

# Political Prisoners' Birthdays in March

**Dylan Sutherlin 2012-0521144**  
P.O. Box 1000  
Lincoln, IL 62656  
March 3rd

**Jason Sutherlin 2012-0521141**  
100 Hillcrest Rd  
East Moline, IL 61244  
March 17th

**Barbara Carter**  
640 North Cedar Street  
Mason, Michigan 48854  
March 7th

**Lisa Leggio**  
640 North Cedar Street  
Mason, Michigan 48854  
March 27th

Dylan and Jason are part of the Tinley Park Five. They were convicted of beating up white supremacists that were meeting in the Chicago suburb of Tinley Park that left ten injured fascists, three of which needed hospitalization. Two white supremacists were also arrested, one for possession of child pornography and another for possessing a firearm as a felon. The meeting was organized by violent white supremacist organizations including the National Socialist Movement, Council of Conservative Citizens, and the KKK. In January 2013 the Tinley Park Five accepted a non-cooperating plea deal. Currently the five antifascists are serving sentences ranging from three to six years. [tinleyparkfive.wordpress.com](http://tinleyparkfive.wordpress.com)

Barbara and Lisa are two of three activists from Michigan Coalition Against Tar Sands (MI-CATS) that were recently found guilty on charges of trespassing and resisting and obstructing a police officer. The verdict followed a weekend of direct actions against Enbridge's tar sands pipeline. The three face sentences of 2-3 years. The three women immediately had their bail revoked and are forced to remain in custody until sentencing on March 5, 2014. The jail only accepts PLAIN 4"x6" postcards (index cards). We were told no pictures, but the women have been getting hand drawn pictures through to them so let the creativity flow if that's your style![www.michigancats.org/free-the-felines](http://www.michigancats.org/free-the-felines)

**Reverend Joy Powell #07G0632**  
Bedford Hills CF  
PO Box 1000  
Bedford Hills, NY 10507-2499  
March 5th

As a pastor and a consistent activist against police brutality, violence and oppression in her community, Rev. Joy Powell was warned by the Rochester Police department that she was a target because of her speaking out against corruption. Shortly after Rev. Joy was accused and convicted of 1st Degree Burglary and Assault. An all white jury tried her; the state provided no evidence and no eyewitnesses. She was convicted and given 16 years and seven years concurrent. [freejoypowell.org](http://freejoypowell.org)

**Ruchell Cinque Magee # A92051**  
D-5 #1  
P.O. Box 4670  
Lancaster, CA 93539  
March 17th

Ruchell Cinque Magee has been locked up since 1963. Politicized in prison, he later participated in the Marin County Courthouse Rebellion, the attempted liberation of political prisoner Johnathan Jackson. He has worked tirelessly as a jailhouse lawyer, working on his own case and helping many other prisoners win their freedom. He had been in L.A. for 6 months when he and his cousin Leroy got in a fight over a \$10 bag of marijuana. In court, the two ended up with trumped up charges of kidnapping and robbery and he was given life in prison. [denverabc.wordpress.com](http://denverabc.wordpress.com)

**Kevin Olliff (Kevin Johnson) M42382**  
Vandalia Correctional Center  
Post Office Box 500  
Vandalia, IL 62471  
March 27th

Kevin is a 25 year-old activist from Brentwood, California. A vegan since age 15, Kevin has been involved in numerous animal rights campaigns since the mid-2000s, including vegan outreach, anti-vivisection work, and a tour with the Sea Shepherd. He was recently sentenced to 2.5 years for a traffic stop in which he refused consent to a police search, their car was searched anyway. Inside, police allege they found bolt cutters, wire cutters, muriatic acid, ski masks, and cammo clothing. Police believe these items were "burglary tools" intended to be used in a crime. (Address envelope to Kevin Johnson Address card to Kevin Olliff) [supportkevinandtyler.com](http://supportkevinandtyler.com)

**JAAN K. LAAMAN 10372-016**  
USP Tucson  
Box 24550  
Tucson, AZ 85734  
March 21st, 1948

Jaam Karl Laaman grew up in Roxbury, MA and Buffalo, NY. His family emigrated to the US from Estonia when he was a child. Jaan is considered a prisoner of war. He is currently serving a 53 year prison sentence for his role in the bombings of United States government buildings while a member of the United Freedom Front, an American leftist group which robbed banks, bombed buildings, and attacked law enforcement officers in the 1980s in solidarity with the struggle in South Africa. [freejaan.blogspot.com](http://freejaan.blogspot.com)

**RICHARD MAFUNDI LAKE #079972**  
Donaldson CF  
100 Warrior Lane  
Bessemer, AL 35023-7299  
March 1st, 1940

Richard Mafundi Lake was a long-time organizer against racist police brutality in Alabama. To stop his organizing work, he was sentenced in 1983 under Alabama's Habitual Offender Act to life in prison. [denverabc.wordpress.com](http://denverabc.wordpress.com)

**HUGO L.A. PINELL (Yogi Bear) #A88401**  
PO Box 7500  
Crescent City, CA 95531-7500  
March 10th, 1945

Yogi has been in prison since 1965 -- over thirty of these years have been in solitary confinement. Hugo was a student and comrade of the legendary Black Panther Field Marshall, the late George Jackson, with whom he worked to organize other Black prisoners against the racist violence and prison conditions of the '60s and '70s. Address envelope to Hugo Pinell, address card to Yogi Bear. [www.hugopinell.org](http://www.hugopinell.org)



Send a birthday card for these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind these freedom fighters they aren't forgotten. If you make one, remember- don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape or glitter on it. We also recommend that you put your name and address and their name and prisoner number on the card, lest the authorities "lose" the envelope and forget where it is going. If you would like to add a birthday or sign up for our poster mailing list, email us at [ppbirthday@riseup.net](mailto:ppbirthday@riseup.net). Brought to you with love by the Chapel Hill Prison Books Collective. [prisonbooks.info](http://prisonbooks.info)