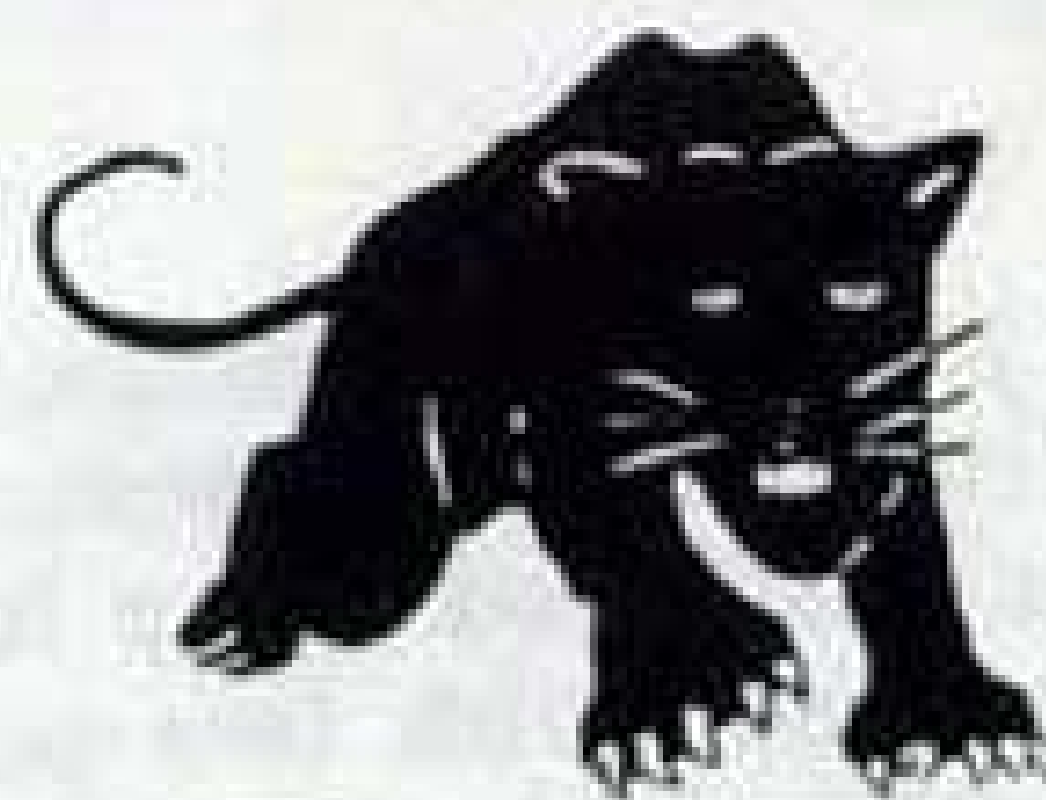


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Sodomy nothing new for NYPD, complicity nothing new for Mayor Guiliani.

