

June 12th International Day of Action & Solidarity with Jeff 'Free' Luers



Jeff 'Free' Luers at Oregon State Penitentiary-Winter 2004

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Call to Action

June marks the fourth year that our friend and comrade, Jeff "Free" Luers has been imprisoned and held captive by the state. Sentenced to 22 years and 8 months for burning three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) at Romania Chevrolet in Eugene, Jeff has continued to be active in prison and fight back with his words and inspiration. This June 12, we aim to strengthen his efforts by promoting a day of action and solidarity with Jeff throughout the world.

This day will mean many things to many people - we say do what fits your local situation and your desires. Some ideas are film screenings, [protests at SUV dealerships](#), wheat-pasting campaigns, [letter writing and outreach](#), [music shows](#) and direct actions. The important thing is that you ask yourself: will this action help Jeff's situation? Remember that what we do on the outside has an impact on his life on the inside-sometimes its positive and sometimes negative. Consider this crucial bit of information when planning your event.

There is no central organizing body or group to check in with but the J12 Organizing Committees can help by providing you with flyers, graphics, and merchandise such as videos, zines and [stickers](#) about Jeff's case. It is imperative that you be able to speak about Jeff's case if you do a public event. Take some time and read about it on our website www.freefreenow.org

Jeff's imprisonment and sentence is without a doubt, [intolerable](#) but keep in mind that his sentence is yours as well. It is meant as a deterrent to social and environmental movements all over. Let us not forget that when you fight with Free for his freedom - you fight for yourselves and your freedom.

There will be events in many US cities and potentially in countries as diverse as England, Australia, Finland, Brazil, Russia and more. There is already a large public outreach event planned for Eugene, which will involve speakers, music and more. If you choose to hold a public event, email us and we can include the event on the website as well as include your information in outreach materials. After the day, you can send us write-ups, photos and updates and that too can be posted online. Many people have emailed us about a desire to do more for Jeff - this is the perfect time to show your solidarity.

In struggle,

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June 12 Events [Note-All events will take place on June 12 unless specifically stated].

United States:

- **The Flagship Event** is in Eugene, Oregon. [Break the Chains](http://www.breakthechains.net) and Free's Defense Network will be hosting a huge event at the Wow Hall, 8th Avenue and Lincoln at 7PM featuring Ramona Africa, Blackfire, Claude Marks and supporters of Free. Read details [here](http://www.breakthechains.net). Contact: breakthechains02@yahoo.com
- San Francisco, California- On Friday June 4th, the [Autonomous Collective](http://www.autonomouscollective.org) is hosting the [Night of Support and Resistance](http://www.supportandresistance.org) to benefit Jeff "Free" Luers and other earth liberation prisoners. Followed by a spokescouncil in preparation for the [Reclaim the Commons](http://www.reclaimthecommons.org) mobilization and the ['Free Free' state](http://www.freefreestate.org) to be established on June 5th. Contact: autonomous@mutualaid.org or 415-867-6362.
- San Francisco, California- On June 12, activists will be displaying banners and getting signers for Jeff's solidarity statement.
- Boston, Mass-On June 8th, [Boston Anarchist Black Cross](http://www.bostonanarchistblackcross.org) will be screening *Green with A Vengeance* and hosting a release party for political prisoner [David Gilbert's](http://www.davidgilbert.com) latest book, *No Surrender* [Abraham Guillen Press-2004]. Former political prisoner Kazi Touré will be speaking also. 7pm at the Lucy Parsons Center, 549 Columbus Avenue. Train: Orange Line-Mass Ave. Bus: Route 1-Columbus Ave. View [directions](http://www.directions.com) Contact: ABC-Boston@hush.com
- Cincinnati, Ohio- [Cincinnati Anti-Authoritarians](http://www.cincinnatianti-authoritarians.org) are hosting an event with a letter writing session, a discussion about Jeff's case and prisoner support in general. Details at [www.freewebs.com.books4prisoners](http://www.freewebs.com/books4prisoners) Contact: thefemalespecies@hotmail.com
- Fresno, California- Moving City Collective and [Sierra Nevada Earth First!](http://www.sierranevadaearthfirst.org) are hosting a film showing, discussion and dance. The event is at 925 East Fedora. Starts at 8:30. The major cross streets are Shields and Maroa near the tower.
- New York, New York- Local activists will be ticketing SUV's with global warming tickets.
- Long Island, New York- Contact: Pawdogbarkery@aol.com

