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**Stark Raven Digest: Nov 5, 2008**  
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\*Mon Nov 10, 7-8 pm: NEO-LIBERALISM AND INCARCERATION:  
Interview with Vivien Stern, author of Creating Criminals: Prisons &  
People in a Market Society.

\*Mon Nov 17, 7-8 pm: THE DANGEROUS STATE OF HEALTHCARE IN  
PRISON: One woman's story of medical neglect in a BC jail.

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**Recent Stark Raven Audio Interviews**  
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Links to download and listen to recent interviews:  
(always available at <http://www.prisonjustice.ca>)

==Oct 20th: MEDITATION BEHIND BARS ==  
Interview with Sister Elaine MacInnes, an 84-year-old Catholic Nun and  
Zen Master, who has worked with prisoners in the Philippines, England  
and Canada. She founded a Toronto-based organization Freeing The  
Human Spirit that teaches yoga and meditation to prisoners.  
<http://www.rabble.ca/rpn/episode.shtml?x=76797>

==Oct 13th: TARGET TOUGH ON CRIME: DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE  
(Part 2: The Tough on Crime talk) ==  
\*What are the parties tough on crime platforms? And what is all this talk of  
sending young people to jail for life? Interview with criminologist Anthony  
Doob. (audio coming soon)

\*Voices from Youth Menace, a radio show by youth in conflict with the law  
in Edmonton. <http://www.ycdo.ca/>

==Oct 6th: TARGET TOUGH ON CRIME: DON'T BELIEVE THE HYPE  
(Part 1: Drugs behind bars) ==  
The Tories security-based approach to drugs behind bars, focus on the  
problems with Ion Scanning.

\*Interview with Christie, who visits her brother in prison and has experienced the ion scan.

<http://www.rabble.ca/rpn/episode.shtml?x=76591>

\*Interview with Craig Jones, John Howard Society of Canada on drugs behind bars and the problems with the Tories plan. (audio coming soon)

==Sept 15th: INTO THE MINDS OF THE JAILER AND THE JAILED==

Interview with Karen Connelly, author of The Lizard Cage on imprisonment, Burma and writing.

<http://www.rabble.ca/rpn/episode.shtml?x=76640>

==Sept 8th: WOMEN IN PRISON==

\*The cancellation of the Mother and Baby program in BC jails.

<http://www.rabble.ca/rpn/episode.shtml?x=77007>

\*Update on women prisoner health research project (Women into Healing). <http://www.rabble.ca/rpn/episode.shtml?x=77050>

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### **Recent Prison News**

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~written and compiled by members of the Stark Raven Media Collective~

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## 1) ONLY WOMEN'S MINIMUM PRISON LOSES BID TO STAY OPEN

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Oct 2008

Ontario's top court says Corrections Canada can close the country's only stand-alone minimum-security federal prison for women.

The Isabel McNeill House is a hundred-year-old building located in Kingston. It does not have fencing, razor-wire, or security cameras, which exist on multi-level security prisons.

The four women imprisoned at Isabel McNeill House took court action to stop the closure, arguing it would be psychologically damaging to be transferred to another prison.

The Court of Appeal for Ontario rejected the arguments.

It disagreed the women would be deprived of liberties if they have to serve in a prison with different security levels.

It's the third court decision to go against the prisoners.

Last February, the Correctional Service of Canada announced that it would close McNeill House because the building needed costly repairs and it is too expensive to operate.

The women are planning to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Sources articles:

<http://www.thewhig.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=1249510>

[http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/Women\\_min\\_close\\_0508.html](http://www.prisonjustice.ca/starkravenarticles/Women_min_close_0508.html)

## 2) INCARCERATION IMPEDES RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION

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Oct 2008

Injection-drug users who are incarcerated are less likely to kick their habit than those who remain in the community.

This new Canadian research also shows that addicts who end up in jail are more likely to stay hooked longer and less likely to be treated for addiction.

Evan Wood, a researcher at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV-AIDS, explains the findings show that incarceration limits people's access to help. There is little access to treatment or harm reduction inside prisons.

Two-thirds of the drug users spent time in jail at some point during the decade long study. There were incarcerated mostly for petty crimes, often related to theft as a means of getting money to feed their addiction.

