

The Fraternal Order of Police Still Campaigning for Mumia's Execution

For all those who are interested in the cops' perspective on the Mumia case, have a look at this. I discovered it by accident when looking for something else...

The most important part is of course the Dec. 2005 press release. But the rest is also interesting and, as usual, full of the most astounding lies. Can't comment all of them because they're just too many. The comments I did make are in square brackets [...] and in red.

I think there is an urgent need to fight back against these liars and frauds.

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THE DANNY FAULKNER STORY

A Message from National Secretary Jerry Atnip

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the 54th Biennial Conference held in August in Mobile, Alabama, the Grand Lodge was unanimous in its resolve to inform our members and the rest of the nation about the Danny Faulkner story. The members attending the conference were equally adamant that we also inform them of those persons and corporations that are attempting to keep his killer from receiving the justice he deserves. As your National Secretary, I am proud to take a leading role in this effort. Danny's story is an important one to tell and we will do everything in our power to see that he is remembered.

Brother Faulkner was murdered on December 9, 1981. His killer was convicted in 1982. This has been and will continue to be a dramatic and prolonged struggle. The Fraternal Order of Police has been involved at every turn demanding justice for Brother Faulkner. We have taken up the issue once again with renewed energy and determination. Allow us to do so in a way that will be the most effective and in keeping with the spirit of our departed brother.

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**Fraternal Order of Police
Lodge #5**

PRESS RELEASE DECEMBER 15, 2005

On behalf of the Police Officers of F.O.P. Lodge #5, Philadelphia along with our brothers and sisters in Law Enforcement throughout the country, we are outraged, shocked, and dismayed to learn that the third Circuit Court of appeals would consider that Convicted Cop Killer Mumia Abu Jamal should get a new trial.

The facts of the case that convicted the cowardly acts of Mumia Abu Jamal on the December 09th, 1981 murder of Police Officer Danny Faulkner are still the same 24 years later.

The facts of the case have and always have been clear, concise, and overwhelming. - - consider the following:

Police arrived within moments after the incident and found Mumia Jamal sitting on the curb, wounded and only a short distance from the dead officer.

Officer Faulkner's spent bullet was found in the attackers' chest.

The attacker, Mumia Abu Jamal, was wearing a shoulder holster.

Mumia Abu Jamal's gun was registered to him, in his name.

The attackers' gun was found near him with five spent shells, two of which were in the body of the deceased Officer. [They can't get even the simplest things right. The bullet that hit Faulkner in the back was NOT in his body but never identified. The bullet in Faulkner's brain was NEVER conclusively linked to Mumia's revolver.]

In addition to a spontaneous statement, in which Mumia Jamal stated he shot the officer, [a claim that was only raised a full two to three month after the "fact." Only the most gullible can believe that a suspect can blurt out a confession to killing a cop and be overheard by almost a dozen people without this making headlines on the very following day. But the courts and the cops do believe it, or at least pretend to.] three (3) eyewitnesses positively identified Mumia Abu Jamal as the shooter at the scene of the murder. [Once again, they can't get it straight. It was just two (2) witnesses, whose eyewitness status is very questionable but whose status as untruthful witnesses is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. See below.]

One eyewitness stated she saw the officer shot in the back by Mumia Abu Jamal.

Another eyewitness testified he never lost sight of the defendant (Jamal), from the time he shot the officer, until police placed him in custody.

Still another eyewitness testified he was so close to the shooting of the Police Officer, that the witness could see the officer's body jerk- "his whole body jerked when he was shot in the face." [The witness who claimed this, Michael Scanlan, was NOT close to the scene, but a good 20 yards away. Moreover, he almost certainly was unable to even see Faulkner's body on the sidewalk, his view being blocked by Faulkner's police car. I invite those of the recipients of this mail who are in Philadelphia to take the drive from Broad to 13th Street and Locust, pick, as Scanlan did, the left lane before the intersection and then check what they can see on the sidewalk when cars are parked in front of Locust 1234. You may also try it at 4 o'clock in the morning to get an even more realistic picture.]

