

Imprisoned 'Father' of Hip Hop Icon Tupac 2Pac Up for Parole

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Dr. Mutulu Shakur, 'Father' of hip hop icon and late rap artist Tupac Shakur (2Pac), will come up for parole on June 18, 2007. He was recently moved from the Federal Correctional Complex at Coleman, Florida to the United States Penitentiary at Pollock, Louisiana.

While the abrupt transfer has somewhat disrupted Dr. Shakur's preparations for a parole hearing, he, his lawyers and support network have decided to move forward. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.** We are asking Dr. Shakur's friends, family, community and the hip hop community to support his petition for parole. We are requesting letters be sent by May 15, 2007. Hip Hop stand up and speak out in support of Dr. Mutulu Shakur.

Letters supporting the Parole of Dr. Shakur might want to take into account his history of service to the community including:

- Employment at the Lincoln Detoxification Community (addiction treatment) Program as a political education instructor. His role evolved to include counseling and treatment of withdrawal symptoms with acupuncture.
- Managing a detoxification program recognized as the largest and most effective of its kind by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, National Acupuncture Research Society and the World Academic Society of Acupuncture.
- Treating thousands of poor and elderly patients who would otherwise have no access to acupunctural treatment.
- Developing the anti-drug program for the Charles Cobb Commission for Racial Justice for the National Council of Churches.

Since he has been incarcerated:

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- Dr. Shakur has worked to promote education among other inmates and has participated in efforts to promote unity between prisoners from different regions, religious, ethnic and cultural affiliations in institutions where he was imprisoned.

- At each institution where Dr. Shakur has been incarcerated he has worked with other inmates, staff, and community artists, activists, and intellectuals to create educational and cultural programs as a vehicle to encourage positive development for the incarcerated, particularly Black and Latino youth. If you participated in these programs, please speak about your experiences and observations.

- During his incarceration he has sought peaceful means to resolve conflict.

Based upon the above points please indicate he will be a productive and positive influence in any community where he resides. Also, the charges for which he was convicted were politically motivated and related to a political climate in which the aim was to eliminate racial discrimination and injustice. Dr. Shakur has advocated efforts to bring about reconciliation from the conflict of that period. Keep in mind we are not trying to convert the Federal Parole Board to a particular ideology or campaign, but to secure freedom from incarceration for Dr. Shakur.

Letters should be addressed to:

Edward F. Reilly, Jr.

Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission

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Please include the federal government's identification number for Dr.

Shakur: # 83205-012. Do not mail the letter directly to the Parole Commission - rather please e-mail, fax, or mail.

e-mail to: mxgrm_atl@yahoo.com

fax to: 404-288-8786

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In the words of Dr. Mutulu Shakur, "Much love and respect. We are not dispirited. In fact, we are empowered by our resistance."

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For case updates please visit www.MutuluShakur.com web site.

When hip-hop culture fans of the late rap icon, Tupac Shakur (2Pac) hear the name Mutulu Shakur, they know someone is speaking of the late rapper's father and also the father of hip-hop culture's Mopreme Shakur, Sekyiwa Shakur, Nzingha Shakur, and Tupac's other siblings. But many do not realize the depth of Dr. Mutulu Shakur.

To read a recent interview, (his first granted in over 3 years), with Dr. Shakur "exclusively" with www.ThugLifeArmy.com please visit <http://www.thuglifearmy.com/news/?id=2733>