The research also showed that pre- and post-incarceration drug use was virtually the same. In other words, jailing drug addicts does not help them overcome addiction.

There is also evidence that those who have been imprisoned engage in more risky behaviours such as needle sharing. There are no needle-exchange programs in Canadian prisons, though activists have been demanding them for years.

Earlier research showed that about one third of all new HIV infections occur in prison.

Researchers say that incarceration is very expensive and that money would be better spent on addiction treatment and rehabilitation programs.

Sources articles:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20081010.wldrug10/BNStory/specialScienceandHealth/home>

## 3) TORIES HYPE TOUGH ON CRIME AGENDA DURING ELECTION

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Oct 2008

The Tories are filling their election campaign with tough on crime announcements. And they are facing criticism from community groups, academics and the legal community who charge there is no evidence to support these proposed changes.

One of the Tories' plans targets youth.

Stephen Harper says that he would ensure that people as young as 14 who are convicted of manslaughter, murder or aggravated assault automatically face longer sentences.

He also says that the Tories will no longer have young people's identities protected by publication bans.

Judge Merlin Nunn, who led an inquiry into the youth justice system in Nova Scotia, says longer prison terms for anyone, including youth, will not make the public safer.

Criminologist Ross Hastings, says that this is more of a politics of crime response rather than it is a reasoned, evidence-based response.

In additions, some legal experts are saying that these sentences for youth are unconstitutional.

In another announcement, Stephen Harper committed to replacing house arrest with prison sentences for more than 30 charges, including property crimes such as break and enter, car theft and robbery.

This will lead to thousands of more people going to jail and to an expensive expansion of the prison system.

Aboriginal justice workers say this will lead to more aboriginal people being sent to jail.

Jonathan Rudin, a lawyer with Aboriginal Legal Services in Toronto, says conditional sentencing and other options other than incarceration, including restorative justice, are more successful in the long run in helping people make change their lives, which ultimately makes Canada safer.

About three per cent of Canada's population is aboriginal, but inside the prison more than 20 per cent of the prison population is aboriginal.

When questioned about the lack of evidence to show that his proposals will work to reduce crime Harper sloughs off his critics.

He has several populist buzz lines about victims rights, the need to restore balance to the system and about how the “foundation of our criminal justice system should not be the welfare of criminals, but rather, the protection of honest, hard-working citizens and their families.”

Harper has yet to provide evidence as to how these proposals will reduce crime.

When faced with criticisms about how these proposals will affect aboriginal people, Harper responded with how he thinks the justice system needs to be colour blind.

In response to Harper, critics point to the US, arguing that if the tough on crime approach worked, then the US would be the safest place in the world.

Studies in the U.S. have shown that the states with the toughest prison sentences had the least success in driving down crime rates in the 1990s.

Those who work with affected communities and who have done the research, argue that all the resources spent policing, charging and locking people up could be better spent. They say that the money could be put in housing, addiction services and community initiatives to build stronger communities and hence prevent crime long before it happens.

Sources articles:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canadavotes/story/2008/09/25/aboriginal-justice.html>

<http://www.nationalpost.com/news/canada/story.html?id=846662>

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canadavotes/story/2008/09/23/harper-house-arrest.html?ref=rss>

<http://www.canada.com/saskatoonstarphoenix/news/business/story.html?id=4a2c885d-81a1-4cf4-9bb9-b4de841afeae&p=2>

[http://toronto.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20080920/election2008\\_harper\\_crime\\_080921/20080922/?hub=TorontoNewHome](http://toronto.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20080920/election2008_harper_crime_080921/20080922/?hub=TorontoNewHome)

4) CONNECTING THE DOTS: THE VICTIM'S RIGHTS MOVEMENT,  
THE TORIES AND THE TOUGH ON CRIME AGENDA

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Oct 2008

The Ombudsman for Victims of Crime Steve Sullivan has ties to victim's rights groups who advocate for increased incarceration and criminalization.

The office of the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime was created by the Conservative government in 2007 as part of their tough on crime agenda.

One of Steve Sullivan's recent proposals was that the victim surcharge (that is charged to those sentenced) become automatic. Currently, judges waive the fee for people who are not able to pay. Sullivan argues that if they can't pay, then their prisoner wages should be docked in order pay the surcharge. Prisoner's make a maximum of \$6.90 per day.