- Lawrence, Kansas- [Lawrence Anarchist Black Cross](#) will be holding a rally in support of Free 1PM at the Douglas County Courthouse (11th and Massachusetts) and a screening of *Green with A Vengeance* at the Lawrence Public Library (7th and Vermont) at 4PM. View flyer [here](#).
- Portland, Maine- Political Prisoner Night, 7PM at the People's Free Space, 547 A Congress St. #32. We will be showing the video "Green with a Vengeance" and discussing strategies for supporting Free. Contact: 207-879-2699 or info@peoplesfreespace
- Morgantown, West Virginia- This huge event starts with a free-to-all community dinner, then a showing of *Green with a Vengeance*, an all ages show with the [Law Biting Citizens](#), Without Eyes and ScuZard. After that, there will be a screening of the documentary, [pickAxe](#) and then an 18 and over bar encore with M Iafrate, Fairweather Fan and one band to be announced. Location: [123 Pleasant Street Space](#). Contact: georgewhayduke@hotmail.com
- Lake Worth, Florida- screening and benefit. Contact: Downward Mobility Po Box 961, Lake Worth, FL 33460 (561) 547-6686 or littleprince1@juno.com
- Olympia, Washington- people are participating in [World Naked Bike Ride Day](#) in support of Jeff.
- Worcester, Massachusetts On June 18, Massachusetts Earth First! will be hosting an event at the Jonas Clark Hall (The Clock Tower), Room 001, Clark University. The night will consist of Food not Bombs dinner, showing of *Green with A Vengeance*, discussion, and a big open mike and dance party.. Contact: anne@riseup.net

International

- Brighton, England- [Brighton ABC](#) will be hosting a fund raising roast dinner in the [Cowley Club](#). We will be printing off leaflets and possibly having a window display in the Club and showing the video *Green with a Vengeance*. Contact: genea@wildcat.co.uk
- Bradford, England is hosting a screening of *Green With a Vengeance* plus a benefit [meal and talk](#) about Free, plus prisoner solidarity in general at the [1in12 club](#). View [flyer](#). Contact: re-pressed@riseup.net
- Norwich, England- *Now or Never* magazine will be leaf letting about about Free at the Norfolk Anarchist Bookfair.
- Melbourne, Australia- Melbourne Anarchist Black Cross will be holding a international solidarity rally for Jeff, 11:30AM, Corner of Bourke and Swanston Street city [opposite Nike]. Contact: abcmelb@yahoo.com.au
- Leeds, England- On June 20th, *Green with A Vengeance* will be shown as part of the monthly 'Incitement 2...' Leeds radical film showings. Ex-anarchist prisoner Mark Barnsley will be speaking at this event too. 7.30pm upstairs at the Packhorse Pub, Woodhouse lane, Leeds. Contact: re-pressed@riseup.net
- Edinburgh, Scotland- On June 15, the [Bilston Glen Collective](#) will be organizing a solidarity action for Jeff outside of the U.S. Consulate, 3 Regent Terrace at 4PM and a screening of *Green With A Vengeance*, 8PM at The Forest Cafe, 3 Bristo Place. Contact: krajmfink@hotmail.com

