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There is a PROTEST FOR TRANSGENDER PRISONER RIGHTS planned for the morning of JULY 14, 1997, at:

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That's also the time and place of Crystal Marie Schwenk's CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION against the Dept. of Corrections. Crystal was sexually assaulted by corrections officer Robert Mitchell. Crystal is a pre-operative M-to-F transsexual inmate. The WA stae DA's office is using taxpayer dollars to pay for Robert Mitchell's legal defense. The prison staff is very retaliatory towards those who try to stand up against their abuse by taking legal action. Crystal has endured extreme sexual and verbal harassment. Contact addresses listed below.

Letters of Support to Crystal are badly needed.

Letters of Support to Crystal's fellow inmate and paralegal, Donald Snook, are also needed. Donald helped bring this CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION to trial in the first place. He is currently creating THE CRYSTAL FOUNDATION, a non-profit Foundation to fight for transgender rights. Donald has also written a 20-page article about Crystal's case and transgender inmates in general.

This article is available free of charge from Donald or from John Campbell, psychiatric survivor activist and director of Looney Liberation Army. John can also give updates about the PROTEST and the TRIAL.

THE CRYSTAL FOUNDATION and Looney Liberation Army have notified the Governor of WA state about this case and the abuses that many other transgender inmates suffer.

Letters to him urging him to get off his ass and do something would be helpful.

Letters of protest to the WA state DA's office would also be helpful.

Transphobic prison regulations require that correspondence use Crystal's birth-name:

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