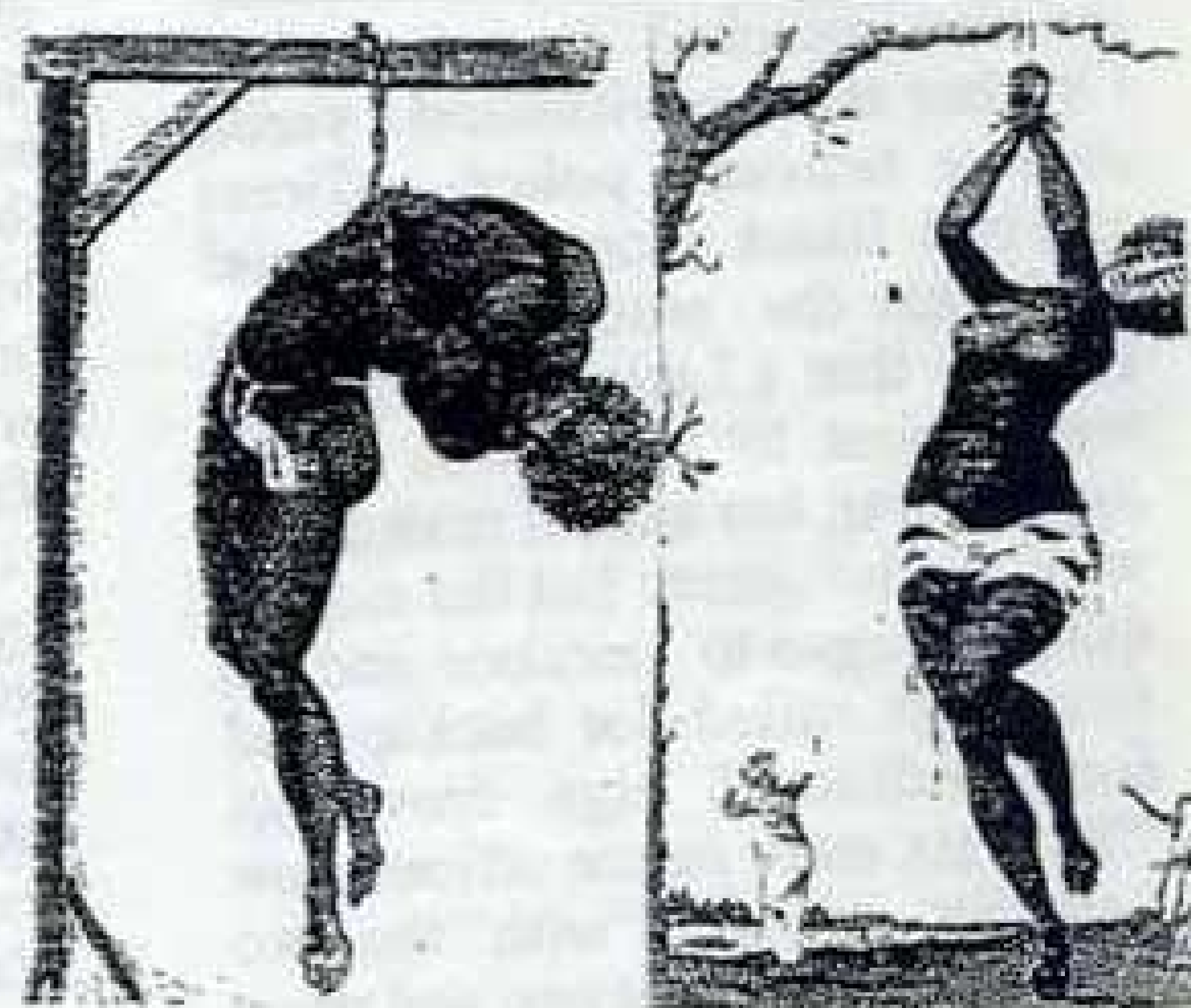
If you remember, back in 1994 a group of six Black men had come forth to charge a NYPD pig with rape and sodomy. According to their story, they were forced by this pig to drive to secluded locales, raped and threatened with death if they spoke out by this police officer who performed his sick acts in uniform while on duty. They identified the pig as Reggie Rivera of the 101 precinct in Queens, his shield number is 20204. This case was front page news in the Black community, while Mayor Guiliani, Police Commissioner Bratton and other top NY officials have remained silent. It is ironic that these same people have metamorphosed, three years later, into shocked and outraged "friends of the people" when it comes to the case of Abner Louima. It is ironic that sodomy by NYPD officers is being seen as an isolated incident without precedent. Well, our people's memories of abuse are too long to be fooled by fake toughness on rogue cops by those who create the atmosphere for these cops to flourish in the first place. Had action been taken to prevent rampant brutality conducted by the police, the city's current mess may not have happen. Instead, what happen to

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UPDATE Brutality Prevention Project

A few months ago the Black Panther Collective began videotaping police activities in Washington Heights to record police harassment, misconduct and brutality. Our cameras have recorded many incidents of police blatantly disregarding the rules laid out in their own manuals, especially in regards to (stop, frisk and search?) procedures. According to the police patrol guide 116-33 page 597, the purpose for stop and frisk is to protect uniformed members of the service from injury while conducting investigations involving, stop and question situations.

Definitions; 1) STOP- To temporarily detain a person for questioning. 2) FRISK- A running of the hands over the clothing, feeling for a weapon. 3) SEARCH- To place hands inside pocket or other interior parts of clothing to determine if object felt is a weapon. These rules are violated every day mostly because we do not know our rights. In the words of Sun Tzu- If you know your enemies and know yourself, you will win every battle; if you do not know your enemies but know yourself, you'll win one and lose one; if you do not know your enemies and do not know yourself, you will lose in every single battle. So know your enemy and know yourself so we can win every battle.



A RENDEZ-VOUS WITH TERROR.

