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>TRIAL OPENS ON TRANSPRISONER RAPE  
>CASE KICKED BACK BY SUPREME COURT

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>INMATE APPEALS FOR SUPPORT

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>[Madison, WI - January 10, 1996] The  
>jury trial of raped trans-inmate Dee  
>Farmer, whose case went all the way up  
>to the Supreme Court, begins January  
>21st in Madison, Wisconsin. After  
>Farmer had been raped in prison, she  
>charged that prison authorities - who  
>knew of her transgender status - had  
>failed to take proper steps to protect  
>her from a sexual assault which was  
>virtually inevitable.

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> Wisconsin Federal Court Judge  
>John Shabaz threw out Farmer's case on  
>grounds that the prison had not been  
>properly notified of the special risks  
>she faced. Ms. Farmer, with little money  
>and few resources, refused to back down,  
>appealing her case all the way to the  
>Supreme Court. The Court heard the case  
>last year, ruling that prison officials  
>could not require notification if the  
>risk at hand was obvious. The case was  
>sent back to Judge Shabaz's courtroom  
>for trial.

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> Farmer's suit affects all current

>and future genderqueer prisoners who are  
>held in a sexually-hostile environment,  
>subject to repeated sexual assault, and  
>dependent upon prison officials for  
>protection. Farmer's case is unique in  
>that - despite the tremendous odds against  
>her - she has refused to drop her suit.

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> Ms. Farmer spoke to InYourFace from  
>a prison in Oklahoma, where she is being  
>held while in transit to her trial.  
>Declared Dee, "Transpeople in prison  
>deserve to be able to pay their debt to  
>society free of the constant fear of  
>sexual assault or rape, just because  
>prison authorities consider them  
>disposable inmates. When my case was  
>first heard, the courtroom was empty and  
>the judge simply threw it out. This  
>time, I hope members of the queer  
>community will show up and support me.  
>Not only because my case affects queer-  
>inmates all across the country, but  
>because -- although this time it's me --  
>the next time it could be any one."

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> Ms. Farmer is being represented by  
>Wisconsin attorneys, Virginia Jones and  
>Peg Kelsey. For those interested in  
>attending the opening day to support  
>Dee, the trail is at:

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>Federal Courthouse  
>120 North Henry  
>Madison WI  
>Tuesday, January 21st  
>Judge John Shabaz

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