewis until their demands are met.

In light of the tremendous abuse Suzanne and similar victims of sexual assault in the military have endured, the refusal of the military to grant her an appropriate honorable discharge, in a timely manner, is simply unconscionable. The ongoing sexual abuse of innocent civilians and enemy combatants in war is simply unconscionable. By coming to the aid of Suzanne Swift, concerned citizens come to the aid of victims everywhere.

The Swift Action Network is a group of concerned activists from Olympia, Washington. They take this action with the full public blessing of Swift's mother, Sara Rich, as well as with public support from Cindy Sheehan and former State Department official Ann Wright.

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## Jeff Hogg Denied Release

Today, [August 15] in Eugene, Ore. Jeff Hogg appeared in federal court in front of Judge Michael Hogan to present arguments for his release from jail. Hogg has been jailed since May 18 for civil contempt, for refusing to cooperate with a federal grand jury. This Grand Jury was empanelled to investigate acts of eco-sabotage in the Northwest. Hogan didn't consider Hogg's case for relief to be sufficiently demonstrated, and therefore Hogg's motion was denied.

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JEFF'S BIRTHDAY IS FRIDAY! LET'S FLOOD HIM  
WITH BIRTHDAY WISHES AND SUPPORT!!!

### Luers: Dispatch from Prison Continued

officer who administered the UA test, asking him how much water he gave me before the test. I also asked for a copy of the phone call to be part of the record, as I never made any statements admitting to having smoked pot in prison.

The case remains under investigation. I suspect it will remain under investigation until I am released



from the hole on August 20. At which point it will likely be dropped. This is not an uncommon prison tactic.

I will write again as soon as I know more. For now, I ask people to be patient. If I need any public support on this issue we all know I will not hesitate to ask. Mostly, I'm just concerned with keeping my visits. The hole time doesn't bother me so much.

Again, I thank you all for your love and support. I am honored to have such wonderful people in my corner. Thank you to my dear friends that rally folks every time I'm harassed. Thank you to all you strangers out there who show your commitment to change and your compassion for humanity.

Still standing strong with head unbowed,  
-Jeffrey Luers

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