The jury, multiracial [apparently, the presence of just 2 blacks already makes the jury "multiracial." A truly multiracial jury would probably make their heads spin.] in it is making up, was chosen with Mumia Jamal's personal participation [given what actually happened, this is just an extremely nasty joke] and found the evidence against him to be overwhelming. To that end, the jury, not the Judge, voted unanimously to convict Mumia Abu Jamal of First Degree Murder and imposed the death penalty because he executed Officer Faulkner in cold blood.

Mumia Abu Jamal has had numerous legal appeals through the court system including the Commonwealth Court, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, and our highest court in the land, The United States Supreme Court. His convictions were upheld at every level. [The U.S. Supreme Court never dealt with the case.]

This entire appeal is ridiculous. [Meaning: "the entire appeals process" in general. It reflects the attitude of the Phila officer who said "Maybe we should have executed Mumia then and there."] It is a smack in the face to not only the entire legal process, but to Danny Faulkner's family. How much suffering must they endure? [Mumia's family is, of course, non-existent. No suffering of his mother, wife, children and grandchildren at all!]

Enough is Enough!

Danny Faulkner is dead. He can no longer Love, Laugh or have a family - He had no appeals! [As nobody should have, in the cops' opinion, or rather, only they themselves, in the rare case when they are convicted of corruption and brutality.]

Submitted by Jim Wheeler - FOP Vice-President

[Boycott Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream](#)

August 9, 2002
Mr. Jerry Colangelo
401 E. Jefferson St
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Mr. Colangelo,

The 5700 hundred members of the Arizona State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police and the 300,000 members nation wide respectfully request that you remove Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream products form Bank One Ballpark, and replace them with a vender who has not taken a stance against Law and Order in the United States.

On December 9, 1981, Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner was brutally murdered by Wesley Cook. Cook, AKA Mumia Abu-Jamal. He was convicted in 1982 and since then has been imprisoned on death row awaiting execution. During his twenty year stay on death row Mumia Abu-Jamal has become somewhat of a celebrity and has received the support of numerous people who are opposed to the death penalty. One of which is Mr. Ben Cohen the co-owner of Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream.

Although Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream has been sold to Unilever United States Inc., he and the co-founder Mr. Jerry Greenfield continue to run the day to day operations of the company.

Every time a police officer enters Bank One Ballpark, whether they be a resident of Arizona, or a resident of another state including Pennsylvania they are reminded by the signs advertising Ben and Jerry's Ice cream that the person responsible for Officer Faulkner's death has not received the punishment for this hennas act.

By your removing their product from Bank One Ballpark, you will send the message that the Diamondback organization, along with the residents and Police officers of the state of Arizona, stand firmly behind our law enforcement brothers and sisters of the Fraternal Order of Police in Philadelphia and throughout the United States.

[Free speech must be punished by those who are supposedly its protectors - the police. Opposing the death penalty is a horrific crime and act of disobedience that must be fought at any cost.]

Thank you,

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Abu-Jamal wants court to hear man claiming to be killer

By Jacqueline Soteropoulos
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Attorneys for Mumia Abu-Jamal want the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to personally hear from their star defense witness - a man who claims he is the true killer of Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel J. Faulkner.

“We are asking the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to allow us to bring Arnold Beverly before [the justices] so he can explain to them how he killed Officer Faulkner and how Mumia Abu-Jamal had nothing to do with it,” defense lawyer Eliot Lee Grossman said today. “The Supreme Court should allow Arnold Beverly to come into court, face to face with them.”

In legal motions filed today with the state’s highest court, Abu-Jamal’s defense team is seeking to throw out the 20-year-old murder conviction.