Before he was ombudsman of this office, Steve Sullivan was the Executive Director and then the President of Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime (CRCVC) for more than a decade. He also worked for the victim's rights organization Victims of Violence in 1993 as director of research. The CRCVC is an organization that, according to its website, does "advocacy for victims and survivors of violent crime in Canada".

That advocacy often means support for a wide range of tough on crime measures. CRCVC tends to supports a punitive approach to violence and harm.

They state on their website "Statutory Release must be abolished and replaced with Earned Parole...." and that "Parole reviews should take place every 5 years for lifers."

Also CRCVC supports legislation such as Bill C-484, "Unborn Victims of Crime Act", that seeks to give a fetus rights under the law. The Pro Choice Action Network strongly opposes the bill, saying that it poses a real danger to abortion rights and to the rights of all pregnant women. The Abortion Rights Coalition of Canada also outlines 14 points as to why they oppose this bill and argue that the bill "a key step towards re-criminalizing abortion" adding that it could also "criminalize pregnant women for behaviours perceived to harm their fetuses."

The Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime has also spoken out in favour of Bill C-2, the tough on crime omnibus bill, officially known as the "Tackling Violent Crime Act".

This bill was passed in February and increases the use of mandatory minimum sentences, creates a three strikes law for dangerous offender designation that reverses the onus as well as several other tough on crime measures.

One of CRCVC's current board members and a founder of Victims of Violence, Sharon Rosenfeldt, was chosen by the Conservative government to be one of the six people who sat on the panel to review the federal prison system. That panel released a report in December 2007 that called for newer bigger prisons and the scrapping of statutory release.

The CRCVC is also "proudly sponsored by the Canadian Police Association (CPA)" which considers itself the "national voice for 56,000 police personnel serving across Canada".

The CPA "has been urging governments to bring an end to Canada's revolving door justice system." They actively supported Bill C-27 (three strikes and you are a dangerous offender unless you can prove otherwise, that eventually became apart of the Omnibus Bill C-2) and Bill C-9 (that was passed in May 2007 and limits the use of conditional sentencing).

Source/More info:

<http://www.canada.com/theprovince/news/story.html?id=6f5a8c79-f07a-4c1c-a838-ac5f41438f63>

\*Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime: <http://www.crcvc.ca/en/>

\*Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime

<http://www.victimfirst.gc.ca/index.html>

## 5) OMAR KHADR: TRIAL POSTPONED, RALLIES HELD CALLING FOR HIS RETURN

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==SEPT 2008: TRIAL POSTPONED

A U.S. military judge has postponed the trial of a young Canadian man detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Omar Khadr has been imprisoned for the past six years for alleged crimes committed as a teenager.

The trial was supposed to begin next month at Guantanamo Bay. But last Thursday, the judge announced the prosecutors and defence lawyers needed more time to wrangle over access to evidence and expert witnesses. The new date has not yet been set.

Omar Khadr was 15 years old when he was taken into custody. He is accused of throwing a grenade in a firefight in Afghanistan leading to the death of a U.S. medic.

If found guilty, Khadr faces life in prison. Khadr, who is now 21, is the only Western foreigner still being held at the naval prison.

The prison has been widely criticized for being illegal.

Khadr's lawyer have filed a lawsuit in Federal Court to have the Canadian government repatriate him.

[Oct 24 Update: The trial date has been set for Jan 26. Mor details:  
<http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/10/24/omar-khadr.html?ref=rss>]

**==OCT 13, 2008: RALLIES HELD CALLING FOR KHAR'S RETURN**

People are rallying across Canada this week to demand the return of Omar Khadr.

More than 100 people attended a rally at the US Consulate in Toronto yesterday. Other actions are taking place in towns and cities across the country throughout the week.

The events are being organized by the new Coalition to Repatriate Omar Khadr. It is made up of human rights and civil liberties organizations including Amnesty International, the Canadian Islamic Congress and the Canadian Peace Alliance.

Omar Khadr is a Canadian citizen who has spent the last six years in the US Military prison at Guantanamo Bay. He was just 15 when he was arrested.

He is the only Western national left in Guantánamo Bay. All the other western governments have successfully repatriated their citizens.

