

# FOUR YEARS FOR SLEEP CRIME? FREE GARY JOHNSON! SLEEP CRIME JURY TRIAL March 20-22 9 AM DEPT. 2

\*\*\*\* Sheriff Phil Wowak's deputies repeatedly cited and jailed homeless activist **Gary Johnson** for sleeping outside the County Courthouse with 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment protected signs such as "Sleep is Not a Crime" as well as making multiple arrests of other *Occupy Santa Cruz [OCS]* peaceful protesters.

\*\*\*\* **Sleeping on public or private property w/o "permission"** is the misdemeanor crime of "lodging" in California under PC647e. Santa Cruz provides **legal shelter for less than 200** of the 1000-2000 outside. The closing of the Armory Winter Shelter will cut this back by 1/2 in early April.

\*\*\*\* **Peaceful protest is now also called "lodging"** and targets *Occupy Santa Cruz [OSC]*. More than a dozen protesters have been cited &/or arrested with 647e or 602 ("trespass") under a new unprecedented night-time 7 PM to 7 AM curfew at the courthouse.

\*\*\*\* Authorities have **spent tens of thousands** turning innocent homeless sleepers and peaceful protesters into "criminals". **Several hundred homeless people** were dispersed from a self-run homeless *OSC* campground at the San Lorenzo Bench-lands on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Deputies destroyed *OSC* tents and structures and harassed vehicles parking near the protest.

\*\*\*\* Homeless people die an average of 20+ years earlier than others. City workers under **Dannettee Shoemaker** continue to seize and destroy homeless camps without compensation or alternative shelter.

\*\*\*\* On 1-6, **Gary Johnson** was arrested for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a week & jailed for his protest. He is being held on \$5000 bail on 4 counts of "lodging" (i.e. protest sleeping that embarrasses authorities) He faces up to 4 years in jail if convicted on top of a 6-month jail sentence for prior sleepcrime.

\*\*\*\* *OSC* activists arrested and jailed for peaceful protest saw their charges "disappear" when they reached court, They could be recharged within a year, creating a climate of fear with no legal redress.

\*\*\*\* **D.A. Bob Lee** has charged journalists and activists who visited or spent time at the 75 River St. vacant bank building during a peaceful 3-day occupation protest against Wells Fargo's predatory lending and budget-busting bailouts. Eleven face 20 felonies & 22 misdemeanors.

\*\*\*\* **Lee's prosecutors** harass *Housing Now! in Santa Cruz* activist **Linda Lemaster** and Anonymous internet freedom fighter **Chris Doyon** with "lodging" for peaceful protest activity back in August 2010.

\*\*\*\* City Council refused activist **Robert Norse's offer to drop all financial demands** in a lawsuit against the City **if Council ends the Sleeping Ban** and liberalizes its Council rules instead spending tens of thousands more to defend repressive Council behavior in a federal trial against three Mayors.

**SUPPORT Gary Johnson at Trial & in Jail ! Call the Jail at 454-2420 extension 0 for info.**  
**DROP all charges against Johnson, Lemaster, & OSC. Call D.A. Bob Lee at 454-2400.**  
**LET the Homeless & Migrants Sleep Without Arrest ! Call Mayor Lane at 420-5022.**  
**DEMAND dismissal of the Fabricated Felonies against the Santa Cruz Eleven.**  
**STEP UP THE PRESSURE to fight local foreclosures and predatory loans. Join OSC !**  
**JOIN HUFF to restore human rights in Santa Cruz. 10 AM Wed 703 Pacific at 423-4833**  
**COME to OSC General Assemblies Weekdays 6 PM, Weekends 2 PM in front of the courthouse**