

FROM THE REVOLUTION CLUB OF CHICAGO:

**KILLER COPS WALK FREE WHILE PROTESTORS DEMANDING JUSTICE ARE PROSECUTED**

## **DEFEND REVOLUTIONARIES AGAINST OUTRAGEOUS FELONY CHARGES DROP THE CHARGES ON ALL THOSE ARRESTED PROTESTING POLICE MURDER**

People from the Revolution Club in Chicago were in the streets of Ferguson, Missouri immediately following the murder of unarmed Mike Brown last August. They stood with the defiant ones day after day, facing down tanks, tear gas and rubber bullets. They refused to be intimidated. The whole world was watching. In the midst of this, national news from CNN to Fox News was jabbering – who were the “outside agitators” and pointing at the “Chicago Revolution Club.”

Back in Chicago in November, right after the cop who killed Mike Brown was not indicted by a grand jury, the protestors hit the streets. The first person arrested in the city was Grant. Grant faces a possible 21 years in prison on 3 bogus felony charges of battery on a cop. In fact, he was attacked by cops using their bicycles as weapons to knock him to the ground. Grant’s head hit hard against the pavement, sending him to the hospital. His crime? Walking into a downtown intersection holding a banner that read “Justice for Mike Brown!” Grant is well known and respected on the South and West sides of Chicago for his work with the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP) -- bringing revolution to people. He helped form the Revolution Club of Chicago which is about the emancipation of all humanity. He is hated by the authorities, including for many years of building October 22<sup>nd</sup> the national day of protest against police brutality and protesting against police murder after murder of people in Chicago.

In December the protests mushroomed when the grand jury in NY refused to indict the cop who choked the life out of Eric Garner and thousands and thousands of people took to the street all over the country – stopping traffic on freeways (including Lake Shore Drive and the Eisenhower), blocking bridges, staging “die-ins” at malls and after church, at medical

schools and outside courthouses. Famous athletes and artists wore t-shirts “I Can’t Breathe” or raised their hands up “Don’t Shoot.” Thousands and thousands were challenging millions to begin questioning the legitimacy of a society and its enforcers that treat Black and Latino people in such vicious and unacceptable ways.

In Chicago, in December as part of a national day of protest, there were multiple arrests including of those police singled out as leaders in the protest. Chae, who works with the Revolution Club, spoke at the beginning rally and then led chants as the protestors, loudly but peacefully, moved through crowds doing holiday shopping, staging die-ins along the Magnificent Mile. Chae was pulled out of the crowd on the sidewalk and charged with obstructing traffic. Chae’s charges were dropped at her court date, but after this, she got letters claiming she did not show up in court – a blatant lie. Chae’s lawyer went back to the court to prove she had in fact appeared at her court date. As of now, the charges against Chae have not been further pursued.

In the same demonstration, Iggy who also works with the Revolution Club and has played a very visible and vocal role in the protests since Ferguson was attacked and arrested. When police swarmed into the protestors who were outside Nordstrom, while others staged a die-in inside that mall. Iggy was viciously assaulted by police who piled on him, sending him to the hospital with a bloodied face. Felony charges were then put on Iggy – claiming he assaulted a cop when it was the other way around. Bail was set at \$75,000, an outrage! Iggy is completely innocent of this bogus charge.

**This all happens because those in power deeply fear the struggles and hopes of those “who catch**

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**the hardest hell every day,” as well as people from other parts of society, who, together with those on the bottom, stand up for justice. And the authorities often single out revolutionaries for heavy charges for their roles in leading protests and more because they really, really fear people connecting up with the revolution to get rid of all these injustices once and for all.**

There are other protestors, especially Alfredo (who is not with the Revolution Club) who has been charged with serious felony assault on a cop because the police swarmed into the crowd (a police riot) and is now on trial with Iggy. Others face misdemeanor charges carrying jail time for literally doing nothing. All the charges must be dropped against ALL the protestors.

## **WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

**1 Demand that the charges be dropped against those with the Revolution Club of Chicago and all the protestors facing charges.** Publicize these cases on social and other media. Send letters to the states attorney demanding all charges against protestors of police murder be dropped.

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**2. Come to the major court hearings to show your support.** [Text COURT to 312-804-9121 and you will be notified of upcoming Court dates]

**3. Donate and raise money to help pay for the legal defense of those arrested.** The attorneys are doing all they can to lower the costs, but these are very serious charges and a lot of work for the attorneys. Thousands of dollars are needed for Grant and Iggy and Alfredo’s cases to be fought by the attorneys. Grant is represented by Thomas Durkin and Iggy and Alfredo by Joey Mogul and Molly Armour. Information on how to donate shown below.

**4. 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 every one they arrest, many more must join the struggle for justice.

The Revolution Club of Chicago is joining in with the Stop Mass Incarceration Networks and others calling for **April 14 – Stop Business As Usual! We will not go back!** No school! No Work! Say no more to the system giving a green light to killer cops. (For more information on A14 go to [stopmassincarceration.net](http://stopmassincarceration.net)) Join us.

**5. Join and work with the Revolution.** Learn about and support and join the Revolution Club in Chicago.

To get involved or for more information contact:

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**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 60606* Write “Defense Fund” in the memo line

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