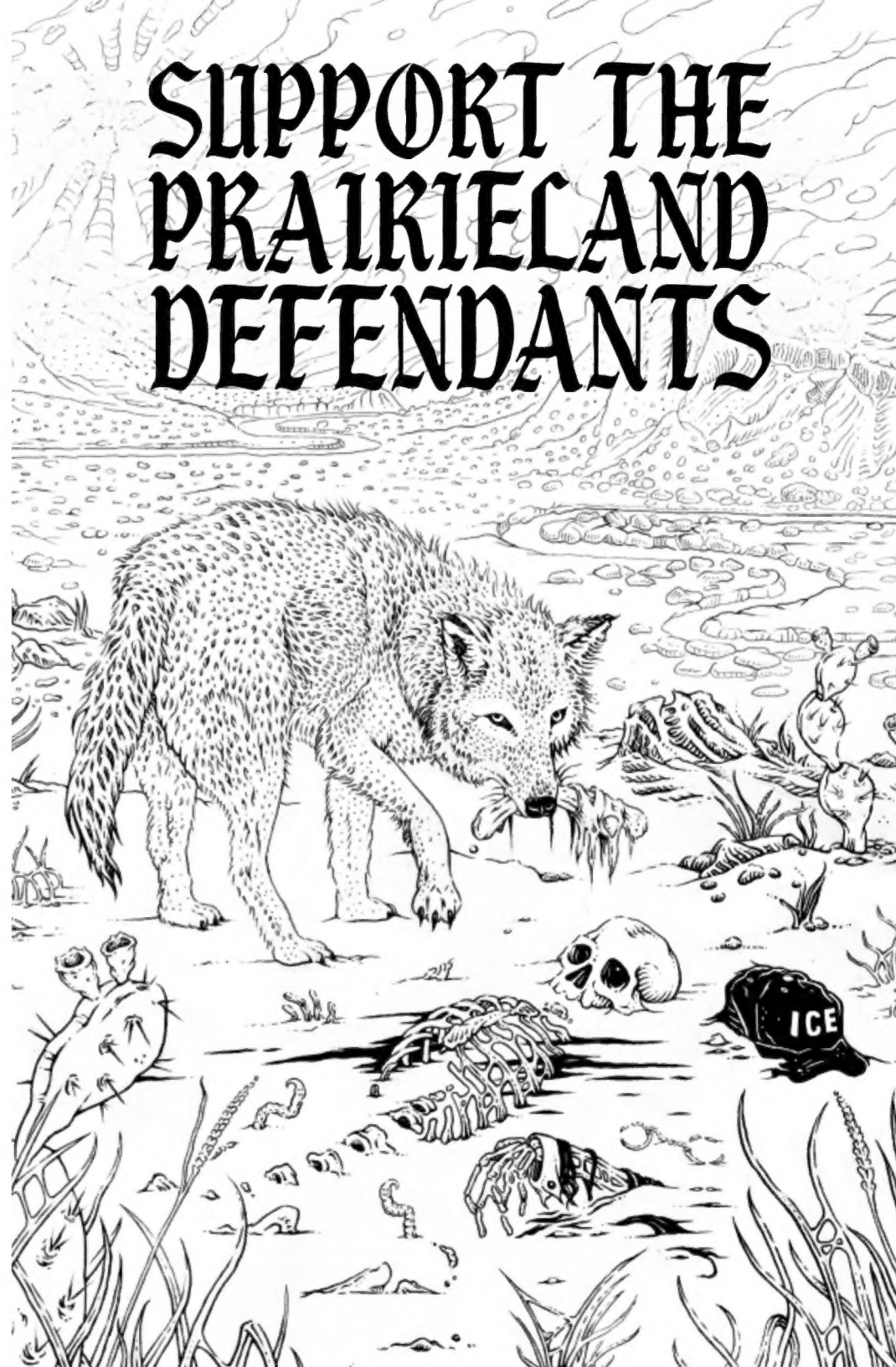


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***Eight Federal Prairieland Defendants Sentenced to
Prison Terms Ranging From 30-100 Years
for Common Protest Activity***