Khadr faces trial by US military commission. The military commissions fall so far short of international human rights standards and critics argue that makes it impossible for Khadr to receive a fair trial at Guantánamo.

Recently disclosed documents provide further details about the mistreatment that Khadr has experienced in Guantánamo Bay, where the US has been accused of systematically torturing and ill-treating detainees.

Court documents also reveal that the Canadian government was aware of the abuse suffered by Khadr at the hands of US authorities, yet continued to assure the Canadian public that US assurances that he was being humanely treated were reliable.

## 6) NO CHARGES IN AFGHAN DETAINEE ABUSE CASE

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Oct 2008

No charges will be laid in connection with injuries suffered by Afghan detainees in Canadian military custody two and a half years ago.

Canadian soldiers and military police have been cleared of any wrongdoing by an internal military investigation unit.

The allegations surfaced after an Ottawa law professor, Amir Attaran, found the medical records detailing the facial injuries suffered by one of the detainees.

In response to this internal investigation, Mr. Attaran says that he has absolutely no trust in an investigation of the military by the military.

The lead investigator also declined to say whether they ever spoke with the released prisoners.

Mr. Attaran formally launched a complaint to the independent Military Police Complaints Commission. That separate investigation has been on hold while the internal one was completed. The accusation is that military police turned a blind eye rather than launch an investigation into the circumstances of the injured detainees.

Several broader inquires into the issue of whether detainees face torture and abuse after being turned over to Afghan security forces are still underway.

Source Articles:

[http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081004.DETAIN\\_EES04/TPStory/TPInternational/Asia/](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081004.DETAIN_EES04/TPStory/TPInternational/Asia/)

<http://www.bccla.org/antiterrorissue/afghan.htm>

## 7) TORIES PREVENT PRISONER TRANSFERS FROM US JAILS

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Oct 2008

Two BC residents are suing Stockwell Day for denying their transfers to local prisons.

Winnie Lam and Steve Czinege are in prison in California. Their request to be transferred to a Canadian prison was recently denied.

Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day denied the requests because he says they, quote, "constitute a threat to the security of Canada."

The two prisoners are now suing the public safety minister arguing his denial of their transfer violates a recent court ruling.

In late August, Federal Court Justice Michael Kelen criticized Minister Day's reasoning for denying transfers.

He says Minister Day denying prison transfer because of national safety is used too broadly.

Lam and Czinege were both arrested for smuggling drugs across the border.

The Canadian government has had a prison-exchange treaty with the United States for thirty years.

The public safety ministry website says it participates in prison exchanges because it makes it easier for prisoners to reintegrate in society after serving their sentences.

Source Articles:

<http://www.canada.com/topics/news/national/story.html?id=e865993a-67de-477e-bc64-8f8f3d59295c>

## 8) IACOBUCCI INQUIRY DENOUNCED AS SECRETIVE

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Oct 2008

It should be the end of a horrific chapter for three Arab-Canadian men.

But Abdullah Almalki, Ahmad El-Maati and Muayyed Nureddin are denouncing the public inquiry into their detention and torture.

They say they can't trust the inquiry report handed in today because it only heard one side of the story.

Retired Supreme Court Justice Frank Iacobucci presided over the inquiry.

He interviewed 40 witnesses in camera and collected over 40,000 documents.

None of this information was released to to the public.

The inquiry set out to determine whether Canadian officials played a part in the detention and torture of Almalki, El-Maati and Nureddin.

The three men were detained and tortured in the same Damascus prison as Maher Arar.

They spent over two years there and they suspect the Canadian government provided information leading to their imprisonment.

The inquiry has been marked by much controversy.

The three men testified about their experiences with torture, but they were not allowed to read the final submissions delivered by their own lawyers -- in case Mr. Iacobucci decided to recall them as witnesses.

The BC Civil Liberties Association planned to intervene, but they pulled

out, criticizing the inquiry for setting a "dangerous precedent for closed-door, secret inquiries."

Source Articles:

<http://www.canada.com/ottawacitizen/news/story.html?id=ef2697f5c7ce-4cda-9db8-5739eee22c1a>

<http://www.bccla.org/antiterrorissue/antiterrorissue.htm>

## 9) SECRET RECORDING FROM CANADIAN HELD IN CHINESE JAIL

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Oct 2008

A Canadian man in a Chinese prison has broken his silence in a secret recording.