In 1999, a man named Arnold Beverly signed an affidavit saying that he — not Abu-Jamal - fatally shot Faulkner. Beverly claimed he was hired by rogue cops to assassinate the decorated officer.

But Assistant District Attorney Hugh Burns said today that the court was unlikely to grant the unusual request [This request is not unusual at all. Just a few days ago, a convicted German got a new hearing not least on account of a journalistic investigation that dug up very similar testimony. In the famous case of Rolando Cruz and Alejandro Hernandez, the true killer of the ten-year old girl Jeanine Nicario had confessed to the murder, and the defense desperately but vainly tried to put him on the stand. Even though the prosecution finally had to let the two innocent man go, the Nicario murder went unpunished – no prosecutorial effort here to bring closure to the family. And there are scores of other cases where the confession of the real perpetrator played a role, not least the so called case of the Central Park Jogger.] and dismissed Beverly’s alleged confession as not supported by evidence.

“It’s an appellate court, so it doesn’t have testimony or command performances of ‘hit-men’ or other entertainers,” Burns said with sarcasm.

“All the eyewitnesses saw Abu-Jamal do it. [There were just two "eyewitnesses" who claimed they "saw Abu-Jamal do it," namely, Cynthia White and Robert Chobert. And loo and behold, of all the witnesses, these two are the most suspicious two, not only in that they again and again changed their testimony, but in many other respects as well. Three different witnesses have testified that White was subjected to severe blackmail, and there is very good evidence that Chobert

was not even in the place where he claimed to have been and actually did not see what happened.] They did not see Arnold Beverly,” Burns said.

According to prosecutors, the 25-year-old Faulkner was killed after he pulled over a vehicle driven by William Cook, Abu-Jamal's brother, on Dec. 9, 1981. When Cook got into a scuffle with Faulkner, Abu-Jamal shot Faulkner in the back.

As he fell, Faulkner drew his gun and shot Abu-Jamal in the chest. [Physically impossible since the bullet that wounded Mumia in the chest traveled downward, not upward, as this scenario would demand.] Abu-Jamal stood over Faulkner and fired four more shots, [This is a thoroughly discredited lie. Check out the existing photographs of the sidewalk after the Faulkner murder - there is NOT ONE TINY TRACE of the three shots that supposedly missed Faulkner. All the same, the courts, most journalists, and of course the cops keep repeating the scenario like a mantra.] one of which hit him between the eyes.

Abu-Jamal, a former radio reporter and activist, has attracted international attention from those who believe he may be innocent and who oppose the death penalty. A handful of supporters attended the press conference today outside of City Hall.

In December 2001, U.S. District Judge William H. Yohn Jr. overturned Abu-Jamal's death sentence, ruling that he either be sentenced to life in jail or be given a new death-penalty hearing.

Prosecutors are appealing Yohn's ruling, seeking to reinstate the death penalty. Abu-Jamal's lawyers are also appealing Yohn's decision that a new trial was unwarranted. Those federal appeals, before the Third Circuit, are on hold until Abu-Jamal's state appeals are settled.

Abu-Jamal is jailed at Greene prison in southwest Pennsylvania.

Burns said Faulkner's widow, Maureen, continues to follow Abu-Jamal's multiple appeals.

“Her morale is good, [wonderful that the hope that a defenseless person will be killed after more than 20 years in a maximum security prison keeps her spirits high] but that's not to say she isn't incredibly frustrated,” Burns said. “One thing she's never going to do is give up.”

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Ben and Jerry's Boycott /

Sometimes it's HARD to solve a murder case.....

Sometimes, there are no witnesses. Sometimes, detectives and forensic scientists spend months, even years, piecing together the evidence.

Sometimes it's VERY easy.....

