

and fellow political prisoner Jaan Laaman.

Bill has continued to maintain his political activity through writing and continued engagement with the movement outside of the prison walls. He has organized solidarity runs in conjunction with the ABCF's Running Down the Walls, a 5k run for political prisoners. He has also been on Prisoner Committee of the Anarchist Black Cross Federation and worked as an editor and writer for the 4Struggle magazine produce by political prisoners and Toronto ABC.

In 2010, Bill Dunne was placed in segregation for his alleged involvement in a work strike in USP Inez. The work strike never took place and, to Bill's knowledge, was never even discussed or planned. However, because of this allegation, the BOP considered transferring Dunne to the CMU in USP Terre Haute, also known as "little Guantanamo". While they pondered his future, Bill stayed in segregation for months. Finally, without notice, they eventually transferred him to USP Pollock. In the last few years the BOP has continued to transfer Dunne throughout the federal prison system. He is currently being

held in FCI Victorville Medium 1 in Adelanto, CA.

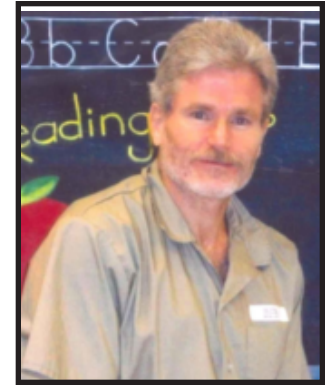
In 2014, Bill Dunne was up for the possibility of parole. During the hearing, the parole examiner unleashed a tirade about Dunne's connections with anarchist groups and his anti-authoritarian views. He recommended another 15-year hit on the basis thereof. Dunne later received a Notice of Action (NOA) from the commission adopting the recommendation and setting his next parole reconsideration for November of 2029. A few of the reasons for the excessive hit was Dunne's involvement in the annual 5k run, Running Down the Walls, as well as his relationship with support organizations such as Los Angeles and Denver Anarchist Black Cross organizations.

If you wish to write Bill Dunne, you can send letters to the following:

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# Bill Dunne

## Anti-Authoritarian Political Prisoner Serving 105 Years in Federal Prison



Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian political prisoner imprisoned for attempting to liberate a fellow revolutionary from the King County Jail in Seattle, Washington in 1979. The incident left an inmate and an officer dead, as well as Dunne and his co-defendant, Larry Giddings, injured from gun shot wounds. The incident also ensured that Bill Dunne would receive an aggregate sentence of 105 years in prison.

Bill's first run in with the law began in 1971 when he and another teenager were arrested and convicted in a botched robbery in Garden Grove, CA.

He was sentenced to ten years-to-life and sent to Deuel Vocational Facility to serve his term. While there he met Larry Giddings and another inmate, Artie Ray Baker. In January of 1977, he and another prisoner escaped

from Deuel Vocational Facility after cutting through steel cell bars and climbing two 15-foot fences. Despite their successful break out both men were captured 33-hours after escaping. However, despite the failed attempt Dunne did successfully escape some time later.

Artie Ray Baker also managed to escape from Deuel Vocational Facility in August of the same year. Like Dunne, Baker had managed to escape three years prior but was caught shortly afterwards.

Larry Giddings also managed to get out of Deuel but through the normal means of parole. According to police the men managed to meet up outside the prison walls and joined up with the Wellspring Communion. The Wellspring Communion engaged in radical Leftist political outreach, merging the ideas of

communism and anarchism into a single praxis. Though active mainly in the Bay area, the organization was said to have practiced guerrilla training on a property in Humboldt County. According to media reports, the group was once known as the Tribal Thumb and was associated with the Symbionese Liberation Army.

In May of 1979, after two years on the run, Artie Ray Baker was arrested after a shootout with a border patrol agent while crossing the United States-Canadian border. Baker was tried in September and was scheduled for sentencing at the King County Courthouse on October 19, 1979. In an effort to spring Baker from incarceration Dunne and Giddings, along with unknown individuals from a San Francisco anarchist collective, organized a no-holds-barred attempt to free Baker from captivity.

### **October 14, 1979**

On Sunday evening, October 14, 1979, seven inmates, including Baker, escaped from the high security jail on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse. Using a gun smuggled into the jail, the inmates capture the

guards, locked them in a holding tank and took over the jail's central control room. Within 20 minutes, the escapees were on the street, heading for their getaway cars.

Waiting for the escapees in two separate cars were Bill Dunne and Larry Giddings. As escaped prisoners climbed into the red mustang driven by Bill Dunne, an officer spotted the men. While in pursuit, the officer opened fire, injuring Dunne in his left shoulder and killing one of the escapees. Dunne lost control of his car, crashed the car

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***“I am a prisoner of war (class war.)  
Class is the source and sustenance of what makes revolution necessary.”  
- Bill Dunne***

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into a cement retaining wall and was arrested by the police.

While the police were detaining two escapees who had fled after the crash, the second getaway car, driven by Larry Giddings, approached the scene. A brief gun battle ensued, leaving

Larry Giddings and one officer wounded. As Giddings attempted to flee from the scene, his car lost traction on the wet road, colliding with two patrol cars. After regaining control of the car, Giddings drove down a street but was captured when police ran his car off the road.

Within 45 minutes, all of the escapees had been recaptured except one man, who was apprehended two days later.

Dunne was charged with possession of an automatic weapon, an M-2 carbine. Giddings was charged with the attempted murder of a police officer. Both men were charged with auto theft and with aiding and abetting the escape. Charges further alleged that the operation was financed by bank expropriations and facilitated by illegal acquisition of weapons, explosives, and other equipment.

Larry Giddings was sentenced to two life sentences, plus an additional 80 years- all to run consecutively. Bill Dunne was sentenced to 80 years in federal prison, in addition to 5-to-15 years for state charges. Dunne received an additional 15 years and seven-and-a-half years of lockdown in Marion Federal Prison for his attempted self-emancipa-

tion from USP Lewisburg in 1983.

In January of 1993, Larry Giddings completed his sentences given to him by the State of Washington, which landed him in federal custody to serve what amounted to a 75-year term. In March of 1993 he received a “Sentence Computation Summary” stating that he would become eligible for parole in another ten years, in 2003. In August 2004, he was finally released.

Bill Dunne, however, did not have the same luck. He spent over a decade in the notorious Marion prison before transferring to USP Leavenworth. While there he assisted social prisoners in both political and scholastic education. One prisoner, Ernesto Santiago, received his GED (General Education Diploma) with the help of Dunne

