

2015 ANNUAL REPORT 2016 CALENDAR

PUBLIC DEFENDERS



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Main Office, 555 7th Street
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(between Webster & Buchanan in the Fillmore)
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The Village Community Center

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4th Wednesday of the month, 3 p.m.-5 p.m.

Southeast Community Center

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1st & 3rd Thursday of the month, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.



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Graphic journalist

Alan Clark is a graphic Journalist. He moved to Oakland in the pursuits of creating a graphic novel of the history of Black Panther movement . The comic is uploaded weekly on The Daily Earth.

To see the weekly comic visit
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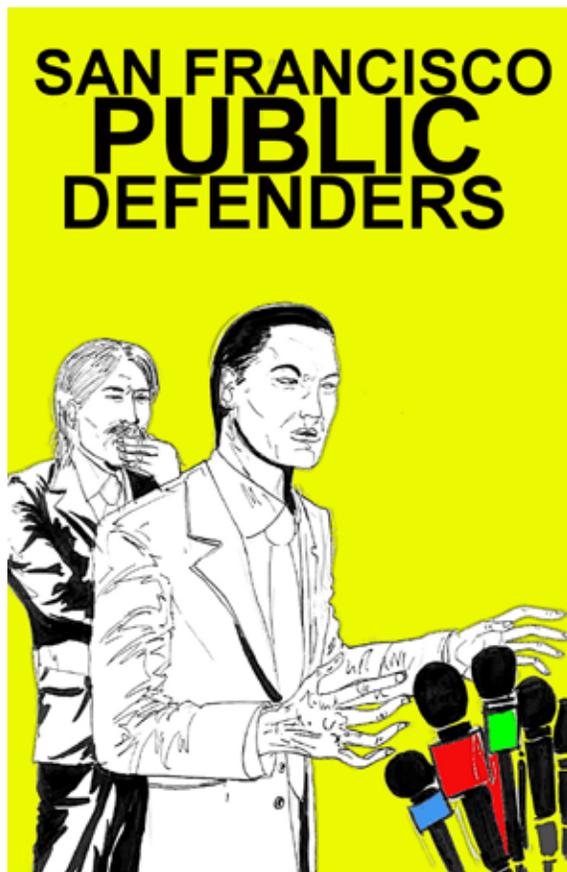
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For too many Americans, the criminal justice system metes out devastation rather than justice. From policing to sentencing, misguided policies and abuse of authority have scuttled futures and torn apart families.

San Franciscans did not escape injustice in 2015. Our faith in the justice system was shaken by the fatal shooting of Mario Woods by San Francisco police officers, the beating of Stanislav Petrov in a Mission District alley by Alameda County Sheriff's deputies, and police scandals involving bigoted text messages, racial profiling and sexual harassment of black women in the Tenderloin.

Public defenders played a key role in exposing these shocking incidents. But they also did battle with everyday injustice both inside and outside the courtroom. Some of our accomplishments in 2015:

- We advocated on behalf of more than 21,000 clients facing criminal charges.
- San Francisco public defenders won nearly 63 percent of felony trials.
- Our Juvenile Unit ensured no youth was transferred to adult court or sent to state lock-up.
- Our Racial Justice Committee crafted guidelines to increase police transparency and safeguard citizens against racial bias. It also helped create a strong city policy prohibiting officers from viewing body camera footage prior to submitting incident reports.
- We established a Bail Unit which advocates for pretrial release for clients who cannot afford to post bail, allowing them to return to their jobs and families.



- The office was honored with the American Bar Association's 2015 Hodson Award for Public Service. The national award recognizes outstanding service and extraordinary accomplishment.

- We helped establish a Veterans Justice Center in which 100 percent of clients have been connected with services.

- We successfully implemented Prop 47, helping more than 700 people reduce their felonies to misdemeanors. Our Clean Slate program assisted approximately 1,000 additional clients clean up their criminal records.

- We distributed backpacks stuffed with school supplies to a combined 4,700 kindergartners through 12th graders in the Western Addition and Bayview through our MAGIC programs.

But the numbers only tell part of the story. Exposing injustice, freeing the innocent, or giving a client a fresh start is also how we measure success. Our 2015

Annual Report and 2016 Calendar brings to life these experiences through the illustrations of artist Alan Clark.

We are honored to protect due process for all San Franciscans. In 2016, we will continue to provide competent, skilled representation and zealous advocacy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Adachi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J".

Jeff Adachi

San Francisco Public Defender

“Jami Tillotson Arrested for Doing Her Job”



January 2016

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	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday					
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31						Fred Korematsu Day



“Caught on Camera”



February 2016

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“Bail — Not Jail”



March 2016

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César Chávez Day

MY CLIENT CAN'T AFFORD TO POST THAT MUCH! HE HAS A FAMILY TO SUPPORT!

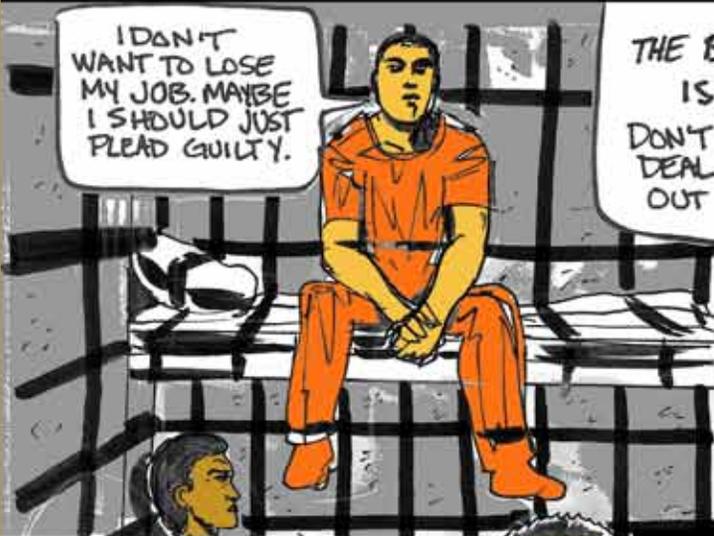


I DON'T BELONG IN JAIL. I HAVEN'T BEEN CONVICTED OF ANYTHING.



