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COPWATCH**

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OCT. 24<sup>th</sup>

Kickoff @ 12 pm

Clarke Plaza

MARCH!

@ 3pm SPEAK  
Clark & Summer St.

@ 5pm WHEEL IN  
against Brutality

@ 7pm DINNER  
+ Vigil at City Hall Eureka

OCT. 23<sup>rd</sup>

REMEMBERING  
CHRIS BURGESS  
@ 11am Highland Park  
Breakfast

@ 12 Memory  
MARCH

@ 2 Rally @  
courthouse EVENTA

@ 5pm DINNER  
@ Labor temple



**GET  
UP**

**REDWOOD  
CURTAIN  
COPWATCH**

As part of a larger movement of self-organized CopWatch groups throughout the U.S., our local efforts seek to intervene in the drastic rise of the presence, militarization, and violence of the police, and build support networks based on self-determination, caring and concrete needs!

# REDWOOD CURTAIN Cop Watch

It's Our Right!

***If you're participating in  
Days of Action To Stop Police Brutality  
please read this:***

Each and every one of us has the right to free speech and to travel and to assemble (1st Amendment to the Constitution). Nevertheless, the cops (Eureka Police, Sheriff's Dept., etc) may give people a hard time today.

**You don't ever have to talk to a cop, so don't!**

If an officer questions and/or threatens you, you can say the magic words:  
**"I choose to remain silent. I want to see a lawyer."** These words and your refusal to talk to the cops is protected by the 5th Amendment.

**Then remain silent.** If you say anything else, then say the magic words again. Officers are not supposed to ask you anymore questions. They are permitted, however, to ask your name and address. You can continue to choose to remain silent. **If an officer tries to search you or your bags, say "I do not consent to a search."** Stay calm, even if the cop does it anyway.

**KEEP IN MIND THE STRENGTH OF NON-VIOLENCE & THE STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.**

This is a very emotional issue. Police and non-supporters may try to provoke you, but stay strong. Remember, the message we're sharing and the purpose of our community actions are more important than getting back at some rude, asshole person.

**The cops might try to prevent us from expressing ourselves because of our POLITICAL intent: because they are afraid of us raising our voice and taking action; because they are afraid of us becoming strong and empowered; because they are afraid of us building a powerful community where police must take responsibility for their actions; where we rely less and less on their 'system', and where dignity is granted to ALL people.**

It is not illegal to be still during a demonstration. Legally, you are not required to "keep moving"; only to make sure people can get by (that you're not blocking their passage)

**Stay with other people. Cops often prey on us when we're isolated.** There are CopWatchers\* and many others of us here- to observe the police if they approach or harass you.

# Jail Support

Jail Support is available if you are arrested or receive a ticket. Please write the following # on your body with a permanent marker, if you get arrested this will be the first # you call.

Please, Share this # with other folks, and especially with any one you see getting arrested

# *In Memory of Chris Burgess*



Chris Burgess was well-loved by many in the community, WAS NOT VIOLENT, and had been thrown into the juvenile "injustice" system when he was very young.

On October 23, 2006, just months after the EPD shot and killed Cheri Lyn Moore in her apartment, Eureka Police Officer Liles shot and killed 16 year-old Christopher Burgess. Liles had a history of extremely violent behavior with Christopher Burgess. On October 23, 2006, Liles shot young Christopher in the heart after chasing him. This is atrocious.

The police must be held accountable. The system that criminalized Christopher Burgess mustn't continue to devalue the lives of fellow members of our community. The People must band together to protect and support one another, especially those of the next generations, as they are our future.

2010 marks the 15th year of organizing for October 22 - National Day of Action Against Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation. As we celebrate a new generation of activism and resistance to the police state, we also mourn as a community over the loss of our youth. October 23, 2010 is our 4th annual day of remembrance for Chris Burgess.