In 1981, Mumia Jamal was a Philadelphia Taxi Driver named Wesley Cook. Cook stood in the middle of a city street, in front of several witnesses, and shot Officer Daniel Faulkner in the back. The witnesses watched as Cook stood over the fallen officer and emptied his gun into the officer's face. Police arrived within moments, and Mumia was caught red-handed at the scene, the murder weapon still in his possession. The witnesses watched as the cold blooded killer was arrested and

loaded into the back of a police wagon. [This is all a heavily emotionalized pack of lies, down to the details of which I can't go into here.]

Cook was transported to the hospital, since the heroic officer had managed to draw his weapon and return fire before dying. Cook bragged to emergency room staff that he had shot the “pig”, [wasn't the term supposed to be “motherfucker”?] and that he hoped he was dead.

The murder weapon was registered to Wesley Cook himself. Ballistics test proved that this gun, recovered at the scene, fired the bullets that killed Officer Faulkner. [A flat-out lie. At Mumia's trial, the prosecution's expert testified that the bullet that killed Faulkner could have been fired by “millions” of .38 caliber weapons in the country.] The bullet removed from Wesley Cook was proven to have come from Officer Faulkner's service weapon.

The trial was called a "Prosecutor's Dream". Mumia had mountains of evidence [On closer inspection, the mountains turn out to be molehill, and even that molehill has completely collapsed long ago.] and a parade of eyewitnesses [Eyewitnesses who were not there (Robert Chobert), threatened with death (Cynthia White), testified to things they couldn't have seen (Michael Scanlan) or – cops!] stacked against him. There has never been even the slightest doubt that Mumia murdered Officer Faulkner. Not then, not now.

Sometimes there's a defense.....

There is no explanation being offered by the defense as to how anyone other than Wesley Cook, now known as “Mumia Jamal”, could have possibly committed the murder. Mumia himself has never denied that he killed Officer Faulkner. [Another lie.] He has hinted that it was self-defense, and has stated that Officer Faulkner was an oppressor of the people and that he deserved to die. Mumia's brother was present and witnessed the shooting, yet even his own brother does not deny that Mumia is the killer. [Still another lie; already in 1995, Rachel Wolkenstein represented to the PCRA court that Billy had told her that Mumia was not the killer.]

Sometimes there is remorse and compassion.....

There are over 3,000 people on death row today. Some of them have compelling stories to tell. Some of them were convicted under questionable circumstance. Some of them are remorseful. None of that applies to Mumia Jamal. Jamal has publicly advocated the murder of police officers. [Nonsense. Why not quote him to this effect? Because no such quote exists!] He has never retracted those statements, and has publicly taunted Officer Faulkner's widow. [Another long discredited lie. Linn Washington Jr. and others have written about this incident that never happened and conclusively shown that Mumia was not even in the courtroom at the time he supposedly taunted Maureen Faulkner.]

Sometimes there are LIES.....

It's hard to believe how completely gullible some people can be. Here are some of the lies that Mumia supporters have used to trick people, like Ben Cohen, into supporting their cause...

LIE: Mumia did not receive a fair trial.

FACT: No judge [including, what a surprise, Mumia's PCRA judge by the name of Albert F. Sabo, reviewing his own fairness as a trial judge] has ever reviewed the case and found any fault with Mumia's trial. This case has been under a microscope for two decades, scrutinized by scores

of judges, and not a single one has ever formed the opinion that his trial was unfair. The PA Supreme Court [stacked with the most partisan cop-endorsed judges, including the completely crazy Ronald Castille, who also was the opposing District Attorney in Mumia's 1989 appeal - talk about impartiality!] often bitterly divided, was UNANIMOUS in ruling that Mumia had received a fair trial, and they went so far as to take the unusual step of calling Mumia's defense claims "remarkable" and "incredible". They even chastised Mumia's defense in their written opinion, admonishing them for being untruthful in their arguments.

LIE: The Judge at Mumia trial was a racist who sentenced more black men to death than any other judge in the state.