HEY, JOIN THE CLUB! MOST OF US ARE JUST HERE BECAUSE WE'RE TOO POOR TO MAKE BAIL.

I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY JOB. MAYBE I SHOULD JUST PLEAD GUILTY.



THE BAIL UNIT IS HERE! DON'T TAKE THAT DEAL JUST TO GET OUT OF JAIL!

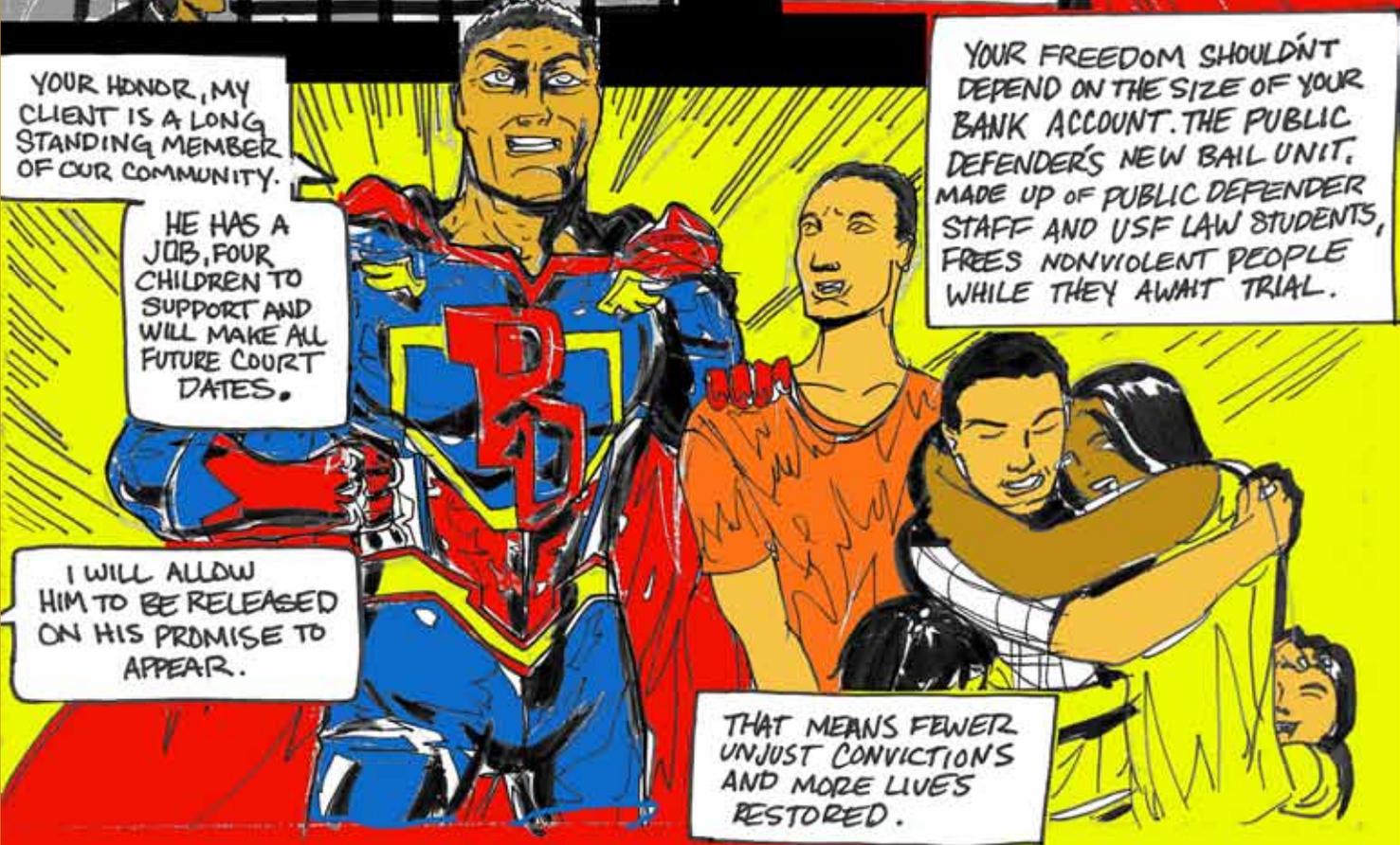


YOUR HONOR, MY CLIENT IS A LONG STANDING MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY.

HE HAS A JOB, FOUR CHILDREN TO SUPPORT AND WILL MAKE ALL FUTURE COURT DATES.

YOUR FREEDOM SHOULDN'T DEPEND ON THE SIZE OF YOUR BANK ACCOUNT. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S NEW BAIL UNIT, MADE UP OF PUBLIC DEFENDER STAFF AND USF LAW STUDENTS, FREES NONVIOLENT PEOPLE WHILE THEY AWAIT TRIAL.

I WILL ALLOW HIM TO BE RELEASED ON HIS PROMISE TO APPEAR.



THAT MEANS FEWER UNJUST CONVICTIONS AND MORE LIVES RESTORED.