- Hull, England On June 16, [Anarchist Prisoner Support](#), Hull branch, will be writing letters to political prisoners and showing "Fuck the System". Space is limited, so give me a email, and if their space left i will forward the venue. Contact: anarprisonersupp@hotmail.com
- Turku, Finland On June 5th, *Palava porkkana* [Burning carrot] will be hosting a benefit dinner and a screening of *Green with A Vengeance* and on June 12, activists will flyer about Jeff's case. Event starts at 6PM [1800] at Vanha suurtori 3. Contact: digit@oikeuttaelaimille.net
- Oslo, Norway- Spis de rike ("Eat the rich") film club will screen "Green with a Vengeance" followed by "Those Sentenced at Gothenburg". Screening begins at 1900 at Hausmania cultural centre, Hausmansgate 34. Contact: organise@hotmail.com
- Bialystock, Poland- Earth Liberation Prisoners-Poland will be presenting on Jeff's case at an Anarchist Black Cross conference.
- Edmonton, Alberta [The Edmonton Anarchist Reading Circle](#) is hosting a film screening at the University of Alberta. 6:00PM at the U of A International Center, 90th Ave & 112th St, on the ground level of HUB Mall, approximately one block north of the U of A transit station. Admission by donation. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Contact: (780)429-3659 (a.k.a. (780)GAY-FOLX), auroradunord@yahoo.com

June 12, 2004 International Day of Action and Solidarity with Jeff Luers North American Events

The June 12 International Day of Action and Solidarity for Jeff Luers was a total success. All in all, there were 27 events scattered on three continents! Despite harrassment by the FBI, people went ahead, organized wonderful events and agitated for Jeff's release. Over fifty media articles ran the week of June 12 and this website recieved over 20,000 visits on June 12 alone. This page contains reportbacks from all the North American events as well as general information and background on June 12. New photos, audio and video will be posted soon.

General background:

[June 12 Call to Action](#)

[June 12 primer \[PDF file\]](#)

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Eugene, Oregon	Boston, Massachusetts	San Francisco, California (June 4/5)	Lake Worth, Florida	Portland, Maine
Worcester, Massachusetts	Fresno, California	Morgantown, West Virginia	Olympia, Washington	New York, New York
San Francisco, California (June 12)	Cincinnati, Ohio	Long Island, New York	Lawrence, Kansas	Wisconsin

Eugene, Oregon-The main event

By Eric and Ben, Break The Chains

This article represents the views of Ben and Steven but not necessarily the Break The Chains collective or the participants in the June 12th Day of Solidarity with Jeff "Free" Luers in Eugene, OR and elsewhere.

"To gain that which is worth having, it may be necessary to lose everything else." - Bernadette Devlin McAliskey

This June marked the fourth year that our friend and comrade Jeff "Free" Luers has been imprisoned and held captive by the state. Sentenced to 22 years and 8 months for burning three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUVs) at a Eugene car dealership to protest ecological destruction, and numerous trumped up arson charges, Jeff has remained active in prison and continues to fight back with his words and inspiration. This June 12, Break The Chains and [Free's Defense Network](#), and many other groups throughout the world, organized [a day of solidarity](#) with Jeff to protest his absurd prison sentence and to make a show of force for him before his appellate hearings.

This was the first annual international day of solidarity with Jeff, and it was a great success. Events and protests were organized by anarchists, environmentalists, human rights and prisoner support activists in countries as diverse as Australia, England, Finland, Norway, Poland, Russia, Scotland, and North America. The main event was held in the city where Free was originally arrested - Eugene, Oregon. It was organized by Break The Chains, with the help of the [Cascadia Media Collective](#), [Eugene Peace Works](#), and others.

Due to the threat of police violence, including FBI harassment, we decided not to do a public protest but instead to organize an indoor event focused on community education about Free's case, to mobilize people to take action in support of Free - and other political prisoners - and against [Oregon's "Measure 11"](#) mandatory-minimum sentencing guidelines and other forms of state repression.

The event, which was held at the WOW Hall, was attended by approximately 200 people. The main attractions at the event were presentations by former political prisoners Ramona Africa of MOVE and Claude Marks of the [Freedom Archives](#), and a musical performance by the American Indian (Dine) "Alter-Native" punk musicians [Blackfire](#). The event also included a showing of an edited version of the Australian documentary film [Green with a Vengeance](#) about radical environmentalism in the Northwest, combined with unseen footage of an interview with Free; plus presentations by members of [Break The Chains](#), as well as Kevin Price of Friends of Move, and Free's father, John Luers.

