

# BLACK PANTHERS RE-ARRESTED

**34 YEARS AFTER THEIR CASE WAS DROPPED, 8 VETERAN PANTHERS ARE TO STAND TRIAL ONCE MORE.**

In 1973, San Francisco Police Investigators Frank McCoy and Ed Erdelatz interrogated and tortured three panthers. The suspects were stripped naked and beaten with a lead pipe. They were blind-folded and draped with wool blankets soaked in boiling water. They were beaten, slammed into walls while blinded. An electrical cattle-prod was inserted into their anuses. After days of this torture, the men confessed to the 1971 murder of a police officer.

A Los Angeles court dismissed the case, citing that torture was used to elicit these “confessions.” Now, 34 years later, Frank McCoy and Ed Erdelatz have come out of retirement to “solve” this crime, and one of their torture victims and six others have been arrested. They are Ray Michael Boudreaux, 64, of Altadena; Richard Brown, 65, of San Francisco; Herman Bell, 59, and Jalil Abdul Muntaqim, 55, both currently incarcerated in New York state; Henry Watson Jones, 71, of Altadena; Francisco Torres, 58, of Queens, New York; and Harold Taylor, 58, of Panama City, Florida. One man remains at large. May he never be caught.

It is no coincidence that these arrests coincide with the US Government’s recent endorsement of torture, and we cannot stand for it. We cannot forget COINTELPRO, we cannot forget the government’s legacy of suppression and violence.

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**JALIL MUNTAQIM—IMPRISONED BLACK PANTHER**