"Mistaken Identity"



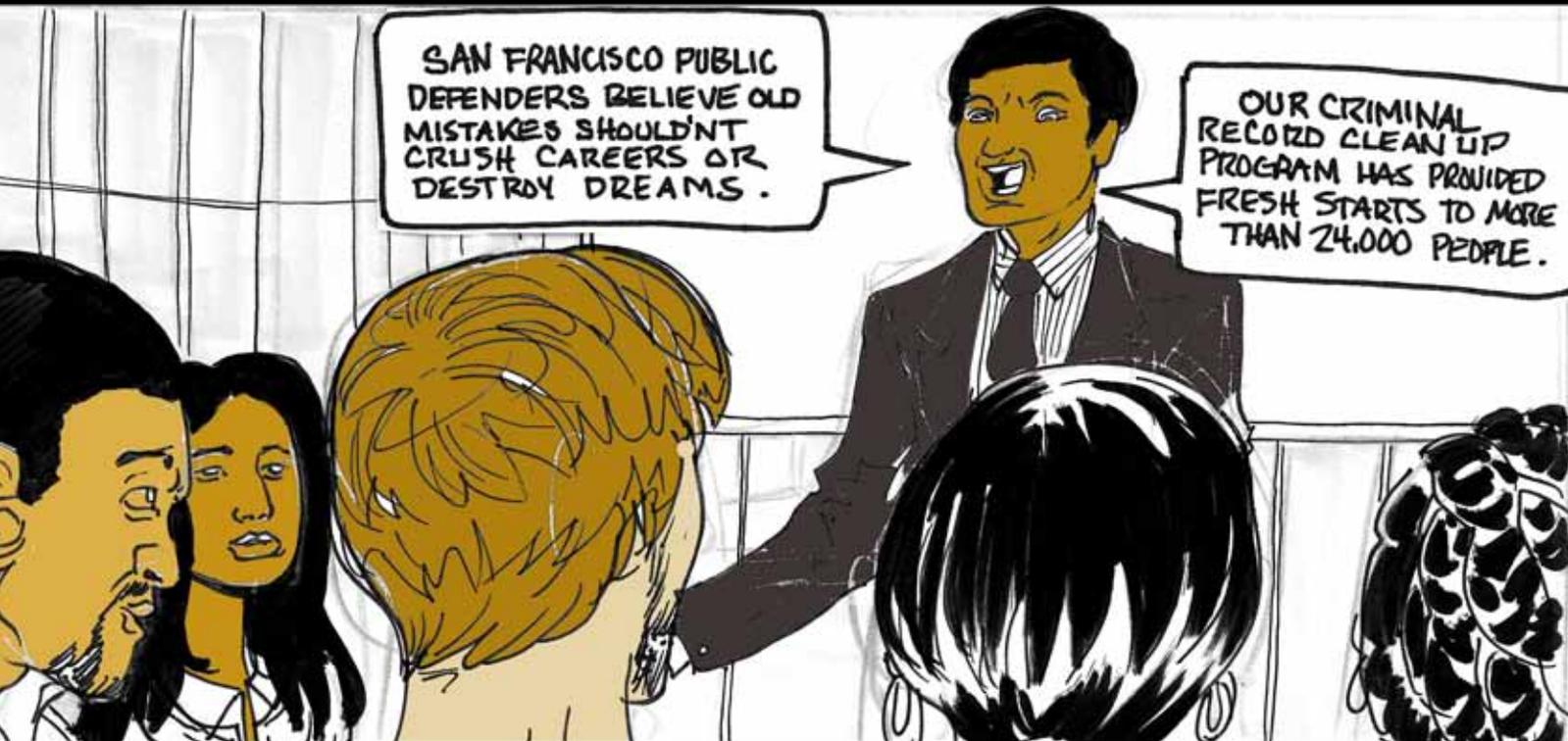
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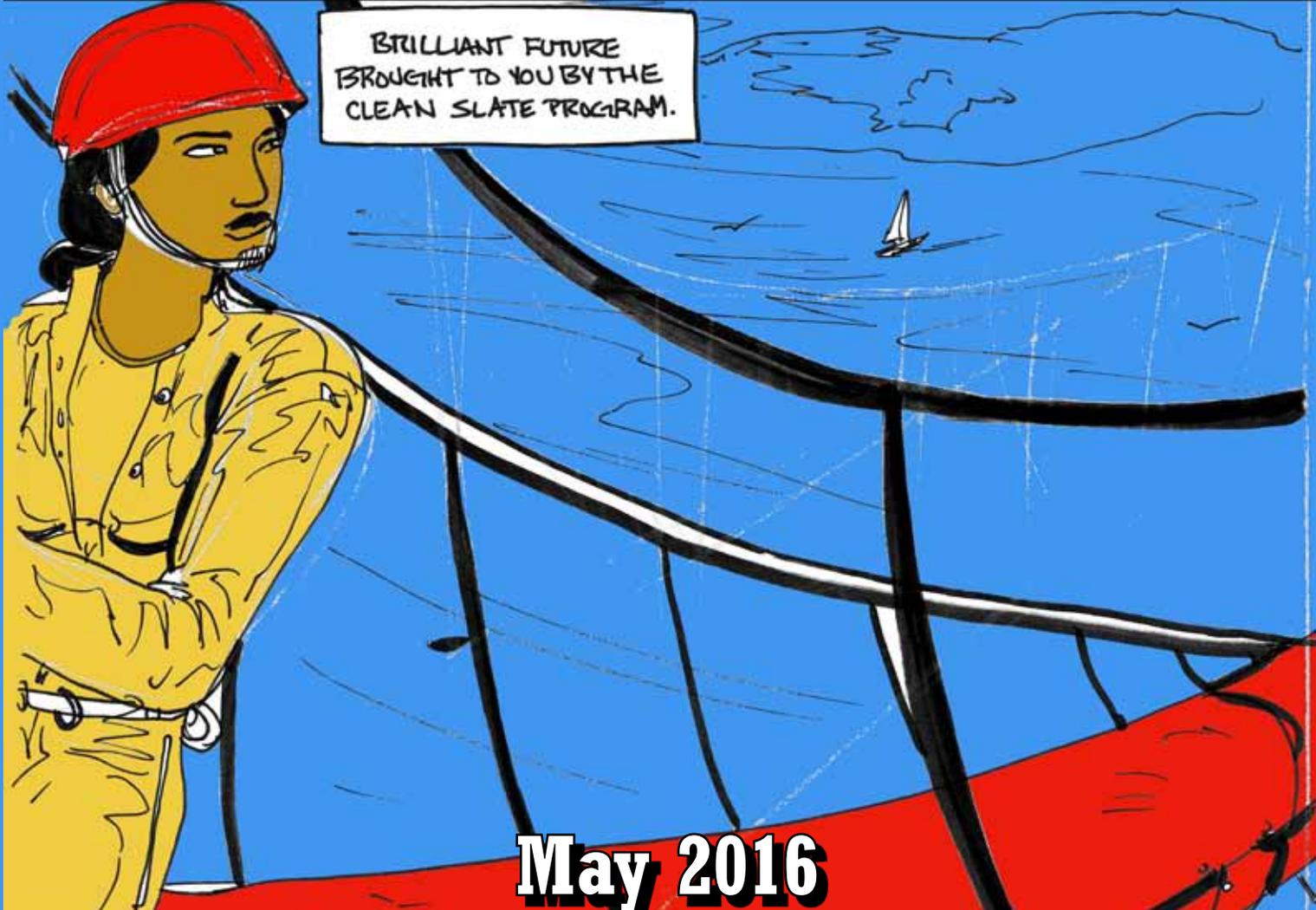
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EYEWITNESS MISIDENTIFICATION IS THE MOST FREQUENT CAUSE OF UNJUST CONVICTIONS. PUBLIC DEFENDER INVESTIGATORS SCOUR THE CITY FOR HARD EVIDENCE OVERLOOKED BY POLICE, OFTEN EXONERATING INNOCENT CITIZENS.



