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Wanbli: Oso's a warrior and many of us claim to be warriors and fight in our own way. And he took it upon himself to find a way to fight in a way that he could. In 1998-99 Oso expropriated funds from several banks and the funds he expropriated he relayed to the Zapatista movement in Mexico to help those people down there in a real life and death struggle to save their land from a government that was reproaching upon it killing their women and children and their men destroying their own land from a people who decided to stand up and fight. That's a hard decision to make and I am proud he made that decision and I am proud I am able to work a little for him to get some rights restored for him and to try to get a sentence reduction I think I have Velma on the line with me Velma are you there?

Velma: Yeah hi Wanbli sorry I had the time wrong I had the time mixed up I heard what you were saying and I agree completely with you that we need to get Byron's sentence commuted I think it's worth a try I think he showed a lot of heart when he did what he did. you know when someone has priorities and they involve for the greater good and it goes against what particularly the feds believe is wrong then you don't have a fighting chance and I think it's time to stand up in solidarity for not only Byron but for all or a lot of political prisoners

Wanbli: That's one point that needs to be very clearly made. Byron is a political prisoner and you can see that very clearly in what happened w/him in his sentencing . He is serving over 80 years for exp funds from banks. people serve 8-10 years for *killing* people and he serving 80 years for bank robbery. the thing to me that stands out is to me this is not an 80 year sentence this is a death sentence. That is actually a death sentence. to think he would survive 80 years inside a usp is insane. so what they have done in their arrogance and in their belief that nobody cares and in their belief that no body will stand up for our brothers they said "boy were going to put u in their for 80 years and your going to die in their" well and you know what Velma I think we can make enough noise where they are going to be sadly diappointed because we art going to make some changes for Byron and you what I would like for you to do if you would If you would just give people a run down on Byron on the case and anything you the case and what you would like them to know on the case. I know he was shot during escape in the back wasn't he?

Velma: No, no when he escaped he got away and he actually lasted I think it was about three months escaping and when he did I mean it's proven there's actual footage of him in the banks there is no disputing that he actually did rob more banks and the funds I mean the supplies did go down to Mexico from those bank robberies. But what Id like to point out is that he was actually targeted and I believe that if I build my documentary up and I start from the beginning and if you just look at the headlines themselves ok the feds when they were looking for him they lied and they said on the.... front page of the newspaper they announced that Byron's mother Mother Melody had claimed that he would go down fighting and that he would actually have a shootout with them ok but this was a complete lie on their part so to me they were building up their rationalization and justification for when they did run into him and they did finally capture him that if they killed him they had a story line to

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back up their lies cause I really believe in my heart and soul that they were going to kill him and they knew that they were going to kill him when they went to capture him and then what really proves my point and my theory is that they actually did end up shooting him in the back with an ~~m~~^A15 and it actually came up in trial and the Judge actually asked what is this kill zone because when they had him in their cross hairs they said he was in the kill zone. He didn't have his hands up he didn't even know he was in their cross hairs and they shot him

Wanbli: Well to be shot in the back that's the whole point to be shot in the back

Velma: And how do you pose a threat that's my whole case is that I thought that when they see you I do know that the judges in the court even all the way up to the supreme court when it comes to cops and their justifiably shooting someone they have to prove that their life was in danger and that's understandable I mean when someone pulls a gun out on you well then in self defense and in wearing blue you are going to shoot them cause that's probably how you got trained you know.. but he was not a threat he was not posing a threat they were very far away from him when they shot him and they shot him through the heart but for some reason the bullet just missed his heart and it went around when it came out it hit his breast plate and so because of that it left a little bitty hole because the bone actually blocked it. but they cant tell me that they weren't trying to kill him and so here we come up to this case and point: When they go and they hold a fiduciary duty that is the difference between being a criminal and being a cop they are the ones who hold the oath and they don't take it seriously anymore they even planned to murder someone that gets in their way... and I would like to eventually... my doc is going to build on this theory there is an fbi files on byron so why cant I use my..... freedom of speech and put my theroy out there?

Wanbli: You can apply through foia for everything concerning Byron. And I will help you if you want and we can get every document on him. You need access to them, his father needs access to them, Jericho needs access to them and theyre available. It may take time to get them but we got time. What we will try to do is limit the time he does if not a commutation than possibly a sentence reduction because the sentence in itself is absolutely outlandish. 80 years for robbing a bank well not a bank several banks 4 bank robbery..... and what people don't understand is that with federal sentencing guidelines now there is no parole. There's no goodtime: You do 80 years!!! I know we've asked people to make donations to Jericho. I've put out several notices about that. and to try for sentence reduction and to try and get a transfer and if I understand correctly if the lawyer cannot get the sentence reduction he will refund the funds 4 the effort is that correct?

