

Mock Kidnapping Draws Cop Attention at NDAA Protest

The **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** protest at the Town Clock boasted 30-50 people and consistently honks of support and “whazzup” inquiries from motorists passing by. The Democrat/Republican Congress along with President Obama enacted indefinite imprisonment of American Citizens without charge or trial, violating the 5th & 6th amendments—which went into effect March 1st. The rally featured a bit of theater involving several activists-in-black pulling up and seizing a protester, and making off with her—which excited some passersby to call the police, and the police to stop the “kidnappers”, demanding they avoid such theater in future.

Exploiting unused building space for corporate profit in a era of deepening unemployment and homelessness should be a crime. However, local authorities instead make it a crime to sleep outside or in a vehicle on any public property. This degrades the health, dignity, and safety of Santa Cruz's **1500-2000 homeless** people for whom there will be **less than 200 beds on April 15** when the Armory Winter Shelter closes.

Some OSC activists continue to maintain a presence at the Occuplaza in front of the Courthouse on Water St. in spite of harassment, assault, and the seizure of the information table by Sheriff Phil Wowak's deputies. The 6 PM OSC General Assembly continues defy the unconstitutional 7 PM to 7 AM curfew Tuesdays and Thursdays.

D.A. Bob Lee continues his selective and harassing prosecution of OSC activists on inflated and inflammatory charges of “conspiracy”, “vandalism” and “trespass”. The charges appear to be **SCPD** payback for the embarrassing though brief and peaceful occupation of a 3 ½ year vacant bank building downtown, leased by **Wells Fargo Bank**, a major predatory lender, as speculative investment.

Five of the eleven charged are reporters for alternative media. **Total charges: 44; Total Felony charges: 22** Our District Attorney's Office may now lead the country as the False Felony Fabricating Capital of the Country, with Santa Cruz's **D.A. Bob Lee** charging more felonies against OSC activists than any other city, including Oakland and New York. Estimated cost: \$100,000 and rising.

Ed Frey, Gary Johnson, Linda Lemaster, & Chris Doyon, the **PeaceCamp Four** face 6 months jail for protesting the City's Sleeping Ban with **Judge John Gallagher's** backing the unconstitutionally vague PC 647e .

On Wednesday February 29, **Judge Ariadne Symons** banned **Robert Norse's** teddy bear “**Little Ed**” from court. The bear, clinging to Norse's bathrobe (also banned), was silent, well-behaved & may appeal.

Arraignments 8:15 AM Dept. 7 Monday & Tuesday March 6th & 7th

Foreclosure Speak-Out 9 AM 5th Floor County Bldg March 7th

Other Court Dates

- Arraignment: **Becky Johnson** 8:15 AM Monday March 5th Dept. 7
- Arraignment: **Robert Norse** 8:15 AM Tuesday March 6th Dept. 7
- Jury Trial for **Gary Johnson** 9 AM Monday March 19th Dept. 2
- Pretrial Hearing **Santa Cruz Eleven** 9 AM April 23 Dept. 7

Other Local Protest and Solidarity & Events Actions:

- Occupy Education—Buses to Sacramento March 5th UCSC East Remote Parking Lot 6:15 AM
- Foreclosure Speak-Out Before the Supervisors, March 6th 5th Floor County Bldg 9 AM
- Non-Violence Training March 7th 5 PM Courthouse steps on Water St.
- March Against Foreclosure Fraud March 11th 1 PM Courthouse steps on Water St.
- Mid-March: **Food Not Bombs** co-founder Keith McHenry speaks and marches TBA
- April 1 National Day of Action for the Homeless Right to Exist: Housekeys not Handcuffs TBA

D.A. Lee: Drop all charges against the Santa Cruz Eleven & the PeaceCamp Four ! 831-454-2400

OSC meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 PM, Saturdays 2 PM on the steps of the County courthouse; Sundays at Main Post Office
More on *OSC* at <http://occupysantacruz.org/> & <http://www.facebook.com/groups/occupysantacruz/>

HUFF meets Wednesdays 10 AM to noon at the Sub Rosa Cafe at 703 Pacific Ave.

Free Radio Santa Cruz Updates Sundays 9:30 AM to 1 PM, 6 PM- 8 PM, Tuesdays 6-9 PM, Thursdays 6-8 PM 427-3772

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