

HOW YOU CAN HELP...

We need your help. We are in desperate need of emergency funds to operate the small office, which is all volunteer. We need money for postage, printing, and telephones.

We need you to write or call the prison system and let them know we are watching the case of Eddie Hatcher.

This address is:

Theodis Beck, Secretary
N.C. Department of Correction
214 West Jones Street
Box 4201
Raleigh, NC 27699-4201
Fax: (919) 733-4790

We need you to write the following news organizations and ask that they closely monitor this case.

WRAL-TV 5
P.O. Box 12000
Raleigh, NC 27606
Fax: (919) 821-8541

WTVD-TV 11
P.O. Box 2243
Fayetteville, NC 28302
Fax: (910) 323-0120

Fayetteville-Observer
203 North Elm Street
Lumberton, NC 28359
Fax: (910) 738-7742

Associated Press
Dennis Patterson
Suite 300
4020 West Chase Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27607-3933
Fax: (919) 834-1078

We need you to contact these people and demand that Eddie receive a fair trial.

Governor Jim Hunt
Office of the Governor
116 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27603-8001
Fax: (919) 715-3175

Attorney General Michael Easley
2nd Floor Justice Building
2 East Morgan Street - P.O. Box 629
Raleigh, NC 27602
Fax: (919) 716-6750

Senator Frank Ballance
Room 53 Legislature Office Building
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

U.S. Senator John Edwards
825 Hart Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: (202) 224-3154

Thank you for your support. Please copy this brochure and distribute them at colleges, universities, events and within your community.

You can write to Eddie Hatcher at:

Central Prison
1300 Western Blvd.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Eddie Hatcher

Execution Date ????



District Attorney Johnson Britt and the media of Robeson County, North Carolina have already convicted Eddie Hatcher and called for his execution! Will the Native Americans and African Americans of Robeson County and North Carolina allow the white establishment to put Eddie Hatcher to death?

ONLY YOU CAN STOP THIS...

Call or write
The Eddie Hatcher Defense Committee
P.O. Box 2702
Pembroke, NC 28379
(910) 521-8850
Tuscarora Tribe Fax (919) 521-1996

On June 1, 1999, Indian activist Eddie Hatcher was surrounded at a busy intersection by dozens of state and local agents and thrown to the pavement, handcuffed and arrested. He was charged with First Degree Murder and other weapons charges. Eddie was immediately taken to North Carolina's highest security prison, Central Prison, and placed in maximum lockup next to death row.

Robeson County District Attorney Johnson Britt says Eddie Hatcher should be put to death. The state seeks the death penalty because of Eddie's past convictions - that being the takeover of the Robesonian.

EDDIE HATCHER FORMER POLITICAL PRISONER

Eddie Hatcher is known worldwide for his action of February 1, 1988 when he occupied the offices of the Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton, North Carolina. Eddie demanded that the government investigate local and state officials's involvement in major drug trafficking; investigations into more than two dozen unsolved murders, mostly natives and black; investigations into the local judicial system, and investigations into the death of a young African American who died under suspicious circumstances in the Robeson County jail. The takeover ended peacefully. Eddie became the first person prosecuted by the Federal Government under Ronald Reagan's 1984 Anti-Terrorist Act. Eddie was classified a terrorist. Between his arrest and his federal

trial, seven witnesses scheduled to offer testimony to support Eddie's allegations of government drug trafficking were murdered or died under suspicious circumstances. After a 3 week trial where Eddie was ordered to represent himself by U.S. Judge T. Boyle, the jury of 12 found Eddie not guilty on all counts. The jury said he was justified in his actions. Six weeks later, Eddie was re-indicted by the State of North Carolina for the same charges the jury had found him not guilty on. Eddie's attorneys, including William Kunstler was removed from the courtroom by Judge R. Farmer and again Eddie was forced to represent himself. On February 14, 1990 Eddie was sentenced to 18 years with a projected parole date of 1992. He was forced to serve 7 years and was not released until May 1995, after he was denied medical treatment by the prison for AIDS related pneumonia contracted in prison, and almost died. He was then held on house arrest and intensive parole for an additional two years, 1997. The documentary "Takeover: The Trials of Eddie Hatcher" which was released in 1998 is an award winning documentary that has received countless awards across the country. It has been shown several times on PBS stations nationwide. It details Eddie Hatcher's life and his long battles with a corrupt, racist government. Many prominent people including Senators, Congressmen, movie stars as well as the National Council of Churches and Amnesty International had demanded the release prior to May 1995. In fact, in 1993, the Council of Churches voted to officially recognize Eddie as a political prisoner. The first time this had been done.

AFTER PAROLE

In 1998, after completing all paroles, Eddie returned to Robeson County and again became very vocal in local politics even expressing possible intentions of running for public office. Now the D.A. and the State of North Carolina say that Eddie Hatcher drove down a dark, country road, in a 5-speed truck, on a curve, and shot through a house that sits down a slope, some 200+ feet from the road, and hit a man right between the eyes with a high powered rifle. Eddie was shot himself in November causing permanent disability to his left arm. Eddie could not have performed that feat. Yet, if the corrupt courts of North Carolina continue as they have, Eddie will receive the death penalty. Now Eddie sits in maximum lockup in Central Prison. He refused government appointed attorneys and was ordered to represent himself by Judge F. Floyd. Judge Floyd implied in open court that as long as Eddie had writing paper and a pen, this was all he needed to defend himself on a capital murder charge.

This is Robeson County. This is North Carolina...the Mississippi of the New Millenium.

On July 23, 1999, Eddie Hatcher refused any further medical treatment and refused to continue taking his AIDS medication. Eddie stated publically, "I would rather accept the consequences of this than submit to government sanctioned inhumanity.