“A Clean Slate”





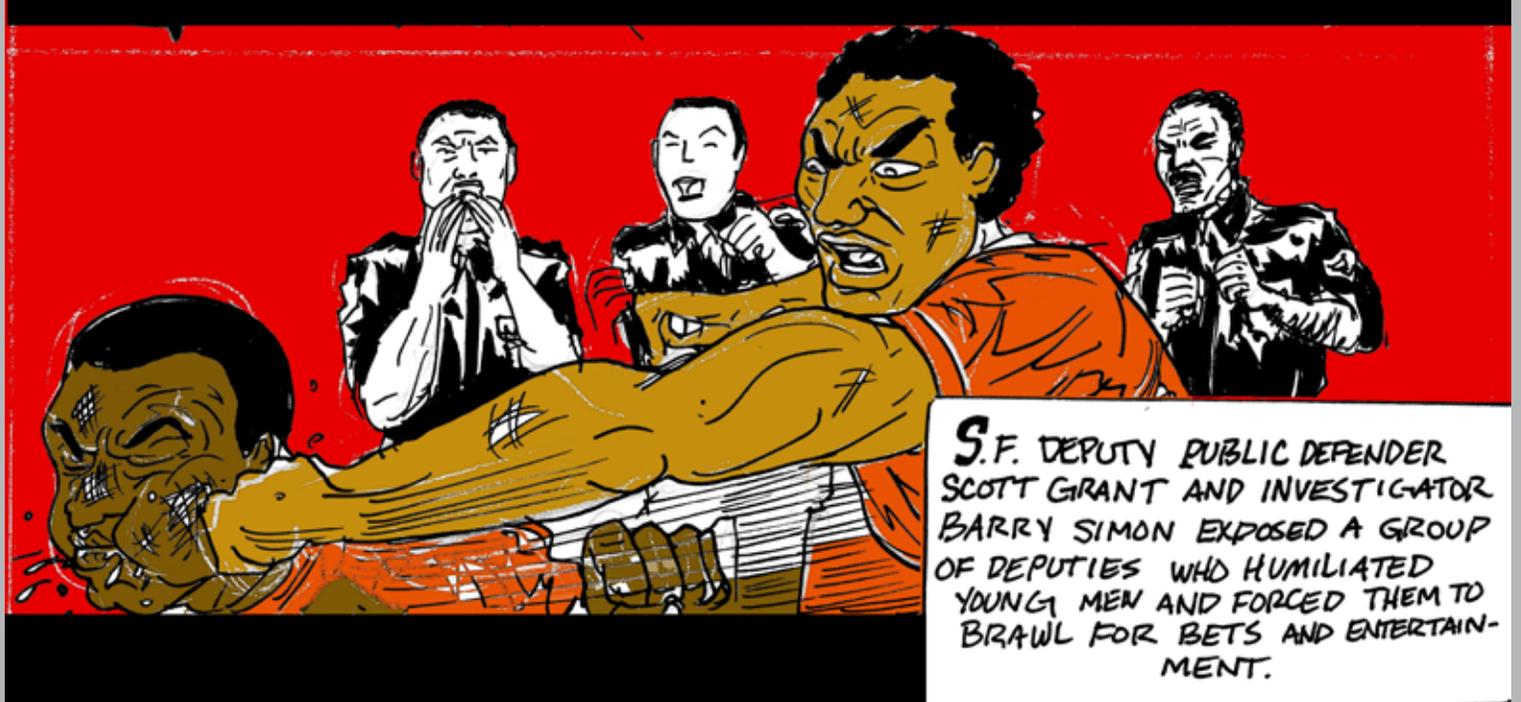
BRILLIANT FUTURE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE
CLEAN SLATE PROGRAM.

