

"I KILLED THE FUCKING GUY BECAUSE HE RAPED ME"

On the evening of March 19, 1974, in Soledad, California, Inez Garcia was raped and beaten by two men, Miquel Jimenez and Louis Castillo, friends of her roommate, Fred Medrano. Her husband, who she cares for, is currently in prison. The two men arrived at the two bedroom apartment about 8 pm asking to see Fred. He arrived about 15 minutes later to find Louis and Miquel drinking by themselves. They picked a fight with Fred shortly after he arrived. Afterwards, Fred started picking up the apartment and Inez showed the two men to the door. She stepped outside to be sure that they left. They grabbed her and dragged her to the allyway. There, they verbally abused her, tore her clothing and then raped her leaving her dazed. They left. (Where Fred was during all this is not apparent in the reports) She pulled herself together and made it back to the apartment. The phone rang. It was Miquel and Louis. Laughing about what they had done to her, they threatened to kill her if she did not leave town. She loaded a 22 caliber rifle and went to find them. She found them only five blocks away, beating up Fred. She shouted out their names. She saw Miquel pull a knife. He threw it at Inez. She ducked, firing 5 or 6 shots. Miquel fell dead. This is a clear case of self-defense against an armed assailant.

She missed Louis and Fred entirely. She said in court: "I killed the fucking guy because he raped me." and "I'm not sorry that I did it. The only thing I'm sorry about is that I missed Louis."

Regardless of what she said in court, the facts stand that she fired 5 or 6 shots and killed Miquel who had thrown a knife at her. She missed Louis and Fred entirely in fact. Self-defense.

We agree with Inez. We're sorry that she missed Louis. And, what about Fred? Where was he when she was being verbally abused, assaulted, and raped by his two friends behind their two bedroom apartment?

It took only 5½ months to convict Inez Garcia. According to New York Women Against Rape, it takes the courts 2 years to set FREE rapists.

We protest the conviction of Inez Garcia on 2nd degree murder. We demand she be acquitted by Judge Stanley Lawson, Courthouse, 1244 Via Paraiso, Salinas, California 93901. We request Fred be questioned. We demand information on why Inez was refused a medical examination. We demand to know why Judge Lawson has failed to conduct an investigation on the issue of rape. Why did the assistant district attorney say "Rape is preposterous."

This demonstration, at the former site of the women's House of Detention, Greenwich and Sixth Avenues, New York City, Monday, October 21 st, noontime on, is part of an International Demonstration in support of Inez Garcia. An appeal will probably follow. Please send money to and for more information write: Feminist Women's Health Center, 2930 McClure St., Oakland, California, 94706.

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