**STOP THE CRIMINALIZATION OF A GENERATION.**

## The Police State and yet another reason to Save Richardson Grove:

You may ask, "What does saving the grove have to do with the police state?"....well....lets start from the beginning... The Interstate Highways were initially implemented by Eisenhower. How did he come up with the idea of these interstate highways? He got his grandiose plan from an army convoy he participated in, and from inspirations he got from Germany's autobahn, which he got to see because he was in the military during WWII. **The history of the highways are rooted in militarization.** Eisenhower's plan for the highways was even named "The National Defense Highway", this system was designed to move military equipment and personnel with greater efficiency and create a broader reach for the military.

Why would CalTrans, with a plan funded by the Federal government in millions (billions?), change a road that leads to no real commercial businesses, while claiming it is to aide in heavy commercial transportation? Why would CalTrans destroy ancient redwoods, of which there are so few left already (less than 3% of the original redwood old growth remains!!!) ? Why would CalTrans not care about the legislation of preservation for State Parks, and not care about the fragile ecology of this rich biodiverse life?

The feds want in to our Redwood Curtain! The Pacific Northwest culture of coastal northern, redwooded California has consistently been a hotbed of grassroots collective organization, spurring change that is both reflective and inspiring to movements across our State and Nationwide. We have continuously thwarted attempts at the militarization of our communities and have had the forested roads as a blockage to massive industrial militarization, and as a bottleneck for access to the rest of the coast. The feds are consistently trying to access our roads, gain entryway into our hills and stop whatever communities spurrin' up that do not fit with their accordance. They disguise their plan under the veil of helping commercial interests, which is problematic, to say the least, for communities that have intentionally and geographically isolated themselves from corporate exploitation. This in itself is catering to the big money, big corporations. Looking through history we have seen the use of sanctioned state violence to protect corporate holdings, such as with the barons of the industrial age. Big Corporations have no vested interest in a region locally or geographically. Their concern is for their ever increasing profit, and making sure their gains are consistently on the up. Redwood trees stand in their way, so they propose to cut them down, pave the ancient ones' roots, so that trucks can constantly drive over them (when even our own fragile FOOTsteps have been known to be damaging to their root systems). The trees that stand in the way of big corporate gains are symbolic, the State would rather destroy these ancient legends down, irregardless of their natural worth, their beauty, or their genocide. What happens when people get in their way???? The project, even its disguise, is a disgusting attempt at destroying what we naturally have.

Cal Trans is already "straightening" out the two main highways to our east, Highways. 199 and 299, making them Redwood Curtain more easily to invade from that direction. Obama is increasing collaboration between Homeland Security and local police. Be it the greed of corporate exploiters, the controlling forces of Federal police (ICE, DEA, FBI), or the tanks of the Military trying to come into this region or have easier passage through. Richardson Grove, as it is and has been for thousands of years, is a primary blockade that we must protect. NO BUSTING THROUGH THE REDWOOD CURTAIN FOR MILITARIZATION!

# CHANTS:

CHIME IN!

POWER  
to  
the  
PEOPLE

2-4-6-8  
Stop the violence!  
Stop the hate!  
2-4-6-8  
Abolish the police state!

"Police  
Violate  
our  
Rights!  
We Must  
All  
Unite &  
FIGHT"





**IMMIGRANT PEOPLE** are being targeted for just living. For driving, for walking, for working, sound familiar? Maybe you've been harassed by someone for NO reason other than PREJUDICE and DISCRIMINATION. Undocumented people tend to be viewed as exploitable labor. Besides, if workers unite and organize, bosses can just call the police to take them out, right?

The U.S. government should be held responsible!

- DHS + Department of Homeland Security: it's a new branch of the Feds that deals with immigration paperwork that was built in response to Sept. 11, 2001.
- ICE + Immigration Customs & Enforcement; la migra, or the "police" of DHS
- S-COMM = Secure Communities; the concealed ICE operation that sends ALL fingerprints (yes yours) to DHS and the FBI

#### ICE OPERATIONS IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY (RECENT)

**September 3, 2008:** On this day, ICE raided Sun Valley Floreal Farms by surrounding the whole area, detaining men and women at the work site and their homes, a few instances at gunpoint. ICE officially says they go after employers, but the Sun Valley raids show that ICE targets workers

**August 10, 2010:** Despite your innocence, if the police take your fingerprints, your prints will be sent to ICE and to the FBI within 30-45 minutes of booking at jail. If the feds find anything that suggests that you are an immigrant, it will automatically send a "detainer" or a red flag. A detainer means that you will not be released from jail and that you can only be exchanged to ICE custody and potentially deported. This new process is named "Secure Communities" by ICE, but is more popularly known as S-COMM in short because it is creating more fear in our communities, not security.