FACT: Judges do not pass death sentences in the state of PA. Only juries can pass death sentences. Mumia was sentenced to death by a jury of his peers. The Judge in the case, Judge Sabo, was by no means a favorite of the appeals courts. They had overturned his decisions in previous trials on more than one occasion. [Even they can't really deny that Sabo was a sinister and awful man.] His handling of the Mumia trial has been under a microscope for two decades. Every judge who has ever reviewed the case has upheld every one of his decisions in the Mumia trial. The PA Supreme Court went so far as to commend Sabo for maintaining order in his court room despite Mumia's attempts to turn it into a circus. The court also took the rare step of chastising Mumia's defense for making things up.

LIE: The jury that convicted Mumia was racially stacked against him.

FACT: 16 judges, including the PA Supreme Court, have ruled this to be untrue. The jury was a perfect reflection of Philadelphia at the time. And unlike most other criminals, Mumia actually had a chance to personally select his jury. [A bunch of bullshit yet again. He was very specifically excluded from that process since his presence as a questioner, unbelievably, supposedly "frightened" potential jury members, and had to pose his questions through judge Albert F. Sabo.] Court record reveals that Mumia was granted total control over which questions to ask the jury and was able to control each of his 20 preemptory challenges. [This is just laughable. Look up the actual record on the my website www.againstthecrimeofsilence.de.]

LIE: Mumia was not allowed represent himself at his trial.

FACT: Mumia did act as his own defense. Mumia had no legal training and attempted to use the trial to make political statements. Judge Sabo appointed an experienced capital crime defense attorney to sit next to Mumia and advise him. Incredibly, Mumia objected to this. [This defies comment. Mumia's "lawyer," Anthony Jackson, did NOT have experience as a lead counsel in any capital case, despite the cop's oft-repeated lie that he "had more than 20 capital/homicide cases under his belt." The death penalty was reinstated in Pennsylvania only in 1978, and from 1978-81, Jackson had a full-time job at a cop-monitoring organization in Philadelphia, leaving him little if any time to try homicide or capital cases.]

LIE: Mumia is a political prisoner. He is the "Voice of the Voiceless", a famous radio personality and former black panther, the police framed him so they could silence him and his politically volatile message.

FACT: Mumia Jamal was just an unknown taxi driver named Wesley Cook when he murdered Officer Faulkner. It is highly unlikely that any of the arresting officer's had ever heard of him or of the late night radio show he had done on a college radio station years previous. [It is indeed unlikely that the cops listened to progressive Black radio shows. All the same, they knew Mumia

very well since he reported regularly from the MOVE trials and was for a while stationed right opposite the police HQ. See the biography by Terry Bisson, "Ona move.]" If they had heard of him, it is extremely unlikely that they would have recognized his face from a radio show. It is nearly certain that none of those street cops [but the ranking police officer at the scene, the corrupt cop Alphonso Giordano, not only made up the first false confession story that was used to set the machinery of death against Mumia into motion, but also constantly referred to Mumia as "Wesley Cook", indicating that he knew very well who Mumia was] were privy to FBI files that named Cook as a former member of the Black Panthers. The cops arrived at the scene within moments of the shooting and arrested Mumia on the spot. There was no time, nor the necessity, to construct a frame up. Mumia became famous after he murdered Officer Faulkner.

LIE: Mumia's gun was a .38, while the bullet that killed Faulkner was a .44 cal.

FACT: Ballistics tests have proved beyond any doubt that Mumia's gun was the murder weapon. [It is really amazing how you than tell the most brazen lies without flipping an eye-lid.] Even Mumia's defense-paid ballistics expert has admitted under oath that it was "probably" Mumia's gun which was the murder weapon. [Another example for what I just said. Compare this to defense expert George Fassnacht's actual testimony.] There is no ballistics evidence whatsoever to suggest otherwise. A medical examiner with no ballistics training recovered the bullet from Faulkner's body and guessed that it might have been a .44 cal. The defense has grasped at this off-hand comment as "proof" that Mumia was framed! [Untrue once again. Actually, the defense complained that the .44 cal comment was deliberately withheld from the jury.] The medical examiner has testified that he has no ballistics training and is not qualified to testify as to the caliber of the bullet.