Velma: Yes that's correct they are actually a lawyer firm that deals directly with the BOP and they are.... Byron himself is who applied to them then he sent me the paperwork they sent him and what we need is we need Mapache well we need the crew we need everybody... to raise the 1000. It didn't seem to take that long for Sinapu and Mapache to raise the money they used to go toward the lawyer for the transport to get him moved out of there. Now that lawyer is currently working on his transport but he's being very meticulous cause he doesn't want anything to slip through the cracks now at the same time Byron is being a little restless... but because of course I know what it's like to be inside and you get very restless in there cause things aren't happening on the same time concentration days go by...

Wanbli: Right more time to think about it more time to get impatient to worry. Now we need to explain to people that Mapache is Byron's father is that correct?

Velma No no no Byrons father's name is John. Mapache is well I like to call him a foot soldier but he's not a literal foot soldier but hes a foot soldier for Byron and they had an event on April 10 for Byron in Inglewood and I met Mapache he came and stayed with Mother Melody and I for Christmas. Him and Sinapu and they are wonderful supporters and I think they are part of the black anarchist cross and mapache he's supposed to be calling but I think he might have the time wrong too. I will text him here in a minute. He's done a wonderful job supporting him I think personally that he is getting a lot of heat from the police because of it once it became publicized actually in LA which is very sad. Now some people they don't think I should be talking about this stuff but I believe in the power you know if you remain silent especially when it comes to the authorities I feel personally and passionately that you are in a lot more danger

Wanbli: Let me tell you something talk about it talk about talk about it.

Velma: I strongly believe in that. I myself have gone head to head and toe to toe I mean Im not proud of it but I am proud that it seems as that my voice kept them from abusing their powers as much as they could have that when I have personally have gone through it with them and it's the same police force and the same exact detectives that Byron was getting beat and shot by 20 years ago. There the same exact people. They're just detectives now instead of cops

Wanbli: The thing is we have to use our voices we should never have fear of using our voices ever no matter who you have to direct it at. The people that we direct our voices at are people just like us they may have better abilities then us to do certain things but if we are all using our voice they cant shut us all up and ill be real truthful I don't think they have the balls to shut us all up.... they haven't shut me up ive been on this show for a very long time and they haven't shut me up and I dare them to shut me up I dare them to try and shut me up they're not going to shut me up

Velma: I completely agree with you I hope I don't insult the native people but it seems like the fact that because the natives tend to be more quiet on a whole then the feds or white people or whatever you want to call them walked all over you for a while. Until people like you came out and said you know what Im gonna do what I can and I am going to use your method cause you have to fight fire with fire.

Wanbli: The first thing you have to understand is what you have to do when your dealing with these idiots is we have to play there game so we have to play in their field but we can beat them at their own rules and we also have to understand that they are going to cheat every chance they get...and once you start making enough noise then they are going to try and counter and every day when you plan your work you have to understand how they are going to counter your work...Now if you would go back where he was originally arrested where was he arrested at?

Velma: You mean when he got captured.? When he was captured and shot? Or the very first time he got arrested?

Wanbli: No the very first time

Velma: Well it goes way back and Im not real real privy to exactly what happened the first time. I do know that when they first went after him about the bank robberies I think there was an anonymous tip and this I do know because he wrote me and told me specifics about this and this was in 1998 I believe. He was in a house here in Albuq on Decatur with his family and his family consisted of his wife the mother of his child who was 6 months pregnant. Well Byron was going to his house and he was actually going into the back door and his wife she tells him there's men here and she did not specify that they were cops and these two white men were in plain clothes they were in his bedroom hiding out and when He came in and pushed his way through the back door cause he wanted to know is my wife in danger you know who are these guys are they rival gang members are they trying to hurt my wife so he pushed his way through the door and he got shot at by these two white guys that's all he knew at the time so he took the gun away and he got into a-- he calls it an old western shoot out with these guys who he has no idea who they are and he gets the gun away and he wrestles with the one guy and he runs out the front door and he hears a gun shot and his wife screaming. So he thought oh my god these guys these rival gang members or whoever they are they just shot my wife so he went around to another house cause the apts are all connected and he went back in to see if his wife was ok and these two guys were gone. And so his sister in law his wife's sister says you got to go those were the feds and Byron looks at her and says wait a minute those ain't the feds if those were the feds they'd be suited up there would be a bunch of them. Well at that moment they were now suiting up down the street and so now they go and they publicize it immediately as though Byron shot at these two cops. Who at the time he still didn't believe his sister in law that they were cops cause the feds don't come and stay in your bedroom in plain clothes with guns and shoot at you... they came that close they were an inch away when they shot at him. ..so he decides that these girls have lost it there's no way that these guys are feds. And so when he decides to run from the place they attack him with the dog and there is a question about why they didn't shoot him they shot him with the bean bags the questionable part is that they claim(if we pull out the records id like to see what it says) but they think there is a kid running next to him. And he believes that it was actually a spirit that was protecting him because they actually said on the report he claims that the feds said who is that kid who is running next to him so that's why they shot him with the bean bags. And as he lay there on the ground they were discussing who this kid was he never saw this kid he doesn't know what they are talking about he thinks he's dying so he saying his prayers to the creator because he thinks he had been shot. So they put the dog on him and the dog starts attacking him and he's all bit up and he's all bleeding and whatnot and they arrest him and so the reports come out later that he actually shot at the feds and when really in fact the reality of it is, and I think this is often the case, is that he didn't know who he was shooting at he just thought he was protecting his family and his dwelling and they turned it all around into this propagabda that he was shooting at feds you know they shot at him first and he didn't know they were cops and that what it comes down to!!!!

