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The Tre Arrow Defense Committee is proud to announce our newly refurbished web site: www.trearrow.org

There are many new and exciting additions to the web site, including over two dozen pictures of Brother Tre, the latest down-loadable flier, four Free Tre Arrow images, Tre's suggested reading list and web links, and a link to two different rare audio interviews with our imprisoned brother.

Our new page is more comprehensive and much easier to navigate. The site will always be under construction, so check back frequently.

In Solidarity, -The Tre Arrow Defense Committee

****New Speaking Tour Dates Announced****

Thursday, April 14th, Gibsons, B.C. ~ Chaster House @ 7pm Monday, April 18th, Nelson, B.C. ~ David Thompson Cultural Centre @ 7pm Friday, April 22nd, Cortes Island, B.C. ~ Manson's Hall @ 7pm

Media as the Judge: the case of accused 'Eco-Terrorist' Tre Arrow

American environmentalist and refugee hopeful Tre Arrow has been incarcerated in Canada for over a year now. While awaiting an extradition hearing which would see him returned to his native country, the United States, Tre's case has gained international attention. Last spring, Tre held an astonishing 44 day hunger strike in "solidarity with all those suffering around the world as a result of corporate agendas which leave in their wake poisoned water, contaminated air and lack of adequate food." Tre was reduced to a deathly 81 pounds. His lawyer, Rudolf Kischer, told the Globe and Mail, "He looks like a Holocaust victim, it [is] horrifying."

The United States Government is seeking Tre's extradition in connection with the destruction of logging equipment in Oregon, 2001. But Tre clearly states, "I am innocent of the charges the US

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government is trying to pin on me. Just as many activists have experienced, I am being targeted by the US government and the FBI, not because I am guilty, but because I have chosen to challenge the status quo." The Crown's main evidence against Tre is the testimony of Jacob Sherman. Sherman, who was convicted of the crimes, received a plea bargain after four days of intense FBI interrogation. Sherman received an unheard of 3 1/2 years in prison which was contingent on his testimony that paints Tre Arrow as the mastermind of the crimes.

This case is highly political, and Tre is repeatedly and constantly referred to in the Corporate Media as an 'Eco-Terrorist'. Although Judge James Redden in his ruling on the 2001 arson case against Jacob Sherman, stated that "The term 'terrorist' is not to be used in reference to this case or the defendants", the FBI and the Corporate Media continue to sell news and divide the movement by branding Tre as an 'Eco-Terrorist'. Trial, in the Corporate Media court, discredits innocent individuals and destroys the legal premise of "innocent until proven guilty." The term 'Terrorist' is currently by far the best selling word in the Corporate Media, and by using the word 'Terrorist', the media has instilled a level of fear that can convict an individual before the trial even starts.

Throughout April, Ben Shannon, spokesperson for the Tre Arrow Defense Committee will be traveling throughout B.C. on a speaking tour entitled, "The Media as the Judge: The case of accused 'Eco-Terrorist' Tre Arrow." The Corporate Media plays a consequential role in Tre's case and his life by already indicting, trying and convicting Tre. In refusing to use the words 'accused', 'alleged' or even 'suggested' before calling Tre an 'Eco-Terrorist', they are implying that he has had a trial and been convicted. Tre has never stepped one foot into a court room to face these charges, let alone been convicted of them. Stating that an individual is guilty before their trial is undemocratic and unjust. By playing this game, the Corporate Media has been able to convince society across the continent that Tre is an 'Eco-Terrorist'.

The Media as the Judge speaking tour will be touring around B.C. speaking about the Corporate Media's role in Tre case, as well as the reasons why Tre is facing the possibility of spending the rest of his life behind bars for the alleged crimes of arson. What is happening to Tre could conceivably happen to any hardworking defender of the planet and its people. By supporting him in this time of need, we show each other and ourselves, that friends will not be left behind. Solidarity with Political Prisoners starts at home. If Tre is extradited, he will face up to 80 years in a US prison. No one is free until we are all free.

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