# Inmate questions causes of prisoner's death

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In October 1973 a Black inmate at Central Prison was brutally murdered by five racist white inmates. Since that time only two have been charged with murder. But the death of Bro. Charlie Richardson isn't the actual reason for this writing. Nor is the death of Bro. Joseph Waddell, known to us as Joe Dell, whom supposedly died of a heart attack at the age of 22, and whose body the prison officials performed an autopsy and removed his stomach and all of his large and small intestines. No, these are not the real reasons for this writing, but you should keep them in mind.

We, Black inmates are aware of who the actual murderers are of the above two brothers. But we are in doubt of whom the real murderers are of Bro. John Cuttino. We could say that the prison officials are the ones to blame, and this would be partially true. But what about the SBI's investigation? They allegedly investigated the death and concluded that no flammable liquids was involved. Is this true? There is ample evidence to refute that conclusion. To do so, we must examine the night that Bro. Cuttino died.

Contrary to the time given, it was actually 11:10 p.m. The fire began as a small blaze and in a couple of minutes a whooshing sound was heard as if some flammable material had exploded. The prison department has admitted that the paint used in the cells at central prison is highly flammable have they not? Is this the case then? It would be if the black community had nothing to refute this statement and believed exactly what the prison department released to the Raleigh reporters. But, there is some evidence that refutes that statement.

On February 12, 1973, there was another fire set on H5. The same floor that Bro. Richardson died on. This fire was started the same way the allegedly suicide death fire of Bro. Cuttino. There was paper and articles of clothing used on February 12, 1973. This fire was set in a corner of the cell. Right against the allegedly highly flammable walls. There was no whooshing sound of highly flammable material igniting. The flames leaped up the walls, but did not catch. The only effect the flames

## System operates against the poor and powerless

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Prison for the little Black fly, power and freedom for the big white fly. The little Black flies are always sent to prison, but the big white fly, rich and powerful, continues to fly away undeterred.

This system overlooks the major contributor to crime who operates openly, successfully and undeterred; this system is too busy pursuing and persecuting all the little black flies that fall into the web, while the big whale size white fly continues to fly away undeterred, he is the intelligent, scientific mastermind of crime, the creator of crime, the big white fly, just like the one in Durham, North Carolina in public office fooling the people, like he is going to remove all of th drug pushers off the street, those that have sold and those that are still selling.

The little black fly says "yes" he is going to get all the drug pushers off the street, that are not selling for the big white fly and those that stopped selling for the big white fly.

But the big white fly continues to fly away undeterred. Now another imbalance had been created, the reaction of social environment "we" don't like crime, we do not like those offenses against us and our rules, they frighten us, they anger us, they hurt us, but if we can catch those little black flies we're not likely to believe anything they

"Caught!" The little black fly in handcuffs, standing in the police station, surrounded by cops, the cops are very tired and sweaty men, irritated by the difficulties the little black fly has caused them, and are far from tactful or gentle to tell the truth even "civil."

They are caught in an obsolete,

ineffective "crime-breeding" rather than crime-preventing system, which they have inherited; the white fly continues to fly away undeterred, but the little black fly says he will clip the wings of the big white fly, because he did the little black fly wrong.

He intimidated the little black fly to sell his drugs, had them sent to prison, and is still trying to send them (the little black flies) to prison

Once there he no longer can

But one of the little Black flies talks, now all of the little black flies, that fall into your web will start talking about the big white fly, and you will be brought before the bar of justice to answer the charge, and you will not fly away undeterred.

More to come on the big white fly, written by one of the little black

### Insomnia (the easy way)

this uncompromising time spring sleeps awaiting pressing appointments tomorrow many times before a Cardinal sings talking to myself again reliving today when dreams have no price cause I drank coffee at Pat's now un-finishing a poem together in bed wanting to paint a novel no friend can help drink more red wine - to seduce forty winks repeat the sacred om count raindrops fall off the bed watching Pat sleep

Jonn E. Hankins

had on the walls was smoking them up. What then caused the whooshing sound of igniting material in Bro. Cuttino's cell? That is something for you, Black community, to decide. I can only say that highly flammable liquid is known to make a whooshing sound when ignited. There isn't supposed to be any type of flammable liquid in the cell blocks.

Why did the prison officials on duty allow Bro. John Cuttino to remain in his cell from 11:10 p.m. until 11:25 p.m. before opening his door? They claimed they needed permission, but does it take 15 minutes to procure permission to open the door of a burning cell where a man is housed? This is a cell where a human being is housed. Even though he has committed an act against society's mores, it makes him no less a human being.

