

Dear Community Leaders:

The prosecution, representing the forces of racism and repression, has unsuccessfully completed its case in the first trial of Hayward Brown, charged with seven counts of assault with intent to murder, arising from the incidents of December 4th and December 27, 1972, and the incident of January 12, 1973. His May 10th acquittal now leaves three separate counts of assault with intent to murder as well as a carrying a concealed weapon charge. The second trial will begin on May 29th.

The defense of the cases is concerned with a great deal more than the attempt to exonerate an individual charged with violating the law in a given number of instances.

The cases afford us an opportunity to openly scrutinize the past and present practices of the S.T.R.E.S.S. unit of the Detroit Police Department, a unit which has caused the most massive and sustained mobilization our community has seen for some time. Though many of us are weary of S.T.R.E.S.S. as an issue in our community, recent events (such as Patrolman Raymond Peterson being charged with the murder of a citizen on his way to work at the Cadillac Plant), remind us that the community must remain vigilant if police atrocities are to cease.

Further, the case affords us an opportunity to analyze, in a publicly educational manner, the nexus between local law enforcement and narcotic trafficking in our community. The controversy over Judge Crockett's request for a One-Man Grand Jury to look into the narcotics traffic is one manifestation of a generalized concern which must be grappled with at a number of levels throughout our community.

It is this context that necessitates our asking you to join with us in forming a committee that will actively work in the community to do the educational and informational work outside of court that is necessary to guarantee a fair trial for Hayward Brown while at the same time insuring that the fullest possible disclosure of the factual record of the trial is available to our community.

Your name, being linked to this effort, will materially assist us in mobilizing the people of this community in the struggle to eradicate the scourge of heroin from our community.

We don't require a lot of your time, but we do need your support, since the attorneys for the defense have been foreclosed from directing Defense Committee work.

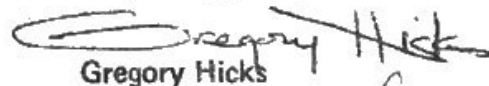
The Committee will be headquartered at the above office which has volunteered its services to the family and other supporters of this effort.

Your prompt response to our request to serve on the Defense Committee is appreciated, as we need to develop printed materials as soon as possible.

Please contact this office and advise us as to your intentions as soon as is convenient.

If there are any questions, kindly contact the signatories of this letter at the above phone (868-1612), the office of the Hayward Brown Defense Committee.

Very truly yours,


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Jim Ingram

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I will allow the use of my name for the efforts of the Hayward Brown Bail Bond and Defense Committees.

I will allow the use of my name and enclosed you shall find my donation for the:
 Bond Defense

I am unable to allow the use of my name, however, I have enclosed a donation to assist with the work of the two Committees.

Enclosed you will find my personal donation. I would further like to be added to the Hayward Brown Bail Bond and/or Defense Committees.

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