Eight Prairieland defendants were sentenced in federal court today, three months after their convictions on a variety of federal charges, including riot, material support for terrorists, attempted murder, possession and conspiracy to use explosives, and conspiracy to conceal documents. Family members and supporters, who sat stunned as US District Judges Mark Pittman and Reed O'Connor delivered sentences ranging from 30-100 years in prison, called the punishment cruel, callous and starkly disproportionate to the defendants' actions. In a rally and press conference held after the sentencing, supporters expressed defiance and vowed to continue fighting for the Prairieland defendants' freedom.

The eight Prairieland defendants sentenced today are Savanna Batten, Zachary Evetts, Autumn Hill, Meagan Morris, Maricela Rueda, Daniel Rolando Sanchez Estrada, Benjamin Hanil Song, and Elizabeth Soto. All defendants, with the exception of Sanchez Estrada were convicted of rioting, providing material support to terrorists, conspiracy to use an explosive, and use of an explosive device, which referred to the consumer grade fireworks used on July 4. Sanchez Estrada was convicted of concealing a document—political literature—and, along with Rueda, conspiracy to conceal documents. Song was additionally convicted of attempted murder of an officer and discharging a firearm in furtherance of a crime.

Eight Prairieland defendants were sentenced today to consecutive prison terms as follows:

- *Savanna Batten: 50 years*
- *Zachary Evetts: 50 years*
- *Autumn Hill: 50 years*
- *Meagan Morris: 50 years*
- *Maricela Rueda: 70 years*
- *Daniel Rolando Sanchez Estrada: 30 years*
- *Benjamin Hanil Song: 100 years*
- *Elizabeth Soto: 50 years*

Ines Soto will be sentenced on July 1, along with Joy “Rowan” Gibson and Rebecca Morgan, who took non-cooperating plea deals, and five defendants who took cooperating plea deals.

Song, the most harshly sentenced Prairieland defendant, having received a 100-year prison term, gave a moving statement in response to their sentence, explaining for the first time the motivations for their actions the night of the noise demonstration at the Prairieland ICE Detention Center. “What we all saw happen to Renee Good and Alex Pretti is my worst nightmare,” said Song. “So, when I was standing in the street on July 4th, 2025, in plain view with reflective safety strips and high visibility clothing, what I saw right in front of my eyes was my worst nightmare,” continued Song. “When I saw Lieutenant Thomas Gross stop pursuing and point his gun at the back of a running, unarmed protester, like he testified, I was terrified.”

“As a firearms instructor and a United States Marine Corps Veteran, I understood what I was seeing. I knew what it meant for someone to lean forward into a gun, [...] to prepare for recoil. As the evidence shows, I did not want to hurt anyone. I never had the intent to hurt anyone. It is impossible to say that I was trying to ambush or anyone or planning violence,” Song told the court. “I am so grateful that we are not here mourning another death and tragedy. Another Alex Pretti. Another Renee Good.”

“This case has relied on lies and misinformation from the start,” said Amber Lowrey, the sister of Savanna Batten, who was sentenced today to 50 years in prison. “While these absurd sentences are no surprise based on the bias of the court, it is heartbreaking nonetheless. But we will keep fighting to overturn these unjust convictions and to free Savanna and all the Prairieland defendants. We will not rest until they are free!”

“As a congregation, we decided that this case was a fundamental test of our right to dissent against authoritarian regimes,” said Ana Marie Thorne, Chair of the Social Justice Committee at All People’s Church Unitarian Universalist in Fort Worth. “These defendants are not militant monsters out to kill,” continued Thorne. “They are everyday people who saw our country literally interning people in concentration camps and decided to show up at Prairieland Detention Center to let those incarcerated there know that they mattered. We leave here today knowing that the outcome of this trial is not the end. It is the beginning.”

