

Hip Hop Update From Davey D We're at War - Police Gone Wild

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We're at War-Police Gone Wild: DV One, Sean Bell, Tonye Allen

DJ DV One in Court vs. Seattle Police:Trial Begins Monday March 19th 8am

Seattle hip-hop is standing up!

Mark your calendars! March 19, 2007 is quickly approaching as this is one of the most important days in the history of Seattle Hip Hop when Northwest hip hop pioneer DV One stands trial vs The Seattle Police Department.

This will likely be a week long trial. If need be, please let your employers know ASAP as to which days you would like to take off to attend the trial. DV One will need as many supporters and participants there as possible.

The court dates prior to this one were important as well, but this will be the one that determines the fate of DV One as he is facing a potential Assault 3 felony along with a 5 year sentence and \$50,000 fine. This is absolutely no joke.

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This is the Official Support DV One page

<http://www.myspace.com/supportdvone>

Background on the case:

http://www.thestranger.com/blog/2006/09/dj_dvone_attacked_by

http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/286787_abuse28.html

http://thestranger.com/blog/2006/09/re_dj_dvone_assaulte

<http://odeo.com/audio/3351923/view>

Update on Sean Bell Shooting

As the media reported that the NYPD was "Gearing Up" For Sean Bell Protests. Rosa Clemente, a New York based grassroots organizer, journalist, who co-hosts a weekly show on Pacifica station WBAI called "Where We Live". Took to the airwaves incensed over the media's misleading coverage of the 11th hour mystery witness and reminded listeners all ballistic evidence was attributed to the police officers fired weapons. No casings, bullets or other evidence has been found that indicates there were shots fired by the so called "fourth man". No

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police radio reports that night ever mentioned a fourth man.

She is one of many New Yorkers, very upset over a so called "A mystery witness" being allowed to give last-minute testimony to the Queens grand jury probing the police shooting of Sean Bell proved uneventful yesterday, sources close to the case said. The jurors did not pose any questions to the 55-year-old, Spanish-speaking man, the sources said. Which often means that jurors place no credibility in a witness." It was a waste of time," a source said. Many police critics point to the fact that his wife best friend is married to a detective assigned to the 115th Precinct in Queens.

But the witness" sudden emergence slowed the proceedings. The witness had allegedly been questioned by cops shortly after police fatally shot Bell on Nov. 25. The 23-year-old was killed on his wedding day and two of his pals were wounded when cops fired 50 shots at the unarmed men. He testified for about an hour, telling jurors he was working near the Jamaica strip club close to where Bell was shot, sources said. NY Newspapers and radio stations reported the witness said he saw a mystery man shoot and run. Official court transcripts say "The witness said he saw a man running near Bell's car and heard a gunshot, but he could not identify the fleeing man or say whether he had a gun, the sources said." New York is on edge as the African American community patiently awaits the grand jury's decision as the family of the victims pray for justice.

Reporting by Ooh Papi and Bruce Banter of www.Playahata.com

5 Months Later - Beaten Hip Hop Journalists Struggle

by Robert

<http://www.thuglifearmy.com/news/?id=3442>

Hip Hop Stand Up- Recognize & Speak Out: this could be any one of us. Five months after being beaten and brutalized, black hip hop journalists still struggle for freedom in Canada.

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It has been five long months since African American journalists, Tonye Allen and Ann Brown hailed that cab last year on October 16, 2007. Blatant victims of racial profiling and police brutality, the couple has struggled since then to share their story, gain public support, and raise funds in their bid for freedom in a foreign land.

On that fateful day, police from Toronto Division 51 detained the two without explanation. When the couple asked questions, the police turned violent, beating up and arresting Tonye Allen, while assaulting Ann Brown.

Mr. Tonye Allen is an African American hip hop photographer whose work has appeared in many hip hop related publications as L.A. Weekly, The Village Voice, Rolling Stone, Vibe Magazine, and The Source among other.

In his 45 years, he has never once been arrested but his recent visit to Toronto, Canada, with his fiancée, Ann Brown, has shed light again in the hip hop community on the police brutality which, according to the numbers, is becoming rampant in Toronto; and now American tourists seem to also be at risk as in the case of African American hip hop photographer Mr. Tonye Allen.

Allen was eventually charged with assault and resisting arrest. The couple had hoped by now the charges would have been dropped. The journalists, whose combined writing and photography credits include Essence, Black Enterprise, VIBE and Rolling Stone to name a few, have been trapped in Toronto ever since, fighting for justice while trying to maintain their daily livelihood. Both are professionals with no prior criminal records.

The Crown, (the city of Toronto's office of prosecution) is now filing formal charges and pursuing a case against Allen; two counts for resisting arrest and two counts for assaulting a police officer. Allen still does not know what he was initially being arrested for, and maintains he never fought back. Photos of his brutalization pretty much corroborate his story.

Allen and Brown are still struggling to raise monies for lawyer fees and their hotel bill. Their blog, which posts details of their drama, can be accessed at www.TonyeAllenandAnnBrown.bl

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To sign a petition in their support go to <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/takeaction/946246942>

And finally, financial support can be forwarded to , Account: brownannl@gmail.com

Their lawyer, Jason Bogle can be reached at <http://www.bogleslawoffice.com>

"We are exhausted and traumatized," expresses Brown. "I keep trying to find a bright side in all this, but right now I'm hard pressed. We are humbly asking for prayers and support and we come through this ordeal."

Read more on this in this previous articles on ThugLifeArmy.com –

<http://www.thuglifearmy.com/news/?id=3083>

<http://www.thuglifearmy.com/news/?id=3138>

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