

RELEASE NEBRASKA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS!

In 1970, two members of the Black Panther Party, Ed Poindexter and Mondo we Langa (aka David Rice), were arrested for the bombing murder of Omaha police officer Larry Minard. Evidence and events indicate that we Langa and Poindexter were targets of the FBI's infamous COINTELPRO (Counter-Intelligence Program), in which local law enforcement colluded with the FBI (headed by J. Edgar Hoover) to "neutralize" and dismantle political community groups like the BPP and the American Indian Movement.

Printed below is a facsimile of an FBI memo to Omaha Police. This memo encourages the suppression of key evidence, a tape recording of the 911-emergency call that brought Officer Minard to the house in which he was killed. In the trial, the prosecution maintained that the call was made by Duane Peak, a 15-year-old. The voice on the tape is very deep, clearly that of an older man. On the stand, Peak admitted he had been frightened by the police and gave conflicting testimony. "They said I was sitting in the electric chair," Peak said (p. 75). Mondo and Ed's attorneys did not receive this document until nine years after their convictions and incarcerations.

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Rebulet to Omaha dated 9/17/70 entitled "UNSUB: Bomb Explosion 2867 Ohio Street, Omaha, Nebraska, 8/17/70.

In a preliminary hearing held 9/28/70 in Municipal Court, Omaha, PEAK testified that he made the telephone call to the Omaha PD telling them that a woman was screaming in a house at 2867 Ohio Street. Police Officer LARRY MINARD was subsequently killed when a booby trap suitcase exploded as he, with other officers, answered this call.

Assistant COP GLENN GATES, Omaha PD, advises that he feels that any use of tapes of this call might be prejudicial to the police murder trial against two accomplices of PEAK and, therefore, has advised that he wishes no use of this tape until after the murder trials of PEAK and the two accomplices has been completed.

UACB, no further efforts are being made at this time to secure additional tape recordings of the original telephone call.

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