



Michael Kimble, 1965 -
Taken From a June 11th Collective's 2020 Statement
(2020)

"I was arrested and charged with the murder of a white, racist homophobe in November 1986 while walking with a friend late at night. I defended myself and my friend from attack after being called various racist and homophobic names... In 1987 I was found guilty of murder and sentenced to a life sentence after a farce of a trial. My court-appointed attorney neglected to put forth a vigorous defence, and my friend who was with me during the attack testified for the prosecution after being arrested for an-other crime and given leniency in return for testifying for the state."

Michael Kimble

Since his conviction, Michael has been fervently involved in efforts to free himself and others, assisting in legal defence for fellow inmates, organising reading groups and Black History events, speaking up for queer folks behind bars, and helping to organise and agitate alongside the Free Alabama Movement for the historic national prison strike of September 2016.

During his first years of imprisonment, Michael embraced communism, but soon moved away from it and toward anarchy because, as he describes it "anarchism is not about building a hierarchical structure for liberation somewhere in the distant future, but about living your life, now, in a fashion that's liberating."

He has been supported by anarchists who have held events, done graffiti, plotted campaigns and demonstrations for him. He is also supported as one of the June 11 - International Day Of Solidarity With Long-Term Anarchist Prisoners alongside Marius Mason, Joaquín García and others.

In prison Michael has also written several short articles, which can be found on his supporters website. Along with an address to write him letters and other ways to support him.