At the opening of the event, a member of Break The Chains greeted the audience and explained his reasons for supporting Free, noting that Free is a principled, compassionate person who belongs on the streets working for change, not held in torturous conditions of confinement. He also emphasized the ridiculousness of Free serving [22 years](#) for actions that harmed nobody, when local cops are getting five years sentences for using their positions of power to sexually coerce women. Before handing over the mic to Claude Marks, he urged people to take action for Free now because if they get away with keeping him down for 22 years, then all activists and dissidents will be more vulnerable to the wrath of the ruling class. Claude Marks, the director and founder of San Francisco's Freedom Archives Project, gave a compelling speech about the importance of prisoner support and the importance of being an ally, allowing those you are allies with to determine the direction your support will take. He said that, despite what you may think of their tactics, political prisoners as diverse as [Jalil Muntaqim](#), [David Gilbert](#), [Marilyn Buck](#), and now Jeff Luers, are all fighting for a more just world free from racism, war, and ecological annihilation. They are targeted most severely by the state because they are dissidents

who see through the big lie of American "democracy."

Following Claude, Blackfire members Jeneda and Clayson performed traditional Dine singing and drumming while band member Klee performed his award-winning, awe-inspiring hoop dance. The intricacy and sophistication of the dance is breathtaking. Klee spoke about the meaning of the dance for his people and his reasons for performing it at the event. After the dance, another member of Break The Chains got on stage and read a statement by Free. This statement was written just for the event and was supposed to be read by Free over the phone and recorded to be played at the event. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties the statement was not recorded so instead a collective member read it to the audience. The statement is very powerful. This is the closing paragraph:

Look around you. The people you see are your hope. They are your community, they are your allies and they are your source of strength. One person in this room has the power to make a difference. Imagine the difference you can make by working together. You want to be free from the control of multinational corporations that only care about profit? You want to be free from a police force that protects the corrupt? Do you want an alternative to a society and civilization that is destroying its own world? Then take the initiative and create it, build it, and fight for it. Lead by example. If you want change, then take it street by street, community by community until power has been reclaimed.

The edited version of the film "Green with a Vengeance", provided by the Cascadia Media Collective, refreshed everyone's memory about the spin that law enforcement and corporate media put on Jeff's case, and the actual footage of Free - in the forest and then behind bars - gave the event a sense of urgency. "Green with a Vengeance" was originally shown on mainstream television in Australia - something that would never happen here in the US. The filmmaker, Olivia Rousset, had the courage to interview Free, allowing him to explain his real motivations and debunk the lie that he is an "eco-terrorist" when in reality he is an eco-defender who acted out of frustration with continual attempts at making change only to be ignored by the status quo. Adding to the immediacy of the event was the presence of Free's parents, John & Judy Luers. John Luers had a short but impassioned statement prepared for the audience. Here it is in its entirety:

Good evening....Thank you all for coming....Today is intended to be a day for public education and awareness about Jeff and his case....The FBI, in it's bulletin to law enforcement agencies, has chosen to make it sound like an ELF (Earth Liberation Front) call to action. That's wrong, but it got Jeff and his case some good publicity in places such as Morgantown, West Virginia and Palm Beach, Florida that may not have developed otherwise....My wife, Judy, and I want to thank all of the organizers and attendees at this event and similar events around the world designed to bring attention to the injustice done to our son, Jeff "Free" Luers.

Kevin Price, a longtime MOVE supporter coming from Philadelphia (the home of MOVE), spoke with fire about the lies surrounding [Mumia Abu Jamal's case](#). He proceeded to draw analogies between the misinformation around Free's case and the severity of Free's sentence, with Mumia's case, where he clearly wasn't the person who killed the cop (another person has even confessed to the shooting). Mumia is on death row for his political beliefs, for his refusal to stop reporting the truth. Kevin started doing work for Mumia and MOVE political prisoners at the age of 14. He's now working with International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and is publisher of the Friends of MOVE newsletter. His passion was well-received by the audience. The last speaker was Ramona Africa, the Minister of Communication for the MOVE Organization, a former political prisoner and one of two survivors of a Philadelphia police assault in 1985 which killed 17 people and burned 200 neighbors out of their homes. Ramona spoke eloquently about the absurdity of the same government that refused to punish police for murdering MOVE members and their children in a bomb attack has the nerve to call Free a "terrorist." She reminded us of the oppression and brutality suffered by people all over the world at the hands of the thugs who run this insane system. She pointed out that to go to the

oppressor to ask them to stop oppressing you will never work. She gave many analogies for this, encouraging people to understand that the system itself will never change willingly and that power concedes nothing without a struggle. Ramona finished off her talk shouting this message over a loud applause:

Long live John Africa! Long live the [Earth Liberation Front!](#) Long live the [Animal Liberation Front!](#) Long live the Puerto Rican Independistas! Long live the [Zapatistas!](#) Long live Mumia Abu-Jamal! Long live Free! Long live all political prisoners! Death to this rotten ass system!

Blackfire got us dancing for the rest of the night with their inspirational political music, pointing out that whether we are fighting against injustice caused by homophobia, sexism, racism, or classism, it is all the same fight, we are all fighting against the same oppressive system and we need to work together to become a force to be reckoned with. They brought the message from the [Hopi and Dine people on Black Mesa](#), that their mountain is being ravaged by Peabody Coal, and that the same company that owns half of Peabody Coal is also linked to privatized prisons.

Another thing that Blackfire pointed out was that walls continually are built to create a sense of separation between people and the earth, and between each other. In Palestine, in Iraq, at anti-globalization protests, in prison, on the reservation in Flagstaff... these walls are up to keep people feeling isolated, separated from the community and the natural world. We need to work hard to get past the physical and psychological barriers that separate us so that our struggles can become more powerful and the alliances we make can grow stronger as we face oppression on all fronts. Blackfire's awesome music combines traditional American Indian with punk rock for a truly unique sound (hence the term "Alter-Native"). They played to a very appreciative crowd whom demanded a triple encore! Finishing the night with AIM song, followed by a cover of The Ramones tune, "[I believe in miracles](#)".

Despite a lower attendance than expected (which we attribute to college graduation parties, conflicting events and FBI scare tactics), the event was a great success. Over 200 people came together - despite the corporate media and FBI attempts to slander our efforts with hysterical falsifications about our "terrorist" plans - to show their support for Free and political prisoners, and their opposition to state repression and unjust sentencing. Although we realize that it will take a lot more than this to get Free out of prison and back where he belongs (in his community), we feel this was a real step in the right direction. Free's supporters are gaining ground. The amount of international support for Free is indicative of this fact. We are doing what we can to get Free's sentence chopped back because we know his sentence is our sentence, and that today's dissidents are tomorrow's political prisoners. We know we can't afford to let them get away with locking away our friend, our comrade, for the most important years of his life. So we won't. And once we get him out, we won't stop there. Because this isn't about one person, this is about every life stolen by the prison industrial complex. This is about struggling for a world where all lives are valued and equal, a world free of prisons, torture, genocide, and ecocide. And, to quote Buenaventura Durruti, that world is growing this minute....in our hearts.

Free Jeff "Free" Luers! Free Mumia Abu-Jamal! Free all political prisoners!

Worcester, Massachusetts [see photos [here](#)]

The past couple of weeks have been very interesting for us in Worcester. Our solidarity event was scheduled for the Friday the 18th instead of the 12th because a couple of folks organizing it were going to be away the 12th. We didn't know at the time how complex the fact that we were away would become. I had a heads up on Wednesday about the FBI bulletin, but didn't think much of it until I came home on Saturday to find my cell phone and email full of messages from the press and concerned friends. I was told to watch the TV news and on every channel the headlines were "possible eco-terror attack tonight in Worcester". This made me laugh at first until I realized that we would now have to deal with this. The next day there were reporters in front of our space.

Since folks were away we couldn't get a good feel for what our next step should be. On Sunday night we had a long meeting with folks that were in town and decided not to hold the event at the space and to hold a press conference to discuss the allegations. We learned that the FBI had contacted the space's landlord two weeks ago and had visited him more recently. The morning before the press conference there was conflict with the space's landlord regarding the event and the FBI's involvement. This has not entirely played out yet, but it is not looking good for us.

The press conference went well. There were two really great articles written. One in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette and another in Worcester Magazine. At the press conference one of us noticed a woman taking pictures toward us from about 50 feet away. When he approached her she admitted to being a cop and working for the Worcester Police Department. We got [photos of her](#) and one was included in the Worcester Magazine Article.