F. Chapman

August 17, 1997, probably one of the hottest days of Harlem Week, i walked into the Schomburg Center for African-American Culture, trying to escape the heat. To my pleasant surprise i discovered that the Schomburg was doing an exhibition on the Reconstruction Era. As i walked through the dimly lit corridor looking at pictures (of inspiration and horror!), reading the inscriptions, examining the artifacts and hearing other visitors exclaim, "Oh my God!" i too felt a sense of horror and anger! Once again i was reminded that the ruling class of our country knows no shame and has no moral boundaries when they feel compelled to suppress the struggle for freedom and democracy.

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Pigs vs. Panthers Panthers vs. Pigs

Black Panther Collective member Shepherd McDaniel was savagely beaten by four pigs from the 41st Precinct last fall, for observing and noting the behavior of cops during an arrest, McDaniel was later charge with "disorderly conduct and resisting arrest." McDaniel was attacked by police last October after he witnessed a verbal dispute between police officers and two Black women. McDaniel said that the women tried to explain that a Latino man the pigs were about to arrest was not a drug dealer, but a local man on his way to the store, but the dispute quickly began to escalate and the two pigs called for backup and four additional pigs drove up. "With six male police officers now verbally engaged with the two women, i took out pen and paper and recorded the car I.D. numbers of the two police cars which were both from the 41st Precinct in the Bronx," said McDaniel. McDaniel added that the sergeant snatched both his pen and paper and dashed them into the street, and then attacked him without provocation. "He punched me in the face. He attempted a second punch to my face which i blocked, but as i stepped away from him three more

officers joined in the attack with their fists and nightsticks." McDaniel continued that a brutal assault ensued, with two police officers acting as lookouts, while their colleagues rained blows and yelled racist slurs. Last week, McDaniel was acquitted of all charges. "The decision to acquit me was based mainly on the prosecution's failure to produce credible witness testimony," said McDaniel. "Their testimony was primarily that of two of the cops involved; police officer Hector Vargas and sgt. James Caban." "They need to take a course in Lying 101, do not prejure yourself," McDaniel quipped. "their conduct in court was ridiculous and their behavior in this case was criminal." Attorney Michael Warren said "What happened in court exemplified the inability of police officers, who have committed wrong against individuals - to get their stories straight. "There were serious contradictions that were brought out during cross examination, which led to the inescapable conclusion that the police were lying and that they were not credible." At press time Warren said that the lesson learned in this case was that, "We have to fight them on what ever level you can."

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The Schomberg Exhibition not only highlights the achievements of Reconstruction but also the horrors of the counter-revolution that overturned Reconstruction. It brings into sharp relief the dreams and aspirations of ex-slaves who were given the franchise, the right to hold public office and promised "forty acres and a mule". The promised land turned into the land of broken promises, and the brief (ten year) era came to a violent end. The Ku Klux Klan spearheaded the reign of terror, whose stated mission was to restore white-supremacy, and openly used torture and terror to return to the seats of power to the defeated rebels of the old slavocracy, to usher in a new, infamous era of racist oppression! The bloody, murderous overthrow of Reconstruction could not have happen without these newly established citizens of the united states being betrayed by their own government. The march of progress can not be stopped, but it can be retarded; and so in 1877 the progressive, democratic demands of the African-American

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TRUE SOUL-JA

Sept. 13, 1997 made a year since our brother Tupac Shakur past on, but his revolutionary spirit lives on. We extend our solidarity to all those who loved him and we'll look for him in the whirlwind.

R.I.P.
TUPAC
AMARU
SHAKUR
1971-1996



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people were denied, thus infecting the very institution of government with a racist callousness unknown throughout the annals of human history. The reactionary policies today of Congress, Pataki and Guilliani are an update, a continuation of the moribund racist legacy of the post Reconstruction Era, a cruel attestation to the fact that our government, like Pontious Pilate, can not wash the blood of slavery from its hands. Today, more than a century after the tragic triumph of Southern reaction, our government still stands mute and dumb in the face of racist terror. Case in point is the racist, torture case of Abner Louima. The Daily News misinforms us that "...the blue wall of silence..." has crumbled and Mayor Guilliani, the hypocrite of the hour, hails a too little too late snitching cop, with these words: "This police officer is an enormously courageous man..." Why? Because the "blue wall of silence" is nothing but now open, then hidden conspiracy of an insidiously racist police force whose m.o. has been to spread terror and death in our communities in the name of law and order. Police who can't bust a "crack house" or a "coke den" but who can murder children and brutalize and torture whom they please; yes, you are right Mr. Mayor, it does take courage to stand up against such a system of brutality. But what about the courage of the Haitian, African-American and Latino communities who "face the gun" of your run a mok racist cops everyday? Shame on you Mr. Mayor for picking a weak-kneed, spineless cop who did nothing to prevent the sense

less torture of an innocent man, as your symbol of courage. Once again you have ignored the real stand up people in this city; and once again given us a reason to put an end to the hopelessly, inhuman reign of the Guilliani regime.

31ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

JERICHO '98: Amnesty and Freedom For All Political Prisoners. March on the White House, MARCH 27, 1998

Political Prisoners: JERICHO '98

The united state government says there are no Political Prisoners in this country..... THAT IS A BLATANT LIE!!! There are more than 100 men and women who are serving long sentences in u.s. prisons. These sentences have been given to them because of their political beliefs and activities. These men and women are Political Prisoners. (Low Intensity Warfare) The FBI, under J. Edgar Hoover, developed a plan they labeled COINTELPRO to isolate, neutralize and eliminate those individuals and groups they considered troublesome. The official launch date of COINTELPRO was August 25, 1967. In reality, the program had been in effect long before then. The railroading and murder of Garvey and Malcolm were results of COINTELPRO.

Jericho '98 is a national mobilization campaign to force the united states government to admit the existence of Political Prisoners and set them free. We will accept no less than that. Before we can win their freedom we have to bring down the wall of silence around their existence. To this end we are marching on the white house in Washington, D.C. on March 27th 1998, in numbers.....with such a mighty cry the white house will no longer be able to deny there are hundreds of PP/POWS in the prisons of america.....AND WE WANT THEIR FREEDOM. NOW!!!

For information contact: JERICHO '98 Organizing Committee, c/o FMAJC P.O. Box 650, New York, N.Y. 10009 or call (212) 330-8362 or E-MAIL: JERICHO98@USA.NET

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Abner Louima has served to exposed the continued systematic brutality pervasive in the NYPD. Move over, Francis Livoti, the former police officer acquitted in the death of Anthony Baez was found guilty in Bronx Criminal Court on Wednesday October 1, 1997 of slapping and choking a teenager in a separate confrontation. The NYPD's Livoti's clear history of brutality, the case of the 70th Precinct officers charged with sexually brutalizing Abner Louima with a wooden handle in Brooklyn in August, the forcible rape of Black men at the point of a gun in Queens in April of 1994 and Amnesty International's damning report on the NYPD all point to widespread murder and brutality conducted by the NYPD. No one can ignore the fact that most cases of police brutality involve a Black or Latino victim and White assailants. Clearly, the brutality conducted by the police stems from lack of community control over the police coupled with institutional racism. Police brutality is nothing new to Black and Latino communities. It is the organized expression of a racist socioeconomic structure whose objective is to contain, control and criminalize Black and Latinos.

The Giuliani administration is intent on maintaining a climate that supports murder and brutality conducted by the police. Giuliani's new task force on police brutality does not have the power to implement positive changes in the police department and its members are too narrow-minded to envision any pertinent changes. Changes in the NYPD that should be implemented at a minimum includes 1) community oversight and accountability; 2) swift and effective punishment of murderous and brutal pigs;

and 3) establishment of a community residency requirement. Unfortunately, creating a climate for change in police culture and attitude is not a priority for Giuliani and his bullshit administration.



Call for Community Supporters

The Black Panther Collective has been struggling to foster revolutionary change and mobilize poor and oppressed communities in the US since its inception in New York in 1993. We have many projects that need community support and participation in order to be fully effective.

We need you to donate stamps, envelopes, office supplies and help xerox our literature. In addition, we desperately need cash donations to support our work.

We need you to distribute our literature to your family, friends, classmates, members of your union, church or community group.

If you are an artist, a poet, or have good writing skills, we need you to con-

tribute to our publications.

We are developing a Brutality Archives to document ongoing incidents of police brutality in New York. We need your pictures, written accounts of incidents and videotapes of police misconduct.

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We are in the process of developing Community Political Education Classes. If you would like to learn Black, Latino and working class history, read the works of revolutionary theorist from all over the world and understand the current state of the economy in the US, or if you are a teacher or would like to assist with curriculum development, add your name to our mailing list.

The Black Panther Collective works to raise public awareness about the plight of over 100 Political Prisoners in US. We urge people to write letters to Political Prisoners, and call us for more information on how they can become an active part in the Political Prisoner movement.