

PRISONERS' STRUGGLES SUPPORTING WOMEN

CANADA

Limited funding to shelters and other women's services, as well as a legal system that does NOT protect women who suffer violence at the hands of their partners, have resulted in too many women having to defend themselves and their children. Join the many voices calling for an en bloc review of the cases of women who have been imprisoned as a result of their involvement in the deaths of abusive partners.

STOP JAILING WOMEN FOR DEFENDING THEMSELVES!

Write and/or Petition:

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CALIFORNIA

DRUGGING OF CALIFORNIA WOMEN PRISONERS

The forceable medicating of California women prisoners with unnecessary mind-altering drugs is being contested by an ad hoc group. The group, consisting of pretrial victims of this illegal practice, point out that the consequences of the drugging have been devastating, from the erratic behaviour produced by the drugs during individual trials to later lengthy withdrawal symptoms. The F.B.I. has commenced an investigation of the group's claims, and one case is currently before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

To provide support/and or for information, write:

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CHOWCHILLA WOMEN FIGHT FOR BETTER HEALTH CARE

Since the beginning of 1994, three women prisoners, two of whom had AIDS, have died at the Central California Women's Facility at Chowchilla. In March, the coalition to support women prisoners at Chowchilla called upon the State Assembly Committee on Public Safety to begin an immediate investigation into both the deaths and the quality of medical care at the prison. The Coalition urges everyone to join the campaign for justice and better medical care.

Letters demanding a legislative investigation should be sent to: Assemblyman John Burton, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94103, U.S.A.

Cards, letters (stamps, too) expressing support for the women inside can be sent to: Joann Walker, #W 17572, C509-19-2L, P.O.Box 1508, Chowchilla, CA 93610 U.S.A.

For more information, contact the Coalition to Support Women Prisoners at Chowchilla: P.O.Box 14844, San Francisco, CA, 94114 U.S.A. 510 530-6214