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Write to the Defendants

Note: As of July 25, 2026, the final destination for the defendants sentenced to prison is unclear and subject to change. Regularly check in with the support website for accurate information. Many of them have been incarcerated since July—let them know they are not alone! All mail is monitored by state and federal law enforcement. Be extremely mindful of what you are writing. Do not under any circumstances discuss the facts of the case and do not include overtly political commentary. Consider writing about fun things you’ve done, tell stories, or transcribe your favorite poem. Visit the New York City Anarchist Black Cross website for more detailed letter writing information.

Guidelines & Facility Addresses

Only write in blue or black ink on white 8.5×11 paper. No stickers, glitter, or whiteout. Include first and last name as well as ID number, page numbers, date, and a return address at the top of each sheet.

Before the sentencing, Judge Pittman dismissed numerous motions to overturn the convictions without providing written rulings and with little-to-no explanation. All nine trial defendants filed motions for a new trial, detailing how the government failed to provide the necessary evidence for a conviction and instead put on a trial that was “saturated with evidence designed to evoke fear, political bias, and guilt by association,” according to one of the motions. Another motion details potential juror misconduct. Prairieland defendants have vowed to fight their convictions and will be filing appeals in the following weeks.

The Prairieland cases, involving 22 people charged with both state and federal charges, stem from a noise demonstration in solidarity with detainees at the Prairieland ICE Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, on July 4, 2025. After the protest, an officer with the Alvarado Police Department became involved in an exchange of gunfire soon after arrival. The officer allegedly sustained minor injuries, and was reportedly released from the hospital shortly afterwards, but authorities have never provided hospital records to justify these claims. Alvarado police arrested ten people that night, and a dozen more were arrested over the following several months.

Our loved ones did nothing wrong, and they are being thrown away for the rest of their lives. Not only does the evidence prove their innocence, but the actions of ICE and the federal government over the past year have proven the righteousness of their actions...

We will continue to fight to bring our loved ones home.

Zachary Evetts

The following links will take you to the defendants active fundraisers:

DFW Support Committee

www.givesendgo.com/supportDFWprotestors

Maricela Rueda & her family

www.gofundme.com/f/help-maricela-family-while-she-fights-for-justice

Daniel “Des” Sanchez Estrada, Maricela’s spouse & the only non-U.S. citizen in this case

www.gofundme.com/f/get-artist-des-revol-an-immigration-attorney



Write to Zachary:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Zachary Evetts, 202502013
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Savanna Batten



Savanna lived with her beloved cat and crabs. She has been an animal lover her whole life and has been vegan since she was 14. “My daughter is a gentle soul with a heart for justice. She has devoted more than half of her life to advocating for animal welfare and human rights. She has been a voice for the voiceless. She’s saved the lives of countless animals and was instrumental in ending the use and abuse of live animals in circuses all over the country. She is deeply grieved by the kidnappings and human rights violations occurring all day, every day in cities and towns across America. It doesn’t surprise me one bit that she would have stepped up to defend other humans against the horrors being inflicted. It’s who she is.” After being arrested, she has lost her apartment and her job.

Interests: Nature, bugs, and animals

Write to Savanna:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Savanna Batten, 202502020
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Autumn Hill



Autumn Hill’s name was legally changed circa 2023, but the federal complaint has used her previous name.

On the evening of July 5th, the FBI conducted a no-knock raid at Autumn’s shared house. Autumn was arrested after exiting the house without a struggle.

Interests: Religious history and mythology

Write to Autumn:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Cameron Arnold, 202502023
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Please address your actual letter to Autumn Hill.