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Wanbli: That's the thing about this police state we live in now and if you have any doubt that we live in a police state you haven't woke up here lately you hear about these thugs that are in charge of law enforcement breaking in to the wrong homes killing innocent people and getting by with it because they made an honest mistake. That's the way they operate I always wondered what kind of sick human being wakes up every day and their own purpose of getting out of bed is to cause harm on others to arrest people to shoot people.....These people that are in law enforcement are very little better than Gestapo and they have very little concern for human safety. It was good that they saw the child running beside him and went to bean bags but stillthese people get by with murder and terrible things all the time. Byron he was attacked in his cell by guards what 3 or 4 months ago?

Velma: Well it started in June of last year when he got moved to Lewisburg the very first day that he was transported there he got attacked then a day after that than months after that and In November he got attacked the last time and Mapa and I think even you were involved in that- a lot of people had a call in and I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart because I personally am just being honest here I wasn't available in November when that happened to him I was in county and I felt something had happened to him and sure enough his mom wrote me and told me they had attacked him..and so when they had the call in it was very effective where they still thank God have left him alone. In fact they have unit manager there and he went to Byron he asked pleaded with him to have people back off and quit calling. Now that is what we need we need solidarity like that the money is not the issue it's the solidarity.

Wanbli: and we got that.....

Velma: and what we want now is quiet so since they are backing off and they are being quiet we don't want to cry wolf we want them to know that if they start up then we will come after them and we will come after them in solidarity- in numbers.

Wanbli: I understand where Byron took his stand he took his stand to protect and defend I honor that. To me that's a warrior To me that is a true warrior I am going to bring on Ben Carnes he has been in prison he was awarded humanitarian of the year in prison..... and Ben would you like to share anything with Velma?

Ben: She mentioned the Anarchist black cross and they have always helped prisoners.. but the idea for a lot of people they cannot conceive of robbing a bank. When I was young I wanted to be a sculpture, a goat breeder and a bank robber but my grandad Standing deer beat me to that and he was also Choctaw. I know that some indians that I met that are inside prison that have robbed banks they get frustrated they try to get the church groups to help out with certain native issues the money but they don't have the money but they put it up for all different programs and put themselves on the line and try to raise the money with struggles.... And its understandable where Byron's coming from and why he did what he did.

Velma: I told Byron one time if I had half the cajones that you have I'd do what you did but I don't. and so I will leave that to the people that do but at the same time lets just put it

this way my sister is a Sherrif's deputy and she's always been a cop even before she started earning the money she was a cop. So it's a personal thing Im gonna go out on a limb and say its personal because she follows the laws that are written so to speak. The first time as a SDeputy she has to turn her head away from the corruption that I know is embossed within the Hobbs Sherrifs Dept where she works.. I know she's had to turn her head than that is the worst kind of criminal to me. I don't care what it means to anybody else I was raised that Apathy like MLK jr said is worse than the actual crime. ... It to me and I think a lot of kids feel the same way I mean I don't say go out and rob a bank but I say look at the heart that it takes to not just rob a bank but to rob a bank and look the feds in the eye and say guess what all that money? It's over in Mexico The supplies that I had bought they are in Mexico!!

Wanbli: That takes the courage of a warrior..... We have a man who has stood up and we need to honor now that he has stood up and we need to honor that he needs to be treated correctly in the prison and we need to do everything we can to get his sentence reduced or vacated and get a transfer for him.... I think we have Mapache on the line.

Velma: YAAAAA Hi Mapa

Mapa: Hey Wanbli and Velma thanks for having me on it's a pleasure. Sorry it took me so long to call

Wanbli: That's ok thank you for joining us you've been listening to a little bit of what we were talking about..... id like to do a show twice a month for byron so if you would like to just tell us a little about what happened out there on the west coast you had a benefit out there for him last week tell us a little about that.