LIE: Mumia's defense was given only \$150 to prepare it's case, so he was unable to hire expert witnesses and investigators.

FACT: At the time, every defendant was given \$150 to start with. What Mumia's supporters fail to mention is that Mumia was given \$13,000.00 (about \$36,000.00 in today's dollars), which he used to hire a criminologist, a ballistics expert, a personal court stenographer, several individuals functioning as "legal runners", and an investigator. This was well in excess of the customary level of support offered to a defendant accused of murder in Philadelphia in 1982. [Just as the \$ 150 bit above, an interesting comment on the criminal justice system in Philadelphia at the time. But the cops fail to mention how long it took to get these \$ 13,000, that in the meantime, the defense had to look on its own where to get that money, and they fail to mention that these 13,000 covered ALL defense expenses including Anthony Jackson's fee. The remaining princely sum was hardly enough to hire ANY qualified experts, and indeed, Mumia finally ended up not having a single one.]

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Ben Cohen schemes to "increase profits" by supporting a cop-killer.

Ben Cohen, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's, co-authored a book titled "Ben & Jerry's Double-Dip : How to Run a Values-Led Business and Make Money, Too ". This book explains "How your

commitment to worthy social causes will result in unprecedented customer and employee loyalty - and increased profit".

Ben Cohen believes that it's good for business to become involved in social causes. One of the social causes he has chosen to become involved in is the "Free Mumia Jamal" movement. He signed his name to a petition which appeared in a full page ad in the New York Times. The words "Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream" appeared on the petition, next to his name. When people became angry about Cohen's actions, he posted this statement on the B&J web site;

"Scores of American legal scholars, including former United States Attorney General Ramsey Clark, have reviewed the trial of Mumia Abu-Jamal and concluded that he did not receive a fair trial. In the interests of justice, these scholars have called for a new and impartial trial. I am in no position to judge his guilt or innocence. For all I know, a new and impartial trial could find him guilty again. But the American system of justice must be fair and must be perceived as fair. So I have supported the former U.S. Attorney General in calling for a new trial to properly establish Jamal's guilt or innocence. I take this position as a concerned citizen, not as an officer of any company or organization."

Ben Cohen cites former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark as one of the "legal scholars" who believes that Mumia did not receive a fair trial. Ramsey Clark also believes that the USA should be tried for war crimes against Iraq. [As indeed they should, which for these authoritarian characters is of course unimaginable.] Does Cohen have any of his own reasons for thinking Mumia's trial was not fair? He seems to be saying that he has formed his opinion simply because he believes some people who call themselves "scholars".

All of the many judges who have reviewed this case over the past two decades have unanimously decided that Ramsey Clark and his "scholar" friends are wrong. [Once many judges" have spoken, all is settled and no questions need to be raised anymore, but with one exception: When a judge deviates even an inch from their deadly agenda, this is "sick" and "twisted" (Maureen Faulkner on Judge Yohn's decision to set aside Mumia's death sentence), or the cops are "outraged, shocked, and dismayed," as with the current Dec. 6 2005 federal court decision.]

Cohen's claim that he took this position as a concerned citizen, not as an officer of any company, is an outright lie. On the "Free Mumia" petition, he signed his name right next to the words "Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream", and we know from his book that commitment to "worthy social causes" such as Mumia Jamal is done with the intent of creating "customer and employee loyalty -- and increased profits". [They can't seem to comprehend that one can identify oneself as an officer of company so and so without speaking in the name of the company. Not astonishing for types whose identity basically reduces to being a cop.]

Ben Cohen needs to learn that supporting cop killers is no way to make money.

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We need to be prepared for more vicious diatribes such as the ones above. In exposing their lies we can help the truth prevail. MS, March 5, 2006.