Later that week there was a suspicious vehicle that circled an outdoor meeting of the Worcester Global Action Network (WOGAN), slowed as it passed than parked a few yards beyond us. Some folks saw a flash come from the car. I also saw a Black SUV with tinted windows and government plate # 259 in two locations about 15 miles away from each other on the same day. Right before the event some folks spotted a van parked directly across from the entrance to the building where we were holding the event. When they approached it the back was all curtained off, but sitting between the front seats was a package addressed to the Worcester Police Department from a camera company. We took photos of the van and the box and [posted them on Worcester Indymedia](#).

With all of the press we had a far larger showing at the event than we had expected. At one point someone counted 50 people in the room and more people came in after that. The crowd was very mixed in age and preferred tactics which made for a great conversation after the film. The community was very supportive of our right to hold this event. After the film and discussion we had dinner provided by Food Not Bombs and had a lively open mic/[Earth First!](#) song sing along. No uniform cops were present at the event and we had no problems with Clark University Security.

I feel the event was successful, we got the word out about Jeff's case and we were able to unite parts of the community by concretely showing how fucked up our "civil liberties" are in this climate of fear. Everyone could see that we had the right to show this movie and have this discussion. The reaction we received showed even more concretely how trumped up Jeff's sentence is. Our hearts and minds have been with Jeff since this began and they will continue to be until he is Free.

San Francisco, California

On June 4, the [Autonomous Collective](#) hosted a 'Night of Support and Resistance' for earth liberation prisoners Jeff Luers, [Tre Arrow](#) and [Billy Cotrell](#). The next day, they established a "Free Free" State in Golden Gate park to protest anti-poor people policies of the San Francisco city government and in support of Jeff Luers.

Boston, Massachusetts

The [Boston Anarchist Black Cross](#) group hosted a screening of *Green with A Vengeance* with a book release party by political prisoner [David Gilbert](#). Former political speaker Kazi Toure spoke as well as a representative of Friends of Jeff Luers.

Fresno, California

The Moving City Collective and [Sierra Nevada Earth First!](#) event was attended by 30 or so people, with a few giving what little they had in their pockets. We showed the video *Green with A Vengeance* and had discussions throughout the night on the environment, its defense and the case of Jeff Luers. Most in the discussion believed in spite of his actions, that the legal implications were not parallel with the

"crime" committed. With the [Occupied Territory](#) gathering, move city activists at the Reclaim the Commons biotech mobilization and this event, we believe we are gaining momentum for our movement in Fresno.

Cincinnati, Ohio

There were events happening in Cincinnati all day around a variety of issues. At the annual [Reverend McCrackin Day](#), we discussed Jeff's case and took some donations. The response from the crowd there was really good, with many people in disbelief about the length of Jeff's sentence. That evening, we held a screening of *Green with a Vengeance*, along with a potluck and letter writing. Throughout the week leading up to J12, many of us flyer'd and discussed the case with a lot of people, so a lot of awareness was raised in Cincinnati.

San Francisco, California [See photos [here](#)]

On June 12th San Francisco activists showed their solidarity with political prisoner Jeff "Free" Luers, by taking a large banner to multiple locations in the city to raise awareness of his outrageous 23 year sentence. Our first stop was the Haight Ashbury district. We hung the banner ("Free Jeff 'Free' Luers! Free All Political Prisoners! www.freefreenow.org) on a fence and handed out literature about Free's case and appeal. Next we took the bus down Market street to a busy shopping area, where many people saw the message, took literature and signed the letter of support for Free. Once we ran out of literature we headed to our final site, a Ford dealership on upper Market street. We stood on the corner where drivers and passersby could read the banner. We talked to several interested people and got a few more to sign the letter of support. A local reporter from the NBC 6 o'clock news came by to film us with the banner and take a few statements. After he left we put our stuff away and went to go tape the news.

In typical fashion the mainstream media story was full of misinformation and inflammatory statements. The banner with [Free's website](#) had a short spot on the evening news and was featured prominently in many news articles. Our hope is that people will go to the web-site to get an accurate story of who Free is and the injustice that is the U\$A.