\*S-COMM encourages racial profiling by the police.

\*S-COMM was adopted by Humboldt County with no warning, or public debate, even though ICE claims it is a voluntary program.

\*S-COMM targets innocent people, and not dangerous criminals as ICE claims it does.

\*S-COMM creates mandatory reporting of ALL arrested people to ICE.

#### **ABOLISH RACISM & RESTORE RESPECT S-COMM & ICE OUT OF HUMBOLDT!**

IF YOU SEE DHS OR ICE ACTIVITY:

PLEASE CALL P.A.R.A.

(707) 502-2746

**PERSONAS AFECTADAS POR LAS REDADAS EN ARCATA**  
**PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE RAIDS IN ARCATA (P.A.R.A.)**  
ORGANIZED IN 2008 AS A RESULT OF THE SUN VALLEY RAIDS.  
P.A.R.A. WORKS IN PREVENTING MORE ICE RAIDS AND ANY UNJUST TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS AT THEIR WORKPLACE AND HOMES BY SHARING LEGAL RESOURCES, KNOWLEDGE, & EXPERIENCES.



**S-COMM  
out of  
Humboldt!!**

# **ORGANIZE AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY-**

**Help Plan a Trip to Oakland to show your support for  
Martin Cotton family's case against the police!**



On August 9, 2007, Martin Frederick Cotton II was brutally beat to death- and then refused medical treatment -by Eureka Police and Humboldt County Sheriff "Correctional Officers" (in the jail). Since August of 2008, there has been a federal civil rights lawsuit brought by Martin Cotton's baby daughter (through a legal guardian) and by his father, Martin F. Cotton.

**There is a trial scheduled in the Federal Court in Oakland in front of Judge Saundra Brown Armstrong and a jury beginning January 10, 2011, 8:30am. There will be at least fourteen cops exposed and on trial for killing Martin. Please begin organizing where you live to be there and make sure that it is known what these cops have done, what violence this system inflicts, and we want it to be understood- We will not tolerate intimidation, beatings, and murder by the police!!**

**Martin was houseless..And he is someone's son, grandson, father ---and a brother and a friend to others. We are tired of community members dying at the hands of the police.**

**Killing by the EPD cannot be seen as a mistake - rather, it is the function of the police to discourage our survival.**

We will be organizing people to travel to the Bay area to witness the trial. If you are in the Bay Area (or anywhere somewhat close), please organize support and presence in your area. And if you can help folks from Humboldt get there, let's talk.

**Dignity for all... Justice for Martin Cotton!**

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## **Humboldt County Sheriff Officers shot and killed Robert Garth in the morning of Saturday August 7, 2010.**

CopWatchers and friends of the Garth family went to Blue Lake, after learning of the shooting. We took lots of video and photos. We want here to share what we learned, in brief.

As we write this post (Saturday night, August 7, 2010), we anticipate two things. The first is that the media (i.e. Thaddeus Greenson of the Times-Standard who was in Blue Lake) will parrot, stating as fact, the police story. That's what the media ALWAYS does.

We know the police story will be told in defense of the cops who murdered Robert. Thus, we can anticipate words that imply that the cops were scared for their safety and lives, the safety and lives of others; that they had to make a split-moment decision and the danger resulted in the split-moment decision to shoot (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11? shots?), and that Robert had mental health problems, which made him unpredictable or dangerous. However the media will do it, taking direction from police statements and police press releases, the media will criminalize the victim, Robert Garth, and recite excuses for the cops- cops who just ended a life!!

These are some of our notes, not in chronological order. For instance, although we initially talk about the District Attorney and his so-called investigation, he did not show up for quite a while into the day.

