

From the Desk of Noelle Hanrahan

WHEN WE FIGHT WE WIN!

April 10th, 2023

Dear

I saw Mumia yesterday and he was deeply affected by the blow, the gravity, the gut wrenching disappointment: that freedom will be delayed, again.

Common Pleas court Judge Lucretia Clemons denied Mumia Abu-Jamal's request for a new trial on Friday March 31st, at 4:08 pm. This is simply devastating news. After 41 years in prison, Mumia Abu-Jamal has exhausted nearly all of his avenues for relief.

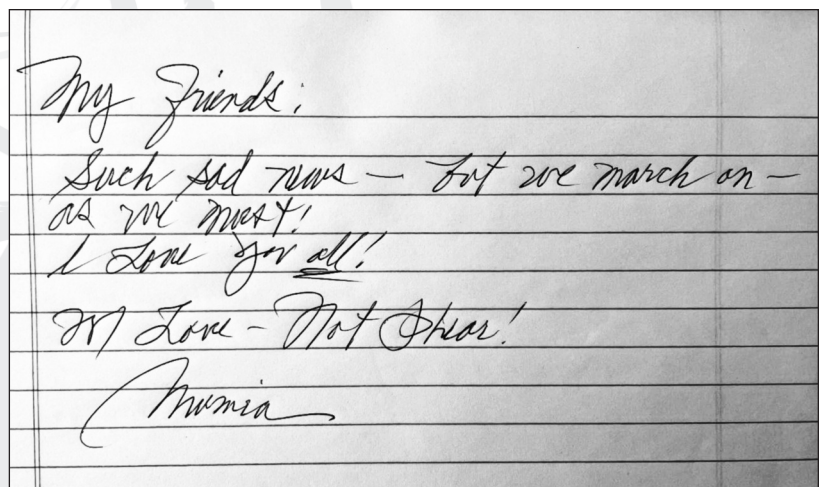
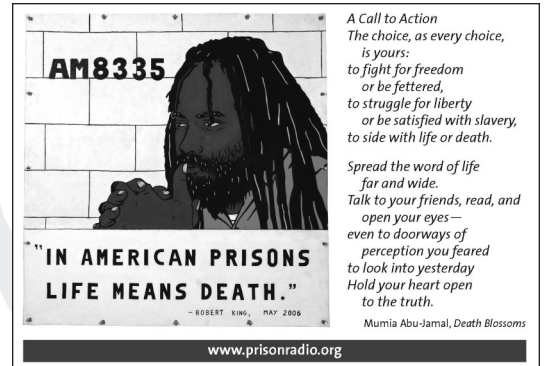
I brought him Judge Clemons' 38 page "opinion." He read the words carefully, first retrieving his reading glasses from his shirt pocket. Hunched over, he read through each and every line. Words that were written to bury him. Words meant to extinguish hope. Pages that would bind him. An opinion that will keep in place the full body cavity strip search before and after every visit. An order that would deny him the food and exercise that could heal his broken heart and his cardiac condition. Pages that separate him from his great-grandchildren, his brothers, his sons, his daughter. Words that prevent him from receiving the healing embrace of his people as he weeps and aches for Wadiya, his wife of 41 years who passed away in December.

Its promise of finality is really a transparent attempt to cover up what everyone knows to be true: police, prosecutors, and yes, now judges, have stolen decades from the lives of Black Philadelphians. It is a promise that would have the injustice system stay the same, unchallenged, with Mumia remaining locked in a cage until his last breath.

And yet, on Sunday April 2nd, I met with a man full of life.

Mumia is deeply engaged in his doctoral dissertation, using Fanon to measure this new world. Sketching out the future. The day the wretched of the earth shall be vindicated. Willing into being the real narrative, a counter narrative, that both calls forth, and imagines freedom. I met a man who was engaged in the world and yes, full of hope, for all of us, and for himself.

Mumia's hearty belly laugh is impossible not to join in. He is very, very funny. I have to ask him to "come on, please just stop, don't make me laugh at these god awful absurdities."



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Mumia's love is courageous, it is honest, eyes wide open and fearless, and transformative for all of us.