The number of the captain's office is 223 and he's there most of the time, and if by chance he isn't, there is a lieutenant on hand. It was ever second of 15 minutes, or more, before a guard bought the water hose up to Cell F-2-11. But let any individual start making noise and the hose is there with inside of two minutes. These are things for you, Black community, to contemplate on.

It would seem that the prison department had something to

cover up in the death of Joe Dell, by removing his stomach and intestines. Do they have something to hide in the death of Bro. John

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The primary problem

confronting us today in

formulating successful and

concrete revolution against the

capitalist-imperialist ruling class is

mistrust between Black and white

contemporaries. Revolutionaries

of both races fail to comprehend

completely what type of

detrimental effect this mistrust is

having on further development of

On May 10, 1968, J. Edgar

Hoover launched a counter-

intelligence program against all

militant and revolutionary

organizations. This program

which is still in effect, was aimed at

Hoover correctly assumed that if

we formed a united revolutionary

front, we could successfully wage a

revolution. The FBI, CIA, DIA

and other counter-intelligence

organizations presently have over

41 offices operating to keep us

from merging into one collective

(civil affairs) is getting extreme

advance training in taking over the

city administration of every major

city and other. The 82nd Airborne

Division supply line are being

beefed up. National Guard units

restockpiling ammunition and

Nixon made a statement that he

is only concerned with saving the

office of the presidency. What does

this mean, and for whom? The U.S.

Army was asked to conduct a study

weapons in high quantities.

Look at the armed forces. G-4

keeping us divided.

the revolution to a higher level.

Liberation demands unity concerning nationwide martial law. The U.S. special forces kidnapped a mayor and other city officials, and took over a whole town in Alabama. It is assumed that the nationwide martial law study has been concluded.

### Black racism detrimental

to the individual, as well.

through unity of trhe populace.

At no time should we allow ourselves or comrades to contemplate ethnocentric thoughts. We must be aware of the racism that is being practiced against whites as well as Blacks, although it is not as openly

Poor whites receive just as harsh and unfair as Blacks. We must community have relatives in prison. Whether it's fathers, sons, cousins or in-laws, they are still your relatives and Black.

we must step down a level right under the condemend men. This concerns the men with life sentences. Again Blacks are in the majority. When a white receives a life sentence, he can expect to get out in seven to 10 years. A Black man receiving the same sentence can expect to get out in 12 years or more. More than likely it will be more than 12.

Why the discrimination? The white prison officials know that they have indoctrinated the Black communities against prisoners to such an extent that when Black men are committed to prison the Black community forget they exist. They even feel grateful to the white authority.

While doing this forgetting, the Black community commits Blacks to prison for nothing less than 12 years, while the white prisoners are getting out in less time. Is this right? Is it legal? If your answer is no, then your answer to the legality of the death penalty should be no

For the Black prisoner to receive just and proper treatment, the Black community must become concerned for his safety and welfare. There can be no, "I'll check into this tomorrow." It must be done today. We have put off for tomorrow things that could be accomplished today for the last 108 years (close of the Civil War).

We must awaken to the fact that the majority of the Black

Racism practiced by Blacks is just as unrevolutionary as that practiced by white capitalist adherents. For us to be called true revolutionaries, we must critically analyze ourselves and denounce, completely, the petty bourgois elements we believed in before. Racism, in itself, is detrimental, and not only to the movement, but

We must not divide ourselves or allow our forces to become dormant. This is what the May 10. 1968, FBI program was aimed at. By keeping us divided, we can not wage a successful revolution. By keeping us divided, we can not wage a successful Revolution. We must unite, completely, our forces, white and Black and begin to practice true revolutionary ideologies. Ideologies that will make our struggle successful

become aware of this and extend support to them. We are waging a class struggle, not a race war.

Our struggle for liberation should not and will notr be nationalistic. We will not confine our war of liberation within the borders of the base camp of the capitalistic-imperialist, but will include Canada and Mexico. We will extend support to all of the Americas until lhere is complete liberation in the western hemisphere.

To allow our struggle to become nationalistic, would be a practice of racism as was practiced in Nazi Germany of the 1930-40's. Nor will this become a war of conquest.

If the people of the Americas request admittance or formulation of an international Central Committee, they will have equal representation of equal voice, regardless of the country and size, in area or population.

As long as one country on single individual remain in the iron grip of capitalism, our struggle is not finished. We must continue to work until the country or individual is liberated. Regardless of nationality confined within the border of the country or the individual.

It is time for Black revolutionaries to start seeking out their white contemporaries, and for whites to do the same. Revolution is no game. It is dealing, with peoples' lives, nor is racism a game. It can be just as deadly as a loaded gun. Racism is detrimental. It corrupts the mind of the individual.