Mapa: ok so my name is Mapache I am with the LA chapter of Anarchist Black Cross federation of the United states and Canada and we do north American political prisoner support and what we did last week is we had a benefit to support oso Blanco/ white bear and to continue to support what he was doing for the children of Chiapas which was his mission to support native children and so we did this as a way to kinda show that we are all oso blanco in a way and on a more significant and more tangible plane we also did this to continue his mission to support the children of Chiapas through funding them and that was a way of us to be in solidarity with him and also to show at the same that steel and concrete cannot hold the native spirit to continue to support his people. So it was something that we organized that half the funds would go to schools fopr Chiapaas community and the other half would go to support a spiritual journey that he would like us to take before he goes up for clemency.

Wanbli: Was it well attended?

Mapa: Yea It was well attended there were a few hundred people there. We raised somewhere around 300 but after paying all the costs of different traveling people coming out we had 140.00 to split so we had 70 going to Chiapas children so that if you look at the difference from the dollar to the peso we had about 700.00 going down there and 70.00 to

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go to oso Blanco's defense fund or a spiritual journey that he would like me and my comrade Sinapu who are both as he says are native warriors on the outside cause we gotta remember hes in there for us so we are out here for him. and that's the same thing for the children of Chiapas they're in the third world and the zapa people are struggling so we in the first world who are in the belly of the beast who are essentially benefiting from the globalization of the neo liberal policies that are repressing them we are responsible for taking charge to support them in any way possible and by any means necessary and we had done that by taking on Osos mission by supporting them through monetary means.

Wanbli: Let me ask you for all our listeners people who listen to our program are attuned to indigenous right issues that's what we are all about thats the name of the show the ind rights program how can they support the children of Chiapas?

Mapa: SchoolsforChiapas.org...

Velma: Can I also say that we actually Jericho Paulette Dautille she made cards they are beautiful of Oso's paintings and if anyone is interested they can contact...and Im just gonna let Mapa talk cause I love what he was saying.

Mapa: Well the way that I see osos case is the way that I see first and foremost on the ground level we need to look at it as native american people in prison and brown and red people in prison the two indigenous people in the United States which is Mexicans and American Indians and if we look at it is in not a coincidence that prisons are institutions of a continuations of slavery so its not a coincidence that a majority of people in prison are black red and brown people because we were the first slaves and as our population began to diminish African people were brought over by force as well to replace us as slaves and so 95% of us were exterminated so that on its own is shocking and if you look at osos case through that we can see this is being made a slave and slavery is continuing through the penal system and the injustice system and through the prison industrial complex. on a second note however the plot kinda thickens when you add osos political history to it now osos been in a variety of different of prisons Coleman and whatnot and we have never really seen as many problems as we have in Lewisburg and I think that is because as oso said there not a lot of native prisoners who are out in the yard. Lenard Peltier and just a handful of natives are out in the yard. Everyone else is segregated into control units..... What it does is serve a function to further torture and demoralize natives by cutting them off. Osos not even allowed to sweat or engage in any other spiritual services which is a violation of the American Indian religious freedom act which was passed in the 1970's. and uh if you continue to look at his case for what it is he's on 23 hour lock down, he hardly ever goes outside he is denied phone calls, denied visits and his mother is not allowed to visit him and so he's facing two elements that are being employed by the state to constrict him and one is which a continuation of slavery and the second one he is being targeted for his political views and he is being targeted for his political work and they are afraid that he's gonna be able to organize prisoners and they are afraid that if he gets out that he is going to organize his community like he has from behind bars with groups like the anarchist black cross which I must mention there is a chapter in Albuquerque so..

Wanbli: and o what your saying their own actions make him a political prisoner.....that's what we need to understand...

Velma: He went in a political prisoner he wasn't, he didn't go in and decide oh I think Ill be a political prisoner.

Mapa: He was politicized and targeted for political actions. That is why there was a gag in him when he was in the courtroom that is why he was denied access to speak on his behalf when he was in the courtroom and as his mother explained they had some type of device that they could administer shocks to him while he was in the courtroom.
A rapist or a murderer can have access to visits and phone calls but someone who put his life on the line cant even be allowed visits.

Wanbli: I got a letter from him we can pull in effort to help we got a voice we got about 4 minutes left Velma first of all I would like to let everyone know who wants to write him here is his address drop him a card drop him a note let him know he is not alone.that he had people out here that are standing with him that are standing for him We got three minutes Velma is there anything you would like to add

Velma: Yes by all means I completely 100 percent agree with Mapache Thank you Mapa so much for calling. Please feel free we need you we need your support we need Sinapu I begged him to come with you so that you can go on your spiritual journey on your way to the Cherokee land and nation and you can come and stay with Mother Melody (Mapa starts laughing I love when he laughs Udo) and I we would love to have you we miss you. Lets get him moved to Atwater because he has so many supporters in California.....

Velma: Thank u Wanbli Eagle in Sioux Thankyou so much

Wanbli: (laughing) Your welcome it is my pleasure!!

