

Occupy Shuts Down Wells Fargo Banksters Crime Scene

SCPD Responds Attacking Peaceful Picketers

Wells Fargo nationally and regionally illegally repossesses our homes using forged foreclosure documents, and then rewards themselves with hundreds of millions from the bailouts. On February 15th, Officers Winston and Warren marched into a peaceful group of picketers who had successfully shut down the Wells Fargo Bank at 74 River Street (across the street from the vacant bank briefly occupied last year, also leased by Wells Fargo). The two officers harassed one demonstrator, first for going up to the ATM machine though he had a Wells Fargo card, then for allegedly wrapping removable plastic 'crime scene' tape around a Wells Fargo sign that was near the sidewalk.

One of the Santa Cruz 11 was then detained and searched. When Denica De Foy, broadcaster and Monterey radio personality, began videoing the action, she too was detained. All of this was followed by taunting and threatening comments from Deputy Police Chief Steve Clark, who authorized the continuing presence of a half a dozen police officers to stare at and film the protest. Video at <http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2012/02/17/18707600.php>

“Conspiracy to Commit Journalism?”

On Wednesday February 8th, sheriffs deputies and D.A.'s went to homes of three activists and took them away in handcuffs on arrest warrants for false charges of “conspiracy”, “vandalism”, and “trespass” in retaliation for reporting on and supporting the brief peaceful occupation of a 3 ½ year vacant bank building downtown, held by Wells Fargo Bank, a major predatory lender, as speculative investment.

Five of the eleven charged are reporters for alternative media. Total charges: 44; Total Felony charges: 22. Our District Attorney's Office may now lead the country as the False Felony Fabricating Capital of the Country, with Santa Cruz's D.A. Bob Lee charging more felonies against **Occupy Santa Cruz [OSC]** activists than any other city, including Oakland and New York. Estimated cost: over \$100,000.

Conspire Against the Crackdown

Arraignments for Gabriella Ripleyhipps & Brent Adams

701 Ocean St. 8 AM Tuesday February 28th Dept. 7

Criminal Coffee and Conspiracy Cookies

Entrance way steps of the Courthouse

Other Court Dates

- Arraignment: **Alex Darocy** 8:15 AM Dept. 7 Wednesday February 29th
- Arraignment: **Desiree Foster** 8:15 AM Dept. 7 Friday March 2nd
- Preliminary Hearing for **Becky Johnson** 8:30 AM Dept. 7 Monday March 5th

Other Local Protest and Solidarity & Events Actions:

- Stop Foreclosure Teach In, Tour, & Chow Down Saturday, Feb 25th noon 127 Hebard St.
- Occupy the Food Supply February 27th Boycott the chains; Shop locally.
- Occupy Education: Strike at UCSC, Tent University at Base of Campus March 1st
- March Against Foreclosure Fraud March 11th 1 PM Courthouse steps on Water St.
- April 1 National Day of Action for the Homeless Right to Exist: Housekeys not Handcuffs TBA

OSC meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 PM, Saturdays 2 PM on the steps of the County courthouse; Sundays at Main Post Office

More on **OSC** at <http://occupysantacruz.org/> & <http://www.facebook.com/groups/occupysantacruz/>

HUFF meets Wednesdays 10 AM to noon at the Sub Rosa Cafe at 703 Pacific Ave.

Free Radio Santa Cruz Updates Sundays 9:30 AM to 1 PM, 6 PM- 8 PM, Tuesdays 6-9 PM, Thursdays 6-8 PM 427-3772

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