


Last Year's Protests Against the Sleeping Ban Go to Jury Trial


PeaceCamp 6 Face "Lodging" Charges: Jail Not Housing for the Homeless


701 Ocean Street • Dept. 2 • 9am to 5pm • April 25th thru 29th

*Peace Camp 2010 (PC 2010) defendant,
Gary Johnson protests the Sleeping Ban*


 **Eliot Anderson, Arthur Bishoff, Collette Connolly, Christopher Doyon, Gary Johnson, and Ed Frey** are charged with multiple counts of "lodging" (PC 647e) for their peaceful protest against the Santa Cruz City Sleeping Ban (MC 6.36.010a).

 This law **criminalizes 1500-2000 homeless people** each night on any public property and much private property. This is in a **city that has no walk-in emergency shelter**, only waiting lists and **space for less than 60 people** from in the Paul Lee Loft from April through November. It is also **illegal to sleep in your own vehicle at night**.

 Last Summer HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship & Freedom) and **PC 2010 established a "safe sleeping zone"** serving up to sixty people per night who had no other option. The protest survived repeatedly harassment, tickets, and arrests by SCPD and County Sheriff's for three months. See <http://www.peacecamp2010.blogspot.com>

 PC2010 in front of the County Courthouse funded and provided the City's **only bathroom facility open at night** (a rented portapotty).

 In response Santa Cruz County Sheriff's made a series of arrests and made more than **40 citations for misdemeanor lodging (PC 647e)**.

 647e is unconstitutional for being **vague and overly broad**. It reads: "Every person...is guilty of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor...who lodges in any building, structure, vehicle, or place, whether public or private, without the permission of the owner or person entitled to the possession or in control of it."

 **Dozens** of homeless people **face misdemeanor 647e charges** topped by Failure to Appear warrants for joining this peaceful sleeping protest in July through October 2010.

 **Former Homeless Issues Task Force Chair Linda Lemaster** also faces up to a year in jail and \$1000 fine for "lodging" (holding a protest sign) in an early May jury trial.

Read activist Becky Johnson's most recent summary of the PeaceCamp 6 at: <http://beckyjohansononewomantalking.blogspot.com/2011/04/647-e-anti-lodging-jury-trials-to-begin.html>.

Follow the saga of PeaceCamp2010 at <http://www.peacecamp2010.blogspot.com>.

Support PC2010 attorney Ed Frey with legal and financial assistance at 831-479-8911

Demand D.A. Bob Lee end the PC2010 Prosecutions: 831-454-2400

Fight back against police and court oppression against the homeless. Join HUFF: 831-423-4833 or check out the HUFF meeting 10:30am -12:30pm Wednesdays at the Sub Rosa Cafe, 703 Pacific Avenue.

Contact Steve Pleich with the Homeless Legal Assistance Project to help with tickets at 831-334-8692 or meet with him at the Red Church at Cedar and Lincoln 6 PM each Monday night.

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