May 2016

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Harvey Milk Day 29	30	31				

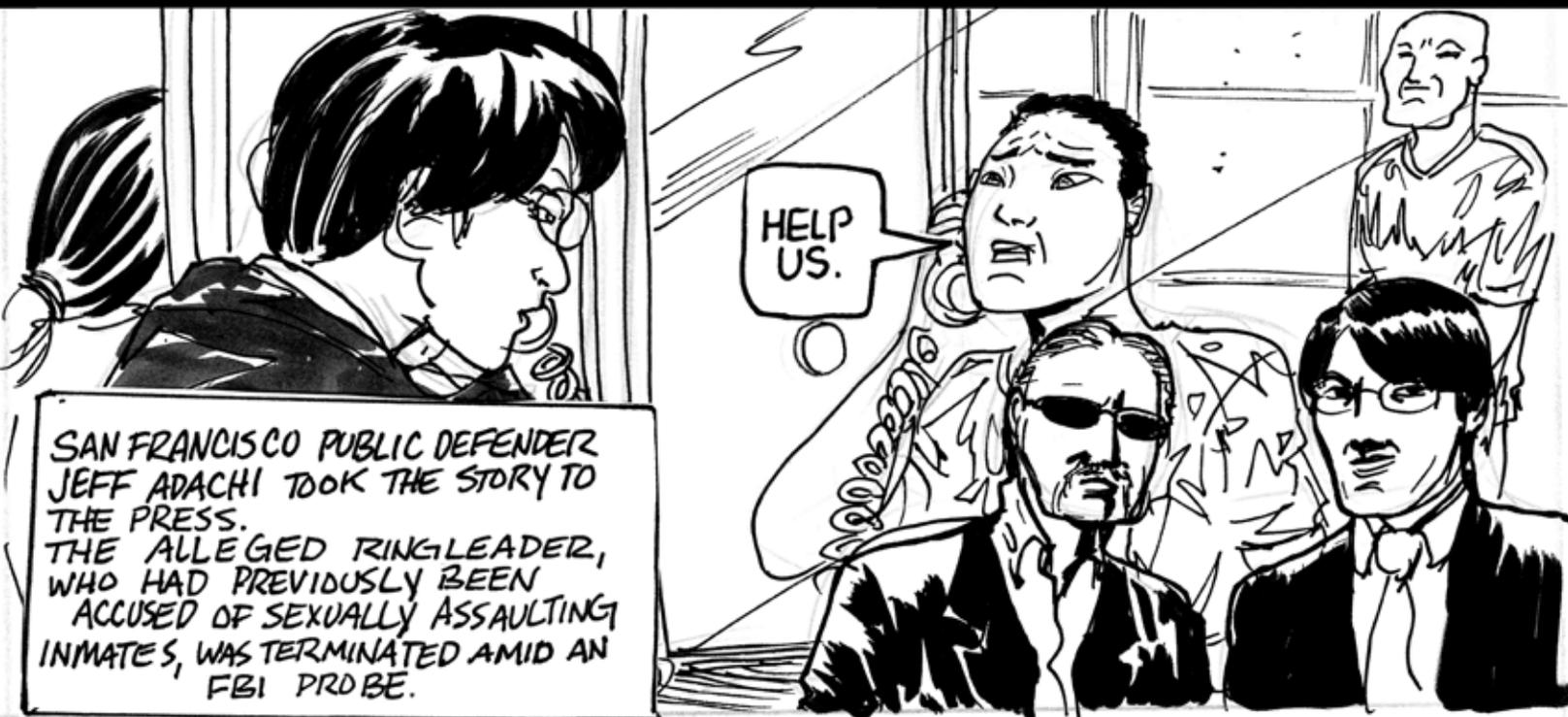
Memorial Day

“Guards Made Me Fight in Jail”



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2015 Awards and Public Forums

Rebecca Marcus, juvenile public defender: Resolution by the Commission on the Status of Women, recognizing her work on the Mayor's Task Force on Anti-Trafficking and in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.



L to R: **Juvenile Manager Patti Lee, Rebecca Marcus, Marynella Woods, juvenile social worker.**

Justice Matters, the Race Episode: Second place STAR Award, talk shows by government channels with a budget over \$400,000, National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors, recognizing excellence in government programming in California and Nevada. Watch at sfjusticematters.com.



L to R: **Journalist and SFSU Professor Davey D, implicit bias expert Kimberly Papillon, SF Public Defender Jeff Adachi, and Contra Costa County District Attorney Mark Peterson discuss racial disparities in the criminal justice system.**



Francisco Ugarte, immigration attorney: Immigrant Rights Advocacy Award, Mujeres Unidas y Activas, for his work empowering women facing deportation.



Jami Tillotson, deputy public defender: Special commendation, California Public Defenders Association, for protecting her client's right to counsel—even when it landed her in handcuffs. A video of Jami being arrested after refusing to step aside and allow police to photograph her client went viral in 2015, leading to national outrage. After being handcuffed and detained for nearly an hour, Jami was freed. Prosecutors declined to press charges.

Justice Summit: Race and Reform

Law enforcement leaders, advocates for equal justice and reform, and police brutality victims gathered for a provocative discussion at the San Francisco Public Defender's 2015 Justice Summit on April 29 at San Francisco Main Library.

The premier criminal justice conference on the West Coast, the Summit came on the heels of accusations involving police officers sending bigoted text messages and sheriff's deputies forcing jail inmates to fight. The day's discussions, devoted to implicit bias, racial disparities, and how to fulfill the promise of justice for all, offered citizens a chance to go beyond the scandals and toward solutions.



L to R: **Youth Advocate De'Anthony Jones, Implicit Bias Expert Michael Roosevelt, and police brutality survivors Meseka Henry and Peretz Partensky.**

Office Honored With National Award

Calling the office a “national model of holistic representation,” American Bar Association officials selected the San Francisco Public Defender as its 2015 Hodson Award for Public Service recipient. The prestigious national honor recognizes outstanding service and extraordinary accomplishment by a government or public sector law office.

“San Francisco public defenders are pioneering in the use of in-house social workers and specialty courts; they advocate for treatment over incarceration; and address the root causes of juvenile crime through programs involving

educational and family advocacy in addition to actively working to rid the justice system of bias,” said ABA Chair Gregory Brooker.

Chief Attorney Matt Gonzalez accepted the award on behalf of the staff at the ABA’s annual meeting in Chicago on July 31.



