

WHO IS WALTER BOND?

Walter Bond is an imprisoned Animal Liberation Front operative who in the Summer of 2010 was arrested for the A.L.F. Lone Wolf arsons of the Sheepskin Factory in Denver, Colorado, the Tandy Leather Factory in Salt Lake City, Utah and Tiburon Restaurant in Sandy, Utah.

On February 11, 2011, Bond was sentenced to 5 years in Federal prison for the Colorado fire, and on October 13, 2011, he was sentenced to 7 years, 3 months for the Utah fires, to run consecutive to the first sentence. He is currently incarcerated at USP Marion CMU. His expected release date is March 21, 2021.

Bond's experiences as a 19-year-old slaughterhouse construction worker propelled him into veganism and a life focused on ending our culture's enslavement and exploitation of animals and the natural world. As a prisoner of the war for the liberation of animals, Bond continues to influence and motivate other activists via his essays and public statements which have speedily transversed the globe over the internet and have been translated into several different languages. Always Looking Forward, published by Liberation Press in December 2011, is a collection of the articles and statements written by Bond while at county jail in Golden, Colorado and Farmington, Utah.

Walter Bond is a vegan, straight edge anarchist who opposes the deadly and genocidal culture of drug abuse in the United States. He is the subject of the song "To Ashes" by the band Earth Crisis – which was inspired by Bond's previous incarceration from 1997 – 2001 for burning down the home and meth operation of a multi-million dollar drug dealer who was selling poison to his family and friends.

Walter Bond's entire philosophy and program of action is centered on these six words "Animal Liberation, Whatever it May Take!"

CMU

Walter Bond is being held in a new, controversial type of U.S. prison called a Communication Management Unit (CMU), that was set up by the Bureau of Prisons during the administration of George W. Bush. The prisoners held in a CMU are considered terrorists by the U.S. government and their every means of communication is severely restricted, regulated and monitored.

When Bond arrived at the Marion CMU, he was given a notice explaining the official reason why he is there, "Your current offenses of conviction are for Use of Fire or Explosives to Damage or Destroy Property in Interstate Commerce, Force, Violence and Threats Involving an Animal Enterprise, and Arson Damaging Property in Interstate Commerce. Your offense conduct including significant communication with and providing assistance to the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), a

group considered a domestic terrorist organization and in which you have claimed membership. Your communication with the community requires heightened controls and monitoring."

Part of the rules are that Bond may not speak of anyone in the third party, or receive third party information about others. He asks that you write to him directly, rather than ask someone else to pass along a message or question. Bond must formally request permission beforehand from his jailers for each person he writes to, calls or from whom he receives a visit. He has access to a monitored form of email, so you can include your email address, if that is of interest.

Although the CMU is undeniably and unrelentingly invasive, punitive, cruel and unjust, Walter reports, "Since I arrived here my sense of serenity has increased. I do not feel shaken or erratic in my emotions... I see how fortunate I am. My prison sentence is so short compared to many, my hardships in life so few compared to so many others."

Learn more about the CMU:
ccrjustice.org/cmufactsheet

Write Walter:

Walter Bond #37096-013
USP Marion - CMU
Post Office Box 1000
Marion, Illinois 62959

Walter's birthday is April 16th.

Review the "Mail Regulations" on the support website before writing.

Local group supporting Walter Bond:

NYC Anarchist Black Cross

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