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On April 2, at 5a.m., a knock came on the door from a so-called local pig. He knocked so lightly on the door I could barely hear him. Which isn't the usual procedure of the pigs. When I came to the door, I looked through peep hole, and there was a black pig standing there. I asked him what he wanted, and he told me that someone in the building had a complaint against whoever lives in the apartment. I told him I was not going to open up the door, because I knew my rights. He demanded that I open it, so I asked him if he had a warrant, and if he did, I told him to slip it under the door. He told me he didn't have one, so I said to him that I wouldn't open the door. He started oinking (begging) for me to open it up, and said that he wanted me to sign his book of complaints. I told him again that I was not going to open up the door and I said that if he wanted me to sign his book, he'd have to slip it under the door. He gave some stupid pig excuse that it couldn't fit, so I told him "That's just too bad," and "I'll sign your book tomorrow". After that statement, 6 Pigs came busting through the door with bulletproof vests on, rifles, shotguns, and 38's shaking in their hands. After busting through the door, and busting up the house, they found 3 shotguns and a 38 automatic. This made them really afraid, so they oinked to the rest of the pigs to come off the roofs and fire escapes.

The pigs began taking all my posters off the walls and all my black and revolutionary books. I asked them what had they wanted my books for and they said they were going to send them to Washington. I told them that these books can be purchased in any store. They said they were sending these posters to Washington as evidence against us. These posters were of Malcolm X, Huey P. Newton, El-

dridge Cleaver, Bobby Seale, Mao Tse Tung, Che Guevara, and other revolutionary people around the world.

At about 6:00a.m., I was taken to the Pigs' office and they separated me from everyone else and started pouring questions on me. I told them that I knew my rights, and that I didn't have to answer any of their questions, and if they wanted any information, to find it out on their own since they were getting paid for it.

From the time I was arrested until I was brought to court, I asked the 4 Pigs who were guarding me to please loosen the cuffs on my wrists because they were too tight. So one of them said, "Let the bitch stay the way she is." I told them I was six months pregnant and that being handcuffed with the cuffs tight behind my back was not only hurting my wrists, but was putting pressure on my stomach, which pained me very much. They still refused to do anything.

Finally I went up before a judge and I was put on \$10,000 bail. From there I was sent to the Women's House of Detention. After gettin inside, I immediately asked for medical attention, because my wrists were red and swollen from the handcuffs being too tight. I also told them that I was six months pregnant and needed medical attention. They told me to wait until the next day. I never received any type of help since the time I went in. I was put in isolation for a few days and became very sick. Not only was I not receiving any medication, but the roach infested food was not fit for a dog. The pigs had a special diet for all Panthers held in their pen. A food strike was started by Afeni Shakur, Sharon Williams, and Joan Bird. This is when they started separating all the Panthers arrested so that they wouldn't be together. I was placed on a different floor from them. This did not stop any of us from functioning within the pigs' pen.

The rest of the girls got up pet-

tions against the food, and I got up a petition for black books to be put in the library, so that the girls who were being held in jail could have some knowledge of their people and heritage, since the majority of the people in the jails were black. The only books they had in their libraries were Fairy Tales.

All the brothers who were arrested are being treated like animals. They were placed in Manhattan, Bronx, Queens and Rikers Island jails. All of them were under 24 hour security (isolation) since the time they got arrested. They couldn't receive any telephone calls, visits, or letters, and they slept on beds with no sheets or anything. Our lawyers are trying to bring up a case against the way we have been and are being treated.

The baby of one of the brothers held captive (Curtis) died.

The people are supporting the Black Panther Party whole heartedly. These are people from the community who know our program and who dig the Party. These are people we've worked with in the community, and who came to us for help whenever they were in need. The idea of the people backing up the Black Panther Party is blowing the pigs' minds. Not only that, but, they are having a hell of a time trying to put us away for good, after sweating their hides out for 3 years to destroy the Party. If they really had so much evidence to put us away, they would not call off our hearings for the fourth time already. The judges and the D.A.'s are working together. That is why the judges refuse to lower our bails, which are unconstitutional, and which are very high for those of us arrested.

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