Statistics

Felony

64: Jury trials

1,330: Motions litigated

739: Preliminary hearings

218: Cases reduced to misdemeanors (includes reduction by 17(b) and Prop 47)

592: Cases resolved by misdemeanor plea agreement

724: Cases resolved by felony plea agreement

44: Average cases per attorney at any given time

510: Motions to reduce bail

269: Dismissals

Training

45: In-house lectures and workshops

162: New attorney trainings

83: Case conferences

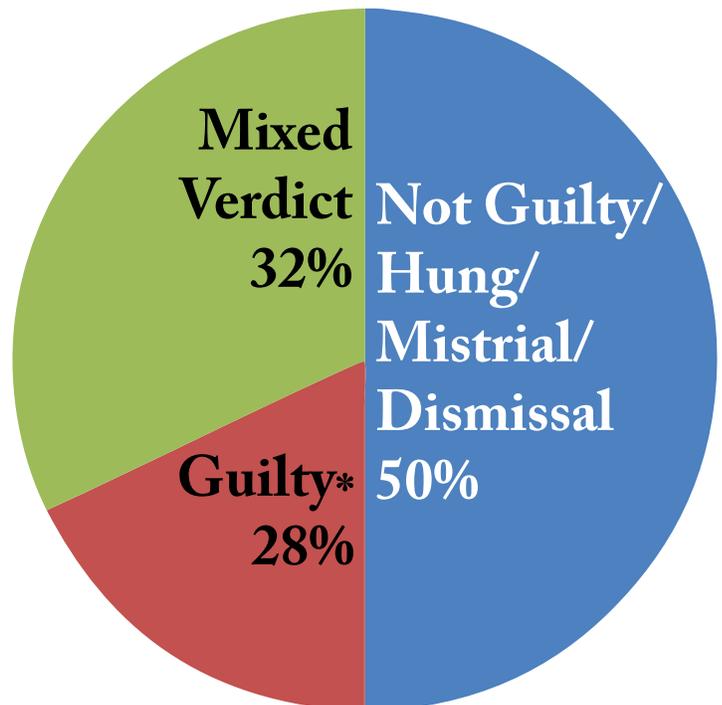
425: Case conference attendees

105: Case conference hours

79: Felony trial practice group meetings

84: Misdemeanor trial practice group meetings

Felony Trial Outcomes



* Includes one client ruled competent in a mental health trial.

Paralegal

889: Days of support for felony attorneys in trial

3,962: Subpoenas prepared

243: Exhibits prepared for misdemeanor and felony attorneys in trial

60: Hours of training/preparation on electronic trial board.

All results are projections to Dec. 31, 2015

Misdemeanor

- 161: Jury trials
- 624: Motions filed
- 207: Dismissals on trial calendar
- 76: Average cases per attorney at any given time
- 17: Participants in the Volunteer Attorney Program
- 48: Trials by volunteer attorneys
- 159: Motions by volunteer attorneys

Juvenile

- 28: Trials
- 36: Contested Dispositions
- 0: Youth committed to California Department of Juvenile Justice
- 0: Youth transferred to adult court

Youth Advocate/Juvenile Social Work

- 276: Referrals
- 83%: Favorable outcomes

Juvenile Investigation

- 117: Investigation requests
- 177: Witness interviews
- 135: Subpoenas served

Legal Education Advocacy Program (LEAP)

- 97: Referrals
- 110: Individualized Education Program (IEP) meetings attended
- 340: Court appearances
- 216: Meetings with client families
- 0: LEAP students referred for expulsion
- 518: School visits

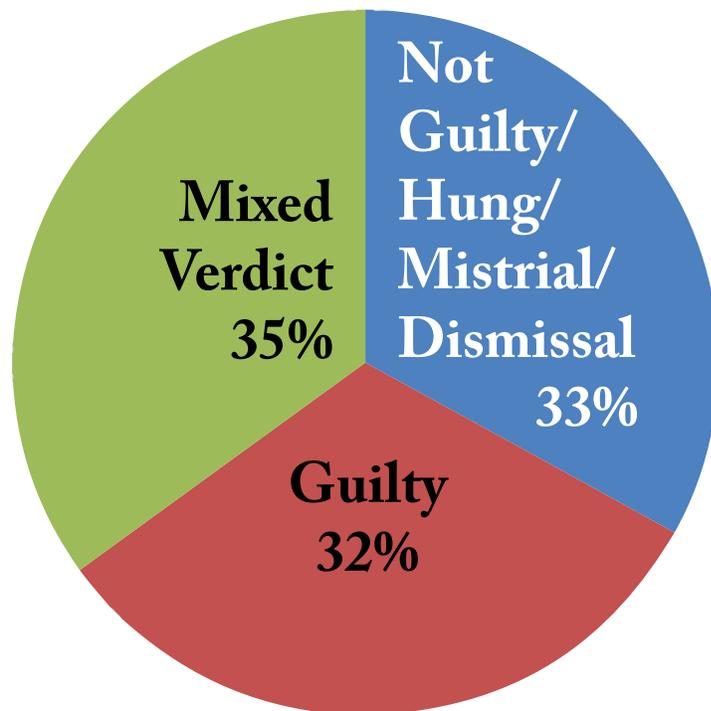
Research/Immigration

- 79: Trial motions
- 19: Memoranda
- 36: Writs/appeals
- 204: Immigration written consults
- 13: Immigration direct representation
- 36: Seminars/presentations

Intern

- 25: High school students
- 192: College and law students
- 18: Post Bar/attorney volunteers (Not in VAP program)

Misdemeanor Trial Outcomes



Mental Health

- 3,332: Cases
- 12: Dismissals granted for conserved clients facing criminal charges
- 3: Jury trials

Trial results

- 2: Not gravely disabled (win)
- 1: Hung jury

Clean Slate

- 6,570: People served
- 1,213: Motions filed
- 80%: Motions granted
- 514: Convictions dismissed ("expunged")
- 76: Arrests sealed and arrests converted to detention only
- 46: Felony convictions reduced to misdemeanors

Drug Court

- 135: New cases
- 40: Charges dismissed
- 100%: Graduates who are drug free, safely housed and with a legal source of income

