

THE PEOPLES POWER ASSEMBLY MOVEMENT

Says:



FREE Marissa Alexander & Cece McDonald!

No justice for Trayvon? **NO PEACE!**

The disgusting “no-guilty” verdict for racist vigilante, George Zimmerman, who fatally shot unarmed 17-year-old, Trayvon Martin, last year in Sanford, Fla., exposes for the world to see how the lives of youth of color mean nothing under this capitalist system.

Two other such unjust cases also demonstrates that there are two judicial systems in this country: one for the rich and the upper class, especially white men, and another for Black, Latino or poor working class folks.

Trayvon Martin’s case exposes how racist the legal system is. The Peoples Power Assembly movement continues to demand justice for Trayvon. It also demands the freedom of Marissa Alexander and Cece McDonald and all victims of racism.

The Case of Marissa Alexander

Marissa Alexander is a 32 year old single mother of three children, a survivor of domestic violence, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison in 2010 for firing warning shots at the ceiling to scare her abusive ex-spouse. The same Florida state attorney, Angela Corey, who led the prosecution team in the Zimmerman case, prosecuted Alexander for standing her ground, which led to her unjust conviction.

Alexander had the right to defend herself and her children from a real threat. The warning shot possibly saved her life. Minutes before her ex threatened to kill her.

Though he was never injured, Alexander was arrested and charged with “endangering her children”. It was thought that in the state of Florida, the now notorious “Stand Your Ground,” aka “Shoot first, ask questions later,” law would be used to pardon her. Instead the jury took 12 minutes to deliberate and brought back a guilty verdict. So while Zimmerman was set free, Marissa Alexander, who did not kill anyone, was sentenced to 20 years! This is a complete travesty of justice. To get involved go to justiceformarissa.blogspot.com

The Case of CeCe McDonald

CeCe McDonald was also unjustly imprisoned for defending herself. She is a 23-year-old African-American transwoman who was brutally attacked by a mob of white racists as she and her friends walked to the store in Minneapolis in June 2011. A glass mug had already been smashed against her face, severing her jaw, when McDonald reached into her purse for a small pair of scissors. One of her attackers, who had a swastika tattooed on his arm, ended up stabbed to death.

This was clearly an act of self-defense but Cece was sentenced to 41 months in prison. To date, no one has even been arrested for assaulting CeCe or charged with committing a racist or anti-transgender “hate” crime. Due to transphobia, CeCe has not gained the same notoriety as Alexander in the corporate media. There is, however, a resurgence of news articles in the independent and lesbian-gay-bi-trans-queer press as well as highly forwarded posts on social media calling for her

freedom, which have exposed her case to a wider audience of people. To help on CeCe case visit supportcece.wordpress.com/

Both these women — Marissa Alexander and CeCe McDonald — have become symbols of the injustice inherent in the capitalist legal system and the clear, resounding message that it will take independent people’s power on the ground to free them.

In all three cases — McDonald, Alexander and Trayvon Martin, who also had the right to defend himself against Zimmerman — fought against their attackers and were punished or lynched for it. This has been the historic and prevailing trend that sends a clear message from the U.S. ruling class that oppressed peoples do not have the right to fight back against their bigoted attackers.

Justice for Trayvon, Marissa & Cece!

All three of these people have become symbols of heroism. To stand up for the right of self-defense against racist, sexist or anti-LGBTQ violence must be a fundamental right. Again the capitalist legal system cannot be relied on for justice. Only through building people’s power in the streets and in our communities can we win true justice for Trayvon Martin and freedom for Marissa and CeCe Now!

**On August 24 & August 28,
the PPA will be building
Trayvon Martin Assemblies.**

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