Bay Area Jeff Free Luers support group bashback@ziplip.com

Morgantown, West Virginia

On June 12, [Mutiny Productions](#) put on a benefit show for Jeff "Free" Luers in conjunction w/ Free's International Day of Action and Solidarity. The show was held at 123 Pleasant Street in Morgantown, West Virginia. It was an amazing event and proved to me the practical possibility of anarchy and basic goodness of our common woman and man. My friends Ben and KB ran the kitchen for the free community dinner. Steve and Ben put their charm onto the local restaurants who donated a slew of food. Contributions were given by the Mountain People's Co-op, The Great Wall, Fatty Loafs, Margarita's, Casa Di' Amici, and more I can't remember.

We were able to feed everyone who wanted to eat, for free. (The excess food was donated to the Bartlett House homeless shelter.) I even invited the police who were out in force due to a FBI memorandum (thanks for the publicity!), but they didn't make it. We showed the documentaries pickAxe and Green with a Vengeance, and listened to live music provided by Without Eyes, Law Biting Citizens, Fairweather Fan, M Iafrate, and The Librarians. The band scuZard, scheduled to play, couldn't because their drummer punked out, but came anyway, and their presence was much appreciated. Duff from the local anarchist group table'd right next to xbogackix and Evonne of Mutiny Productions. The show was a huge success getting attention from the Dominion Post, West Virginia public radio, and local news stations 5 and 12. We raised a ton of awareness and four hundred dollars to contribute to Free's [legal fund](#). Thank you to everyone who put forth a ton of energy to make the show a success. Thanks to the Morgantown community for all their support and the police department for being so damn cool about it all. Especially Jeffy from LBC (w/out whom we would've had only two bands) and

the FBI (who, really, put the show in the public eyes).

Long Island, New York

Activists [ticketed SUVs](#) at Target and Walmart parking lots.

Lake Worth, Florida

We got hit pretty hard by the FBI media hype, but used it to our advantage the best we could. The video was shown, along with a brief talk, to a group of Quakers after their Sunday service on June 6th, then again to a group of 16-18 local/regional activists. It was also lent out to other interested people throughout the week. Due to interest generated by the media, we will have a follow up public screening on July 7th, at the local Quaker Meeting House. We also had a local direct action (tripod blockade) against Luxury Condo Development on June 11th which the news juxtaposed with the larger movements against over consumption and over-development. It helped generate curiosity about our local efforts as well.

Olympia, Washington

Activists participated in [World Naked Bike Ride Day](#) to support Jeff. The bike ride was short and sweet with over 10 people in participation. People put their clothes on when the police arrived and no arrests were made.

Lawrence, Kansas

About a dozen people gathered in front of the Douglas County Courthouse in support of Jeff Luers. Protesters held signs and distributed information about Free's case to passers by. The previous day the [Lawrence Journal World](#) had run a front-page article about the FBI's 'eco-terror' alert. Subsequently, there were two TV crews and a reporter from the Lawrence Journal World. Later that afternoon a showing of *Green with a Vengeance* was held at the Lawrence Public Library. About 14 people attended. There was a brief discussion after the film. Some money was raised for Free's legal fees and photocopies of [Free's artwork](#) were distributed.

Portland Maine

On June 12th, we held two events for Jeff "Free" Luers. In the afternoon in the main square we held a "Free Food for Free" event and served up some yummy food and distributed fliers about Free to people. A few hours later we held a video showing of *Green with a Vengeance* and had a lively discussion afterwards with about 25 people showing up to the event. The police were supposedly conducting surveillance on the event but according to the local paper, they had the address wrong.

New York, New York

Friends of Jeff Luers spent a number of hours ticketing Sport Utility Vehicles with global climate change ticket in NYC's Lower East Side neighborhood. There tickets were acquired from [Earth on Empty](#)

Wisconsin

Supporters of Free showed *Green With A Vengeance* to their college class prior to June 12 and solicited signatures for the solidarity statement. They also set up an info table at a local music show, gave out food, collected signatures and donations from people.

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