Behavioral Health Court

- 219: Clients
- 100%: Graduates who remain connected to community behavioral services

Veterans Justice Center

56: Current participants
100%: Receiving treatment
90%: In stable housing

Young Adult Court

43: Current participants
100%: Clients receiving extensive assessment
100%: Referred to services

Children of Incarcerated Parents

64: Families served
100%: Families referred to services

Social Work

211: Clients assessed
90%: Reentry clients transferred to treatment, housing, vocational training, and other services

Community Justice Center

2,250: Cases handled
100%: Referred to services or performed community service
65%: Successfully completed program/charges dismissed

Prop 47

1,243: Clients served
711: Felonies reduced to misdemeanors

Transcription

235: Requests received
2,633: Pages of transcripts completed



Investigation

2,500: Requests received
2,592: Hours spent searching for surveillance video
325: Video surveillance searches
5: Average number of attorneys served by one investigator

Information Services & Technology

78: Surveillance video retrievals with investigators
3: Laptops for in-custody clients to view electronic evidence

Clerical

4,629: Police reports scanned and digitized
1,200: File requests fulfilled
105,000: Phone calls answered

BMAGIC

443: Children who participated in book fair
2,659: Backpacks distributed
120: Teens who participated in BVHP Youth Summit
4,000: Neighborhood Resource Guides distributed

Mo' MAGIC

2,000: Backpacks distributed
1,000: Summer Learning Day participants
637: Students who engaged in 90 hours reading enrichment
700+: Youth who engaged in 100 hours recreation
3,166: Books distributed
20: Summer events for more than 1,000 children, youth, and their families
3,000+: Meals provided during summer

Every two months, Court Watch gathers at the Public Defender's Office. This group of young people meets with public defenders, discusses the judicial system's treatment of people of color and the poor, and watches criminal trials.

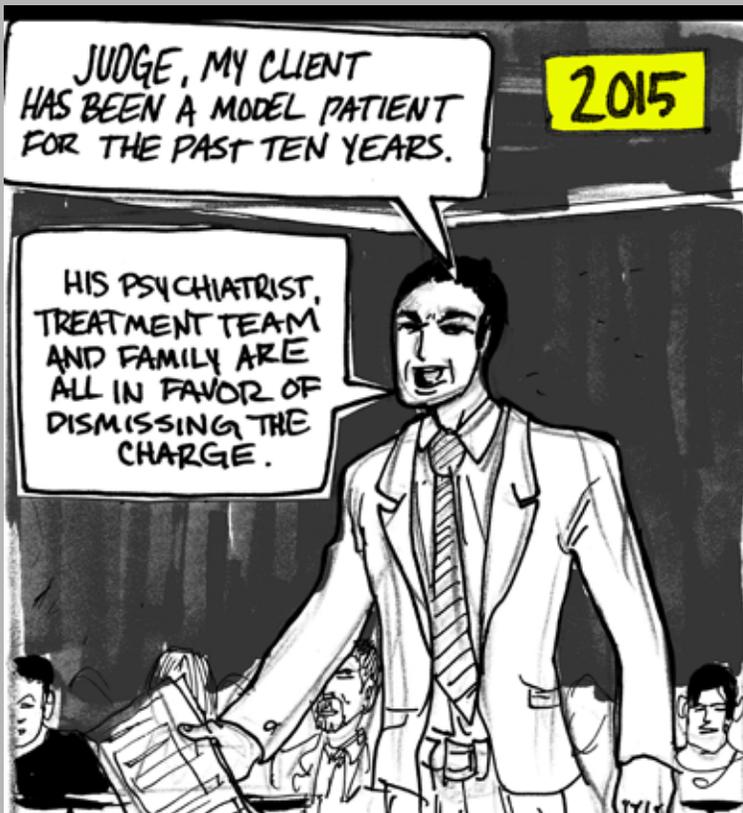
Organized by Deputy Public Defender Jacque Wilson and the Bay Area organization Public Defenders for Racial Justice, Court Watch encourages public participation to hold the system accountable. Call Jacque Wilson at 415-553-9642 for more information.

“Independence After Mental Health Treatment”



July 2016

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	Independence Day					
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"The Power of MAGIC"

THE NON PROFIT MOBILIZATION FOR ADOLESCENT GROWTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES WAS FOUNDED BY THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO STEER YOUTH IN THE WESTERN ADDITION AND BAYVIEW AWAY FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT HAS BECOME MUCH MORE.



THE POWER OF MAGIC CLOSSES THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP.



THE POWER OF MAGIC TRANSFORMS SUMMER.



August 2016

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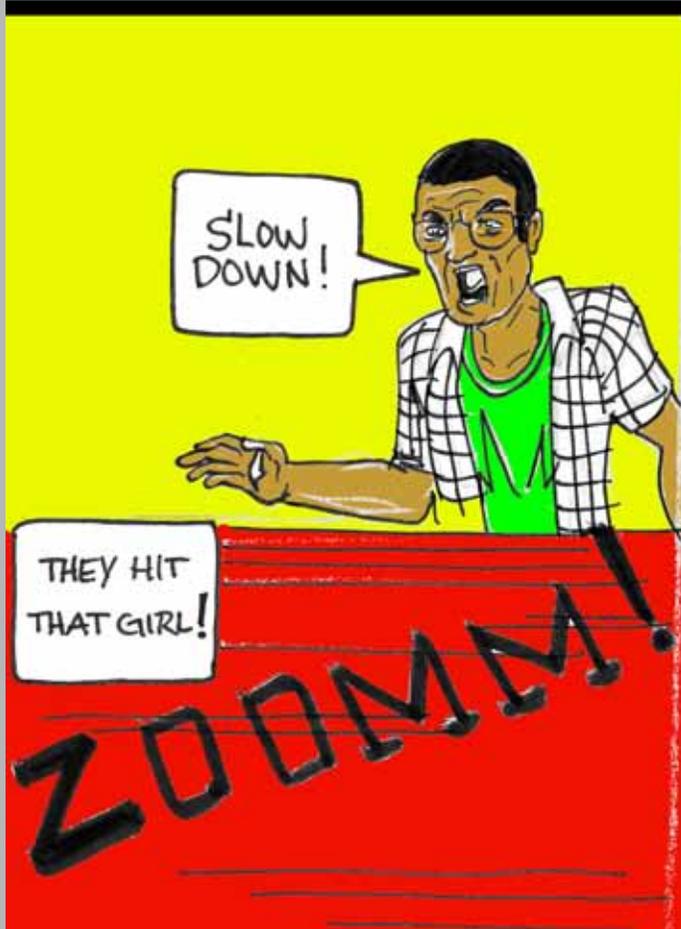