District Attorney (DA) Gallegos and his investigator arrived on the scene and told Robert's family and friends that the DA's office wanted to get statements from each of them. The investigator from the DA's said he wants to hear about "mental health issues", "any history you can fill us in on." He said, "I don't know Robert, I never dealt with him." "We're trying to do some fact finding, gather evidence, get peoples' statements- to get our opinion about what happened...and we'd love to sit down and talk with you." We say: Don't investigate the victim! Investigate the cops who shot and KILLED! What does the investigator want from people who did not even SEE what happened or know nothing about the particular cops who shot Robert? They are not witnesses! The DA will, undoubtedly, like he has EVERY OTHER POLICE MURDER, justify the killer Sheriff's actions. And like he did with the murder by the cops of Martin Cotton II, the DA will ignore or not even seek any real witness statements if he cannot alter it in the cops' favor. The DA does not seek justice, but justification for the cops' murderous actions.

A neighbor said that between 7 and 7:30am, he saw Robert chasing another man going up the on-ramp toward Arcata on 299. The neighbor said that the other man threw off his backpack, and at one point Robert had a rake. The neighbor said he saw Robert hit the other guy with the rake and the backpack.

Two Sheriff cop cars arrived, with 4 cops inside. According to the neighbor, when the cops approached Robert and the other man were facing each other and talking, Robert holding the other man's arm. **The neighbor perceived that things had calmed down. However, the neighbor said that "the cops didn't give him [Robert] a chance."** Really fast, it looked like one of the cops tripped, stumbled, and then the cops fired on Robert. The neighbor thought he heard between 6 and 11 shots.

Sheriff's Officers shot and killed Robert Garth. The same Sheriff's agency also conducted investigative action and, it appears, also moved Robert's body.

The neighbor said that he "didn't hear them [cops] say 'stop' or nothing" before they shot Robert.

**NO MORE MURDER in the NAME OF THE LAW!!**

FROM

You don't oppose or destroy  
Silence because you would  
be doing people like us a disservice.  
They have a right to their differences.  
Look at the system, look at the  
present social norms of society. But  
what good is it if we see  
order. There is nothing but  
ONLY, and freedom of all types. But also  
it is an illusion of security.  
It is built on a fear of history.  
FATIGUE is a natural, commonly  
the movement of millions. After all,  
millions of people  
but actually it is not  
that simple.

100-70

I went Saturday, or November 21, 1908 where I  
had been back from Denver, Co after spending my  
vacation there organizing branches of the city.  
Branches were in small different places at first time.  
I had lost myself and returned to because the

telephone lines we had built between other existing  
organizations and ourselves we had our offices over like  
dogs, sleeping bags, and other things a smaller one than  
filling the station all being very little, then after  
having about having the work, we found places to stay  
over and places, but still remained by our telephone  
to take the electric in our presence.

Before we took place we had collected a  
quantity of sand in order to make high raised  
roads for a period of time with slight snow  
fall and when we had gotten back to the city  
again at Cheyenne Station we had cleaned up  
the roads as high as the Arches when we  
had gotten back to the station did we found  
it to be Cheyenne, River, Squash, sugar cane past,  
Cherry blossoms, sugar beet, etc., by Cheyenne an  
important. Cheyenne had extremely beautiful foliage  
and blossoming bushes.

4 SEP 19

Lived at least five years and of the cardholders at  
the garden. After some talk about how we were  
and how going to continue to do what he had  
been at the garden for the many things  
described it. Apparently the City had come  
to visit the lot of Squatters in the  
area of the Creek we had chosen.  
The Squatters and General men truly  
work near the Department of Housing. Also,  
Apparently, Neighborhood one of the men had a  
bulletin at the Chancery and a tape that  
had tied down a tape wrapped into the  
Chair, blowing the 2 electric engine and  
smoking the man to the ground.

At this point our Comrade was out  
of sight. He'd stop hopping to back  
as we stopped the land around 11:30  
and great lots of smoke to keep from

being caught. These incidents  
happened w. our belongings  
and public property went

to everyone community of concerned

friends, we would