Benjamin “Champagne” Song



Champagne lived with their partner and codefendant, Joy Gibson (Rowan). They had four cats, who have since been housed with family and friends. “Champagne gave themselves fully to their community with love, duty, and devotion. They fed the unhoused population of Oak Cliff and provided training in first aid. They also taught a weekly queer self defense class.” Champagne had steady, full-time employment but has since lost their job and their apartment. “My interests include history, world events, culture, food culture, cooking, food preservation, food history, reef and tidepool life, travel, politics, economics, cats. I enjoy history and philosophy books, sci-fi and fantasy, personal accounts, and books with pictures and photos. My ask would be: send me info on regional foods, news stories, prison recipes, pictures of nature and animals.” Read their poems: prairielanddefendants.com/defendant-writings/poems-by-champagne/

Interests: Food, travel, history, animals, SciFi and fantasy stories, poetry

Write letters to Song using the following address (you can address them as Champagne or B, and any/all pronouns are okay):

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Benjamin Hanil Song, 202502108
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Rebecca Morgan



Rebecca has a degree in neurobiology and loves history and applied sciences. She is an avid reader, a splendid artist, and talented cook. Friends and family describe her as kind and compassionate. As a young girl, she loved horses and was able to have a horse on a ranch near her family home where she took riding lessons, eventually participating in local rodeos.

Write to her about nature, your favorite recipes, what’s going on on the internet, or the book you’re reading.

Write to Rebecca:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Rebecca Morgan, 202502109
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Maricela Rueda



Maricela, known as Mari by her loved ones, is forever the youngest sibling. Mari's favorite color is blue. She shared a home with her dog Oso, two cats Sir Tomothy Pierce Cuddleson III and Trash Cat, and two bunnies Daisy and Daffodil (kidnapped and unsure where they ended up after FBI home invasion). A vegan since 2019 who loves sharing yummy food with others. Not really a "gardener" but practiced in planting wishes and trying to cultivate growth. Mari misses karaoke duets with her now 13 year old kiddo, potlucks with friends, going to reading and writing groups, driving with the windows down and music loud, and laughing with her partner. Read a poem by Maricela on the Prairieland Defendants support page!

Also please see this additional fundraiser that Mari's family has created:

www.gofundme.com/f/help-maricelas-family-while-she-fights-for-justice

Write to Maricela:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Maricela Rueda, 202502018
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Daniel "Des" Rolando Sanchez Estrada



Des Revol—a tattoo artist, PoC anarchist, immigrant, and all-around sweetheart—is currently facing serious charges related to transporting "antifa materials" (aka zines) in the larger Prairieland case of political repression in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. But Des isn't just a victim of trumped-up political prosecution. He's a beloved artist and friend who loves nothing more than experimenting with new vegan recipes, digging into new books, looking at baby opossums and sometimes fostering them, spitting out bars or writing poetry, and spending time with loved ones. As a longtime vegan dedicated to animal liberation, solidarity with nonhumans shows up in much of Des's artwork, including through his playful depictions of raccoons, cats, and other critters. Des extends this deep solidarity outward: he's a loving brother, son, and friend; he's a free-spirited dreamer who takes good care of everyone and everything around him. Now stuck in a federal prison and facing potential deportation, Des is continuing to lend solidarity by, among other things, drawing pictures for other inmates to send to their families. Des's Support website: freedes.net

Interests: Animals/nature, tattooing/drawing, veganism/cooking, motorcycles

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Daniel Rolando Sanchez Estrada, 202502039
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Dario Sanchez



Dario is a computer science teacher with 5 years of service. In the summer of 2024, he put his career on hold to take care of his partner who is injured and needs help caring for herself. He was arrested at a pre-dawn raid on their home with no struggle. In spite of this ordeal, he hopes to return to the classroom and share his love of technology with students for years to come.

Days after being released on bond, another charge and bond conditions were added at a pre-trial hearing. This second, unexpected arrest is where Dario witnessed the horrific abuse of another prisoner. Weeks after being released on bond, prosecutors had Dario arrested a third time, at gunpoint, after alleging he searched for information on explosive devices, when in reality his bond officer had made those searches. All of this has been a massive financial drain on him and his partner, with fees attached to each of his bond conditions.