Julia Wright wrote:

*The judge
may have stamped
her foot,
waved her gavel
like a white supremacist wand
and said no
but this morning
i canna find no Blues
for Mumia
the judge
may have enjoyed
champagne and selfies
with those who pull
her electoral strings
but this morning*

*I canna find no Blues
for Mumia

I canna find no Blues
cause the whole wide world
is crying
not tears
not a river
but deafening Freedom
for Mumia —
and the judge
is powerless
to stop it*

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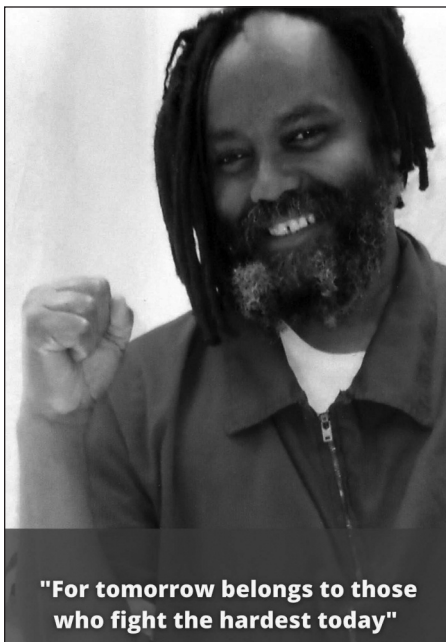
We understand that we are here because Mumia Abu Jamal survived being shot in the chest as he ran across a street to help both his brother and the officer, Daniel Faulkner.

On December 9th 1981, at 3 am in the morning at 13th and Locust in downtown Philadelphia, Mumia Abu-Jamal had just stopped his cab and was letting off a patron. He leapt out of his cab, ran across the street after seeing his brother's VW pulled over and Bill being beaten with a nightstick by Philadelphia cop Daniel Faulkner. There is no debate about what happened next. Daniel Faulkner shot Mumia in the chest. Mumia went down with a bullet through his lung. Someone else then fatally shoots Faulkner and runs away.

At that moment our world and Mumia's world were torn apart.

Each time I go to the prison I pull the books I am working with off my shelf, today was *Police Misconduct* by Paul Messing, and *A Long Walk to Freedom* by Nelson Mandela. I bring them in, put them on the table, share them, corners turned down, paragraphs underlined, and go to the vending machines. I return with a bowl of delicious cherry tomatoes, olives, and onions that adorn a fresh beautiful Greek Salad, a full green sliced apple with Nutella, and a bowl of gorgeous cantaloupe, melon, and pineapple. If they can put organic salad in the vending machine they can give him salad and fresh fruit, a cardiac healthy diet, in his regular meals. Last month they said he must wait seven months for a blood panel, he pushed back, and he is receiving the tests he needs. All PA prisoners need a heart healthy diet. Fresh food and vegetables.

Both the witness, the solidarity, the food, and the books are necessary to remain centered and alive and in resistance. When we survive, we win. When we love, we win.

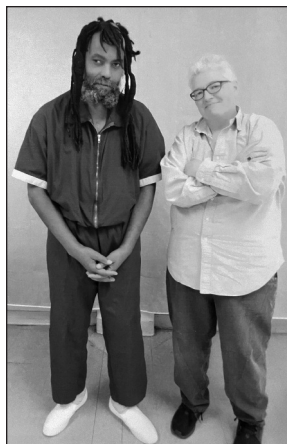


*Cuando luchamos ganamos,
When We Fight, We Win*

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P.S. Please send the enclosed postcards in support of Marvin Pete Walker Jr. and the folks at Women's Huron Valley prison in Michigan.

* Julia Wright, April 2nd. All Rights Reserved to Mumia Abu-Jamal and Wadiya's children



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Come to Shaka's April 20 hearing!



Marvin “Shaka” Walker was 19 when he was charged with murder. In 1980 an all white jury sentenced him to death. He is now 63. Mr. Walker has lived his whole adult life in San Quentin State Prison. A federal court overturned his conviction in July of 2020 because the original prosecution had removed African-Americans from the jury: a clear violation of his constitutional rights. It is more than two years since his conviction was overturned. Now it is time for him to come home.

**Please come to his hearing
on April 20, 2023 at 8:30 am.**

190 W Hedding, San Jose

To learn more about his case:

bit.ly/shakacorrespondent

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We will gather at 8:30 am and then all go into Dept 39 for his hearing.

Join Team Shaka!

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IN MEMORY OF

*Angela
McConnell*

8/22/1983 - 2/26/2023



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Dear Governor Whitmer

I am writing to you today with a heavy heart about the recent tragic death of Angela McConnell. A junior lifer without parole at Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility. Angela was a peaceful and caring woman who took her own life while being housed in segregation. Despite her cries for help. Nothing was done.

This tragedy highlights the urgent need for an investigation into the conditions at W.H.V. as a concerned citizen. I urge you to take action and hold those in power accountable for their negligence. The mistreatment of inmates cannot be tolerated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing back from you about the actions you will take to address this urgent issue.

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**Yes, I will join you.
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