

HOW TO SUPPORT THE SQUAT

Donations can be brought down directly to the squat at the corners of Abbott and Hastings, or to the office at #42 Blood Alley PH (604) 682-2726

Things we need (ongoing): Food and Spices, Blankets, sleeping bags, etc., Water, Juice, Coffee, Pillows, Quilts, Large cooking pots, Warm jackets, sweaters, socks, Disposable dishes and cutlery, Mattresses, foam pads and tents, Fuel-Fed Cooking Stoves and Fuel, Tarps and Rope, Cleaning supplies, Rolls of Plastic, Art materials (paint, markers, large rolls of paper etc.), Hammers, pliers, nails etc., Money for cooking materials and security (radios etc.), Staple guns, 8 1/2 x 11 and 11x 17 paper, Computer, printer, Ongoing photocopying access, Toilet paper, tampons and napkins, Soap, towels and toiletries.

THE "WOODWARD'S 58" NEED SUPPORT

In the early morning hours of Saturday, September 22, 2002, the Vancouver Police Department Riot Squad stormed into the Woodward's squat which homeless people and their supporters had been occupying since the previous Saturday. 58 people were arrested and charged with violating a Supreme Court injunction. The squatters and their supporters have to return to court November 7, 2002 to face civil contempt charges. The two lawyers who have so far represented us cannot possibly handle all of our cases themselves. **THEREFORE, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE RAISE SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR OUR LEGAL DEFENCE. PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN TO THE "WOODWARD'S 58 LEGAL DEFENCE FUND" AND ASK YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, UNION, HOUSING CO-OP, CHURCH OR COMMUNITY GROUP TO DO THE SAME.**

Please make checks payable to the "People's Opposition" and write "legal defence" on them. Checks can be mailed to: Woodward's 58 Legal Defence
c/o Anti-Poverty Committee
42 Blood Alley Square
Vancouver, BC, Canada
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W.O.O.D.S.Q.U.A.T. is printed by the Friends of the Woodwards Squat and does NOT represent the squat. We are a support group that helped with supplies and garbage removal during the occupation & now with legal assistance for the Woodwards 58, people who were subsequently attacked by police on 22 Sept, and people who lost their stuff in the garbage trucks after the Sunday night attack. Please direct questions about demands to the Woodwards Coalition or another of the many groups and individuals involved in defense activity. We can put you in touch.

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THE BRITANNIA DAYCARE 8

UPDATE

Photographs by Sean Britt. Thanks for being there!

Britannia Police Riot Legal Update October 4th, 2002 - 9pm

When they let the adults out of jail there was a crowd of about 20 people gathered in the loading bay of the Cordova St. pre-trial centre. They came out slowly at first, ten or twenty minutes between each prisoner, then at the end, all the remaining at once. Someone had paid for a lawyer to come down and see them all out... once they were no longer reliant on the absent and overworked duty council, they were all out quickly. Seems that the substantial police report had something to do with it too... it wasn't until 5:30 or 6pm that the crown had selected charges and conditions for them. They are being tried separately, on the different "evidences" the cops and the crown can manage to scrape up on them individually.

I have listed below some of the initial reports people gave upon release, not as legal evidence since this is by no means a complete record of any of their experiences, but only to give comment on the intensity of police response to people uniting and resisting state violence... whether instituted by government reform and legislation or by police clubs and chemical spray. The record is chronological based on the order people were released. Interviews could not be maintained because people had to leave before others were released due to "non-association" conditions they were forced to sign... and because people were really tired and discombobulated / fucked-up.

MURRAY BUSH:

Charged with "assaulting a peace officer".

Conditions: Not to associate with any others arrested / Not to carry weapons / Not to be within 2 blocks of Gordon Campbell / Not to wear a mask in public (others were subjected to same conditions)

Quote: "I was arrested for protesting the police assault of a twelve year old boy."

What happened after arrest: (paraphrase) - We were in 2 wagons... I was in one with about 4 others.... sitting in the back tank with Scott. I guess the cops thought he had thrown something at them and hit one, I don't know... a juice can or something they were saying. They had us in the wagons and drove us all into the Canadian Tire... held us there for about an hour. They'd open the doors and there was just a sea of cops out there. They took us out one at a time and bagged our belongings. They had the door closed and it was hot and hard to breathe, then they opened it. There were probably 25 cops just around the back of the wagon, around the open door looking in on me and Scott. This one cop points at Scott, and he's really mad. He points at Scott and says something to the order of; "You're the asshole who hit me with that thing. Come out here and we'll straighten things out now!" Scott refused to get out. I'm glad he didn't. I thought they were going to kick him to death. that cop was really mad and it was obviously a threat.

Murray was never allowed to make a phone call, despite repeated requests.

GEORGE FEENSTRA

Charges: Assault Peace officer

Conditions: Same as others.

Quote: "They treat people like animals in there. But they didn't break my glasses or my spirit."

JESSICA "SKYY" MOTT

Charges: Assault peace officer

Conditions: Same as others



MARTIN FOURNIER

Charges: Obstruction of Officer

Conditions: Same as others.

SCOTT ROHAN

Charges: Assault Officer

Conditions: Same as others.

After Arrest: (see what Murray said about the cops threatening Scott in the canadian tire parking lot... Scott said the same thing, plus:) "they were all standing around the open door and this one cop steps foreword and says, "why don't you come out here now, tough guy?" and when I say "no thanks," he and some others say, "It doesn't matter, we know where you live.. we'll come take out out." Scott had his shirt torn off when he was arrested. He was left in the cell for 27 hours without a shirt. It's cold in jail. Scott was denied a phone call for 7 hours following his arrest.

JUSTIN GOODMAN

Charges: Obstruction of peace officer.

Conditions: Same as others.

Requested to speak to counsel before being strip-searched and was denied.

Made numerous requests for a phone call and was denied... no phone call.

Everyone appreciates the efforts of everyone outside.

There are no reports yet from the people charged as minors. I'll post them when I get them.

The Government is afraid of us.

The cops are afraid of us.

We are winning.

We will win.

- Ivan