Lucy Fowlkes



Lucy Fowlkes (she/they) is the most recently arrested defendant in the Prairieland case. Lucy loves gardening and horticulture. Hiking and exploring. She loves her dog, Daisy. She lives on a farm and raise goats and chickens. She loves nature and just being outside. She is very protective of people she loves and strangers as well. She is part of a prayer circle in the jail and is bonding with their cell mates.

Write to Lucy:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Samuel Fowlkes, 202600038
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Please address the envelope to Samuel Fowlkes, but write to Lucy.

Joy “Rowan” Gibson



Rowan (they/she) lived with their partner and codefendant, Benjamin Song (Song). They had four cats, who have since been housed with family and friends. “Rowan serves their community with love and care. They were always there if someone needed help and fed the unhoused population of Oak Cliff. They are a vegan who cared for stray animals around them and did their best to make sure everyone had a home.”

Interests: Animals, poetry, anime, art, science fiction, fantasy literature

Write to Rowan:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Joy Gibson, 202502016
PO Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Elizabeth Soto



Elizabeth (Liz) is a mother of 3, provides for her youngest child, and has 2 fur babies. Her partner, Ines, was also arrested. “Liz is the kind of person whose loving nature shows in everything she does, fulfilling the role of an older sister in many of her relationships. She is always fiery and passionate. She is as courageous as they come. Liz is spontaneous and fun, enjoying life with an adventurous zeal. A lifelong learner, she passionately studies history. In her family, she prioritizes their traditions and culture. Her non-judgmental presence allows her to connect lost or hurting people with community and support. The community confides in Liz and depends on her for support and advice.” Liz lost her job after being arrested at an intersection the night of July 4th. With two people incarcerated, the remainder of her small family is struggling financially.

Interests: Geology, native plants, gardening, and sci-fi

Write to Liz:

**Johnson County Jail, TX
Elizabeth Soto, 202502014
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131**

Ines Soto



Ines is a father of 3, provides for his youngest child, and has 2 fur babies. His partner, Liz, was also arrested. “Ines is big-hearted, a dedicated friend and father with a great sense of humor and even greater sense of civic virtue. He sticks to his values and is incredibly honest. He is trustworthy, determined, genuine, and humble. He is always focused and committed to his family. He embraces the loner and welcomes the stranger. We met at a social event that I came to alone: he was the first person to welcome me. He has a genuine interest in making everyone comfortable and an overall interest in the well-being of others. Ines spends a lot of time and resources cultivating spaces for creative individuals from marginalized communities to meet each other. Whether he’s working on cars or shooting hoops with the kids, it is evident that Ines is someone who loves deeply. I have seen him personally risk his safety to ensure others’ safety. He has a long history of volunteer work including natural disaster relief. He fights for unpopular, excluded, and desperate people. Now we have to fight for him. Ines lost his job of over 5 years after being arrested at an intersection the night of July 4th. With two people incarcerated, the remainder of his small family is struggling financially. Ines is an avid reader who likes fantasy and sci-fi but isn’t picky and looks forward to reading just about anything.” Ines lost his job of over 5 years after being arrested at an intersection the night of July 4th. With two people incarcerated, the remainder of his small family is struggling financially. Ines is an avid reader who looks forward to reading just about anything.

Write to Ines:

Johnson County Jail, TX
Ines Soto, 202502008
P.O. Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131

Janette Goering



Janette’s loved ones are funding Janette’s case via savings and kind parents. She is a software engineer by trade and loves teaching people in her spare time. She has a husband of 8 years, and 2 wonderful cats. At 6 am on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, several Black SUVs surrounded Janette’s home and in full tactical gear with automatic weapons broke the silence of the pre-dawn day to search her home and arrest Janette. She was awoken from sleep in a panic and ordered to leave the home where she and her husband were placed into handcuffs and led out for her to be put into the back of a black SUV and driven from her home under arrest.

Goering’s bond was set at \$5 million. She was released on a reduced bond of \$275,000 on June 11, 2026.

She wants all letter writing efforts to go towards the federal trial defendants who just got sentenced on June 23, 2026.