

Three SHAC7 Defendants Sentenced More to Follow

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Ok. So, it's bad, but not as bad as it could be. Today, 3 of the defendants were sentenced. Jake got 48 months. Lauren got 52 months. Kevin got 72 months. That's a long time to spend in jail for speaking, but at least it wasn't as much time as our piece of crap government was trying to get out of them. Josh should be sentenced tomorrow, with Andy and Darius to follow sometime next week. Everybody keep your fingers crossed.

Josh Harper Gets 36 Months Josh Harper has not been charged with any crimes in connection with any direct action. Every one of the charges against Josh and the rest of the SHAC 7 defendants had to do with things they said, or things they wrote. This is wrong. This is a battle that all of us must rise to fight. We must

not allow this verdict to frighten us into submission, as it was intended to do. We must continue to speak out against the kinds of injustices that Josh has been fighting for many years. And we must close ranks around him now that he needs us. In the name of solidarity and mutual aid, we must keep him company through this with letters, and we must make the commitment to find out what he needs and how we can help. Some day, it may be us in there. [UPDATE 9/13/06: Josh Harper recieved a 3-year sentence today (9/13/06)]

dissident comments: "This is designed to put a chill into us. Because these people never committed a crime, and we all know this. All they did was speak. None of the charges had to do with any crime. They all had to do with speaking. This is supposed to scare us all into silence. It will NOT. SPEAK.

I will not be silent. We will keep struggling for what is right in the world, for what we believe in, and we will NOT cower in corners. May they be broken out of jail even as the unjust walls come tumbling down and the oppressor shatters."

In Memory of Fouad Kaady

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We have just returned from Fouad Kaady's Memorial Service. Words are difficult to find when trying to describe the memorial service for Fouad Kaady. Held at St. George Antiochian Church in Portland, it was beautiful and inspiring. Though we are not members, we were welcomed gladly by those who attended. I watched the young altar boys during the communion and thought about Fouad, who had been just where they were not that long ago. The woman sitting next to me, knowing that we were there to honor Fouad, told me that they miss him very much and that he was a wonderful boy. In the year since his death, I have heard that often.

Rachid, Fouad's father, sang in the choir and sang solo some of the time. I thought about how he must have sung for his son. At the end of the regular service, a small table was set out with candles, a picture of Fouad and the traditional boiled wheat placed by the picture. The priest offered prayers for Fouad and his family.

After the service we were invited to coffee hour in the reception hall. There, the boiled wheat was served along with various other dishes and people came to share their grief with Rachid and Samira. Hard as the day was, I know that the family gained support from those who came to greet them. There were several people whom I recognized from prior events. I am certain that the family felt the warmth of the community. Thank all of you.



Daniel McGowan is off house arrest

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Great news!

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Daniel is no longer on house arrest!!

Today Daniel's lawyers received word that Judge Aiken signed off on the motion which allowed Daniel's electronic monitoring device to be removed. Other restrictions still apply, but he is allowed to be out of the apartment and enjoy the crisp autumn weather coming our way.

Thanks for the continued support and well wishes.

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U.S. Government Complicity on 9/11

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Today marks 5 years since September 11th 2001 and the infamous events of that day. Though the U.S. government quickly imposed its story of what happened upon the people of this nation and the world, a trickle of voices asked questions and had doubts. That trickle became a stream and is now a river moving with a power that can no longer be shut up. A significant percentage of the people of the country believe or suspect that the US government had a hand in 9/11. Dr. Robert Bowman, former air force pilot, stated before a large conference audience that at the very least top levels of the U.S. government allowed 9/11 to happen and that is high treason and conspiracy to commit murder and they should be removed from office and incarcerated.

According to Paul Craig Roberts, former assistant secretary of the treasury under Reagan, there is no doubt that the collapse of the World Trade Center towers and building 7 was a controlled demolition and that the U.S. government is lying about what happened. Numerous scholars, scientists, teachers, CIA employees, military personnel and many millions of people do not buy the government story.

The events of 9/11 have been used to carry out illegal wars of aggression and to strip away the rights and freedoms of the citizens of this country. The growing movement against corporate globalization was fractured as unions and many people felt that they had to rally round and unite against what appeared to be an attack from outside. It is important to understand that although there may have been involvement by some Saudi nationals, this was truly an attack from within. All people who seek justice, integrity, a fair and balanced society, democratic participation and freedom are under attack. The enemy is sitting in our own halls of power.

<http://portland.indymedia.org/en/topic/911investigation/>

<http://www.scholarsfor911truth.org/>

Bicycle rider hit at 34th and Belmont at about 6:45

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The driver, a young white male, is in police custody. He was driving an early model 4 door red Toyota Camry with Oregon tags, speeding westbound on Belmont. Eyewitness said he blew through a 3 second red light around 45-50mph and the cyclist was traveling south saw him before she was hit. The bike sustained little damage (very good frame) but the rider was not wearing a helmet and latest reports by police were not very optimistic on her condition - they would not release her name. Another eyewitness who ran to her aid said she was not conscious and had severe head injuries. Others saw her combative on the stretcher as paramedics took her on the ambulance. PLEASE riders, lets wear our helmets. It doesn't matter how safe you ride, cars can kill. Let's all pray for her survival.

The Portland School Distric is offering training at Jackson Armory and the Air base. Heads up everyone! My daughter, age 10, brought home a flyer from school saying that they were to have "educational training" in science, math, etc. at the Jackson Armory and Portland Air Base. Personally I think its the beginning of military indoctrination and sorting out children at an early age to be coroprate soldiers. To quote the flyer:

" STARBASE is a partnership between Portland Public Schools, and the Oregon National Guard. Congressional appropriations were avaiable through the Secretary of Defense for this innovative program as part of the National Guard's commitment. The Oregon National Guard is providing facilities at the Jackson Armory, Portland Air Base and volunteer Oregon National Guard personel to serve as guests speakers during five days of field experiences." Personally I see Donald Rumsfeld funding soldiers to talk to my child as a red flag. How about you?

The contact person for the program is:

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The program starts Tuesday the 12th but I don't know what time or at what base. It might be a good place for a protest or some media attention on the militarization of 10 year old children in our schools.

Gresham officer involved in deadly crash resigns

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The Gresham police officer who ran a red light and hit a mini van has resigned.

Officer Joshua Linstrom, who ran a red light, hitting a mini van and killing Marino Sanchez-Sanches, has resigned. A 'Grand Jury' cleared Linstrom after an investigation, but on September 11th, the officer decided to leave the force. I did not hear his reason.