"A Tragedy, Not a Crime"



September 2016

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“No More Living in Limbo”

CHRISTIAN CAME TO THE U.S. ALONE AND WAS ARRESTED AFTER BEING FORCED TO SELL COCAINE.

PROBATION OFFICIALS TESTIFIED THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FOLLOW FEDERAL LAW AND TURN CHRISTIAN OVER TO ICE FOR DEPORTATION.

A JUDGE ORDERED HIM TO LIVE WITH HIS MOTHER IN HONDURAS, DESPITE ACKNOWLEDGING HE HAD BEEN NEGLECTED.

THIS IS THE TEAM BEHIND CHRISTIAN.

SARAH WILNER

FRANCISCO UGARTE

ALFREDO BOJORQUEZ

IN 2015, CHRISTIAN'S CASE MADE HISTORY AND IMPROVED THE LIVES OF UNDOCUMENTED YOUTH ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

October 2016

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	Indigenous People's Day					
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Halloween



AN APPELLATE JUDGE FOUND THE COURT ABUSED ITS DISCRETION IN ORDERING CHRISTIAN TO RETURN TO HIS MOTHER IN HONDURAS WHILE KNOWING IT WAS NOT IN HIS BEST INTEREST.

THE RULING ESTABLISHED THAT JUVENILE COURTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TURN UNDOCUMENTED CHILDREN OVER TO ICE.

“A Veteran’s Day in Court”

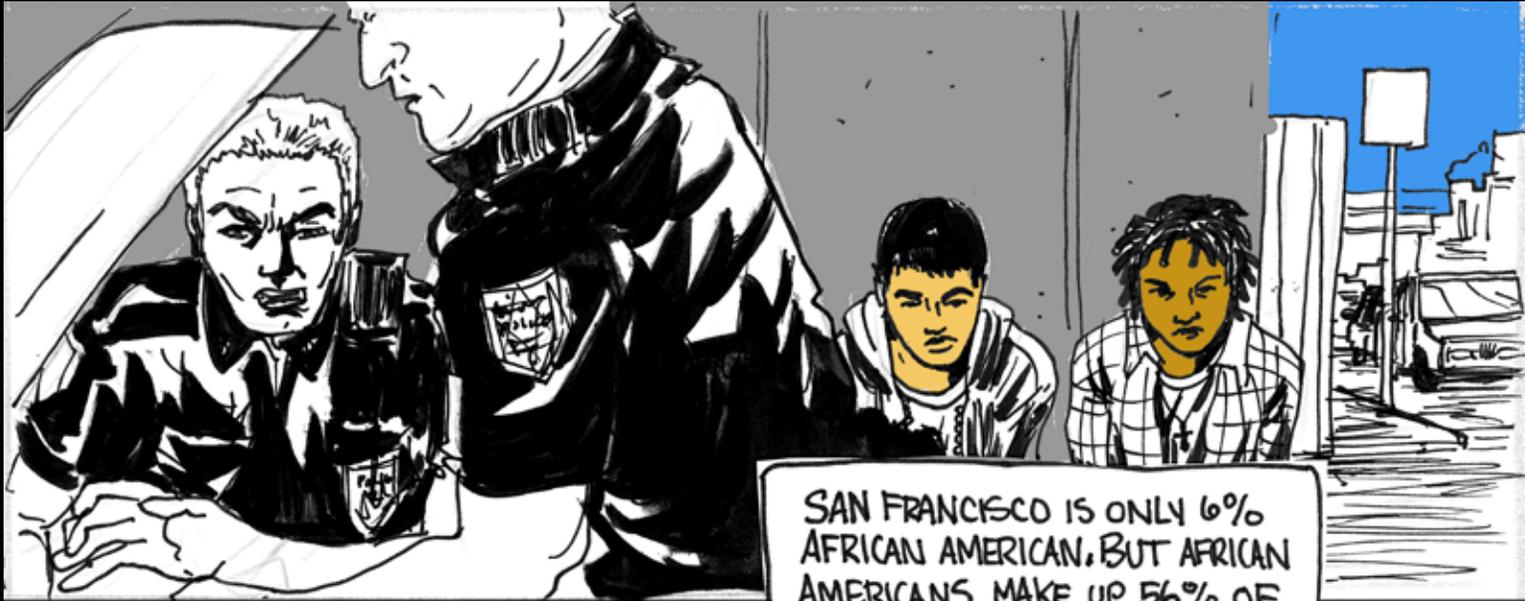


November 2016

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27	28	29	30	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>		



“We Fight Racial Discrimination”



SAN FRANCISCO IS ONLY 6% AFRICAN AMERICAN, BUT AFRICAN AMERICANS MAKE UP 56% OF THE CITY'S JAIL INMATES AND NEARLY HALF OF THOSE CHARGED WITH RESISTING ARREST.



WHY ARE YOU BOTHERING ME?
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING. I'M GOING TO TAPE THIS ENCOUNTER.

YOU'RE RESISTING ARREST.



BLACK AND BROWN SAN FRANCISCANS ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE PULLED OVER, SEARCHED, AND CHARGED FOR DRUG CRIMES, DESPITE SIMILAR RATES OF SUBSTANCE USE AMONG ALL PEOPLE.



December 2016

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