Huseyin Celil has been in prison in China for nearly three years with no access to Canadian consular officials.

He is serving a life sentence because Chinese officials believe he is a terrorist.

Celil's mother and sisters visited him in the northwest city of Urumqi last week.

They brought in a cell phone and recorded their conversation with him.

He can be heard talking about "sunlight", "darkness", and his "children".

The audio is muffled because the cell phone was hidden under layers of clothing.

Huseyin Celil is a Canadian citizen who was arrested in Uzbekistan and handed over to China in the summer of 2006.

He is of ethnic Uyghur origin, a Muslim minority group persecuted by the Chinese after September 11.

The Canadian government has tried to intervene in Huseyin Celil's imprisonment, arguing the charges against him are unfounded.

But the Chinese government considers the case closed.

Source Articles:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20081014.CELIL14/TPStory/National>

## 10) JAILED PROFESSOR AL-ARAIN RELEASED FROM US PRISON

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Sept 2008

After more than five-and-a-half years behind bars, professor and activist, Sami Al-Arian, has been released from an American prison.

Dr. Al-Arian's case has been one of the most controversial post-9/11 prosecutions in the US.

Al-Arian has been in prison since 2003, when federal prosecutors charged him with being involved in the group Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

A Florida jury subsequently failed to return a single guilty verdict on any of the seventeen charges brought against him.

The authorities have continued to detain him under charges of refusing to testify before a grand jury about several Muslim organizations in northern Virginia.

He was released last week by immigration authorities after they failed to explain his continued detention.

But while he is out of prison, Sami Al-Arian is not free. He must remain under house arrest pending trial.

Source Articles:

[http://www.democracynow.org/2008/9/3/sami\\_al\\_arian\\_released\\_after\\_five](http://www.democracynow.org/2008/9/3/sami_al_arian_released_after_five)

## 11) U.S IMMIGRATION DETENTION CONDITIONS UNDER FIRE AFTER DEATH

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Sept 2008

Last month, a thirty-four-year-old Chinese computer engineer, Hiu Lui Ng, who overstayed his visa, died in a Rhode Island immigration detention center.

He had cancer in his liver, lung and bones, and a fractured spine.

Despite repeated complaints of severe pain, Mr. Ng was refused independent medical evaluation by immigration officials.

Instead, he was taken in shackles to another prison two hours away, where an immigration officer tried to convince him to withdraw his appeals and accept deportation.

Before Mr. Ng died, he told his sister that the nurses at the detention center had told him to "stop faking" his illness.

Mr. Ng's story is the latest in a series of similar cases of neglect and abuse at the hands of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Investigations by the Washington Post and the New York Times earlier this year revealed as many as eighty-three prisoners have died in or soon after Immigration custody in the five years since the agency was created in 2003.

When contacted for response, authorities said they could not comment on Mr. Ng's death, because it's under investigation.

Over 300,000 people pass through US immigration prisons each year.

Source Articles:

[http://www.democracynow.org/2008/8/19/35\\_year\\_old\\_immigrant\\_detainees\\_dies](http://www.democracynow.org/2008/8/19/35_year_old_immigrant_detainees_dies)

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/13/nyregion/13detain.html>

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**More Info on the Stark Raven Media Collective**  
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The Stark Raven Media Collective takes a closer look at prisons and criminalization.

Stark Raven produces a radio program three times a month featuring in-depth interviews, news and analysis on issues related to prisons and criminalization, both locally and from around the world.

The radio program has been on the air for 20 years.

Topics we cover include: Canadian prison conditions, tough on crime agenda, detention & the war on terror, women in prison, alternatives to prison, criminalization of migration & poverty, privatization, security certificates, government policy, political prisoners, policing, the death penalty, the personal & political impacts of incarceration, prisoner's writings.

The collective's other activities include organizing community events and maintaining <http://www.prisonjustice.ca> - an online resource centre on Canadian prison issues.

Feel free to contact us if you have a story that you think we should cover on the show or have any feedback. Stark Raven is always seeking new volunteers and contributors for help with interviews, news research, musical contributions, web work and more.

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