

## ABOUT BILL DUNNE

“According to the ensuing state and federal charges, I and a codefendant and unknown other associates of a San Francisco anarchist collective had conspired to effect a comrade’s armed liberation from a Seattle jail and attempted to execute the plot on October 14, 1979. The charges further alleged the operation was financed by bank expropriation and materially facilitated by illegal acquisition of weapons, explosives, vehicles, ID and other equipment.

After long subjection to atrocious jail conditions and three sensationalized trials, I got a 90 year sentence in 1980. I subsequently got a consecutive 15 years as a result of an attempted self-emancipation in 1983. The aggregate 105 years is a parole-when-they-feel-like-it sort of sentence.”

From 1982, when Bill Dunne was banished into internal exile in the federal prison system from the Washington state system, he had never seen a medium security federal prison until 2014 (when he was moved from USP Pollock to FCI Herlong). Since that transfer, he has been in three different medium security federal prisons in California. In those three years Bill has gotten a lot of support, but has had to persevere through a lot along the way as well. First, he received a fifteen year hit at his parole hearing in late 2014, which means he won’t get another formal parole hearing until the year 2029.

While he was still at FCI Herlong, Bill was sent to the SHU (secure housing unit) pending an investigation after an anonymous note was said to have been received saying Bill was planning an escape. It seems much more likely that the administration was attempting to stop Bill from litigating by putting him in the SHU. Once a lawyer got involved, Bill was moved from the SHU at FCI Herlong to general population at FCI Lompoc. Most recently Bill had a brief health scare while he was in the SHU at FCI Lompoc when a guard found him passed out in his cell. Bill was then rushed to an outside hospital and regained consciousness soon after.



Bill has never stopped struggling since his arrest and imprisonment in October of 1979. The Washington state system sent him to the federal system simply for editing *Washington Prison News Service* (WPNS), a prisoner run newspaper. After the escape attempt in 1983, Bill was eventually sent to the notorious control unit at USP Marion— essentially a prison within

a prison. After arriving at USP Marion in 1985, he served the next seven and a half years. While imprisoned at Marion, Bill edited the *Marionette*, an important newsletter that exposed the destructive conditions of that prison. The *Marionette* grew into *Prison News Service*, a much more broadly focused paper.

Also, in deep solidarity with all political prisoners and the movements from which they come, Bill has contributed to projects that work to help give a voice and help provide material support to other political prisoners. Some of those projects include *4strugglemag* ([4strugglemag.org](http://4strugglemag.org)), and *Running Down the Walls*, an annual 5k fundraiser where all the money raised goes towards prisoners for whom the Anarchist Black Cross does support work.

In Bill’s words: “I am also happily atheist, anti-sexist, anti-racist, globalist, anti-authoritarian, environmentalist, anti-imperialist, democratic (little d). However, none of those sufficiently characterizes my politics over the others that I can define myself by any of them alone. Rather than a gaggle of competitive identities, my vision of the road to revolution encompasses all of them as necessarily synergistic strands we must weave into a new social fabric.”

One of the easiest, and most important things we can do to support political prisoners who have kept the struggle alive after they’ve been captured and during

their incarceration is expressing support and solidarity through writing a letter or getting together with a group of comrades and filling out a greeting card to send off.

Bill would love to hear from all supporters, and he'd especially enjoy receiving any printed-out news articles pertaining to the struggle or even general world events that you two could engage in a discussion on.

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### **Local groups supporting Bill:**

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NYC Anarchist Black Cross is a collective focused on supporting US-held political prisoners and prisoners of war and opposing state repression against revolutionary social justice movements.

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