

Drop the Charges Against the Berkeley Anti-Fascist 5:

Jeffrey Armstrong, Dustin Sawtelle, Scott Hedrick,
Taylor Fuller, and Nathan Perry

***Stop the Collusion of the Berkeley Police and Alameda County
District Attorney with Violent Fascist Daniel Quillinan***

***Defeat Donald Trump's Racist Vision for America –
Trump Must Resign or Be Removed***

Fill the Courtroom for the Trial Friday, May 25, 8:30am

Wiley Manuel Courthouse (7th + Washington St.), Dept. 111, Oakland

Contact Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley and demand she drop the charges:
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The “Berkeley Anti-Fascist 5,” Jeffrey Armstrong, Dustin Sawtelle, Scott Hendrick, Taylor Fuller, and Nathan Perry, are local heroes: activists and community members who have committed themselves to opposing violent neo-Nazi and fascist attacks in the Bay Area. They are committed to protecting our community as a diverse, international community and beacon for the anti-Trump movement. They are facing false misdemeanor charges after protesting alt-right and neo-Nazi Trump supporters, with the possibility of jail time and large fines. Fill the courtroom on Friday May 25 to support Jeff, Dustin, Scott, Taylor, and Nathan at their trial. These bogus charges must be dropped now!

The Berkeley Police and Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley have repeatedly colluded with the alt-right and Nazi's, hostile to the growing

strength of the anti-Trump and anti-fascist movement. Virtually every law enforcement agency in the country endorsed Donald Trump's election campaign. The police, ICE, and the fascists have worked in tandem to try to carry out and enforce Trump's racist vision for America. That's the bottom line of these charges.

On March 4, 2017, alt-right and neo-fascist Trump supporters called for a “March On Berkeley for Unity, Rights, to Defend Liberty, and for Freedom” to intimidate, harass, and terrorize the black, Latina/o, immigrant, Muslim, LGBT, women, and progressive members of the Bay Area. They were outnumbered and decisively shut down by a determined and integrated protest that made clear these racist thugs are not welcome in our community.

Daniel Quillinan is a neo-fascist sympathizer who came to Martin Luther King Jr. Park armed with a massive knife strapped to his hip, a huge wooden club, wooden shield, and body armor. He violently attacked protesters including another Trump supporter who was Latino and who, because of his own racism, he mistook for an anti-fascist protester. Quillinan is known and notorious in Berkeley because of his history of harassing and threatened students and residents on campus, shoving political opponents and menacing community members. Quillinan sustained injuries as a result of attacking anti-fascists.

Quillinan sought treatment for these injuries from a group of four firefighters and a police officer. As he was being treated, Quillinan saw an opportunity to exact revenge against the left for his injuries and his bruised ego. Five counter-protesters—who were not responsible for Quillinan’s injuries—were walking by on the way to their cars. Quillinan, conscious of the fact that the police had been coordinating with the fascists all day, taunted people passing by. The police took his cue and swooped in on the counter-protesters, arrested them, holding some of them in jail over night, and ultimately filing false charges on Quillinan’s behalf.

The Berkeley 5 are being charged for being part of the counter-protest against the neo-fascist “March 4 Trump” rally and were arrested by the police for simply being present on that day.

In the time of Trump, when the alt-right and fascists see an opportunity to grow, protesting against violent bigots and fascists is a right and a necessity. Thanks to the Berkeley Anti-Fascist 5: Jeff, Dustin, Scott, Taylor, Nathan, and hundreds of others like them, the alt-right and Nazi’s who mobilized to attack the Bay Area’s diverse communities have been repeatedly defeated. The Bay Area’s mass anti-fascist demonstrations have been crucial in stopping Nazi’s here from marching, recruiting, and carrying out vicious attacks like the murder of Heather Heyer in Charlottesville, Virginia. It was precisely because of



Neo-fascist sympathizer Daniel Quillinan, pictured on Nov. 2016 (left) and at the “March 4 Trump” in Berkeley, CA on Mar. 4, 2017 (right). Quillinan’s role in organizing fascist violence in the Bay Area has been well-documented by anti-racists activists, e.g. see <https://nocara.blackblogs.org/2017/03/16/piss-kilts-and-sticks-how-violent-trump-supporters-are-merging-with-the-alt-right/>

the collusion between the police and fascists in Anaheim and Sacramento, that the Nazi’s felt emboldened to escalate their violence, leading to the murder Heather Heyer in Charlottesville.

Our movement must grow to prevent another Charlottesville. Here, in Oakland and Berkeley, is where we can put an end to the collusion between the police, district attorney, and the fascists in order to make sure that another Charlottesville tragedy never happens again.

Our movement can stop the growth of fascism in America in its tracks. To do so, we have to defend the Berkeley 5, our movement, and all anti-racist activists from targeted political persecution. Contact DA O’Malley and demand all the charges be dropped against the Berkeley Anti-Fascist 5: Jeffrey Armstrong, Dustin Sawtelle, Scott Hendrick, Taylor Fuller, and Nathan Perry. Fill the courtroom on Friday May 25!

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