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Subject: Fw: [stop-polabuse] Demonstration Tuesday at Mehserle trial for killing Oscar Grant

The following is a call for a demo in LA on Tuesday morning.

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An L.A. jury is deliberating in the trial of ex-cop Johannes Mehserle for murdering Oscar Grant, a young Black father, in Oakland last year (see multiple videotapes on you-tube). The trial was moved here on a defense motion to get it out of Alameda County, where the community was widely aware of and fired up about the case. They are betting that in L.A., they can get away with letting the cop off. The judge has already removed first degree murder as a possible verdict before sending the case to the jury, which is now considering second degree murder or voluntary or involuntary manslaughter as possible verdicts. In the face of all the evidence, they could also acquit (or cause a mistrial by being unable to reach a verdict).

I talked today with the Black Riders Liberation Party (which has been organizing about the case independently as well as through the LA Coalition for Justice for Oscar Grant) and they are proposing to do a strong mobilization to the courthouse on Tuesday morning, before any verdict. That would have the advantage of serving notice on the state and the criminal-injustice system, and letting the jury know, that there would be a heavy political price to pay for an acquittal or mistrial (in case of a hung jury).

The media will be out in force in the expectation of a verdict, and verdict or not, we should give them something bold and dramatic to cover on the news. The police have made it clear that they have a "secret plan" to quash any resistance at the courthouse once the verdict comes in, so we can preempt that by acting first. (This would be in addition to, not instead of, existing plans that we have been flyering about to mobilize to court when a verdict is announced, and to meet up in Leimert Park at 5:00 that evening for a community rally/march).

We still have a day or so to call people up to come out Tuesday, July 6 starting at 8:30 AM at the Criminal Courts Building on Temple between Broadway and Spring, and make a final impression on the city and the jury that L.A. is just as fired up about this case as Oakland and the Bay Area. Hopefully thereby we can impact the results of the trial and prevent a total miscarriage and denial of justice. The state is already complicit in the murder of Oscar Grant; the other BART cops involved in the incident should have been indicted along with mehserle, and the jury should have been allowed to consider a Murder 1 conviction. I hope people will embrace the Black Riders' proposal for a Tuesday morning rally at the courthouse. See you there. Please forward widely!

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