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Break The Chains
Rob A Bank For Chiapas

Recently, Break the Chains collective received a letter requesting correspondence from a man named Byron S. Chubbuck, who claims that he is serving time for robbing banks to fund the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas, Mexico. In his own words, "During 1998 & 1999 I started robbing many banks to send supplies to Chiapas Mexico to help the indigenous people of Mexico fight the Mexican government for land, and indigenous rights in Mexico. I found myself going secretly from my home city Albuquerque, NM, with bank robbery money to buy \$5,000 to \$15,000 of supply every two weeks until I was a victim of attempted murder by the FBI on August 13, '99."

At first we were skeptical about his story, given that we have heard nothing about him previously, and we would assume that if he is telling the truth, that we would have heard about him already from the international prisoner support community. However, after doing some research on the web, we've discovered reports and documents about Byron that lead us to the conclusion that he is telling the truth, and that he is a political prisoner.

Below is an Associated Press article from Nov. 2001:

Byron Shane Chubbuck

Off the wall, out of his mind, bold, brazen and well spoken, Byron Shane Chubbuck, AKA "Robin the Hood", was the object of the most bizarre manhunt of 2001. Chubbuck earned the nickname from local police after they learned he earmarked a portion of his take from robbing 14 local banks in 1999 to be funneled to Zapatista rebels fighting for indigenous rights in Chiapas, Mexico.

On December 21, 2000, Chubbuck escaped from a prison van in the North Valley and almost immediately started knocking off banks again. According to the news reports Chubbuck never brandished a firearm and took pride in

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A Quarter for Change

Not everyone has a lot of extra money. Its one of the realities of living in a society that places profits before people.

We fight a well funded enemy one that can raise \$50,000 at a drop of a hat. On our side we have people and a creative energy that can't be stopped.

A way you can help this project financially is actually pretty simple and painless.

Place a jar, coffee cup, etc. Someplace where you always pass when you come in at night. Everyday just drop whatever spare change you might have. At the end of the month count it up and kick it out to us. If you drop a quarter a day that's \$7.50 a month and 40 people doing this is \$300.00 a month.

Another way is when you go to the post office buy an extra stamp and donate that.

Of course we won't mention all the nifty things you can do at work in a copy shop or office. You get to give grief to your boss and we get to give grief to the Warden.

We're not asking for much. Just a quarter or two. Because without it the only people that win is the enemy.



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conducting himself in an upbeat, courteous manner during most of his heists, easily earning him Alibi's first and last "Outlaw of the year" honor. He was recaptured in a shootout with police on Feb. 7, 2001, after an associate accidentally tipped off APD to Chubbuck's whereabouts by delivering letters written by Chubbuck intended to be broadcast by 94 rock morning show host, TJ Trout. Chubbuck had also been calling Trout and airing his grievances over New Mexico's treatment of prisoners and the overall inequities in the world.

Chubbuck's wild ride came to its conclusion on OCT. 15, 2001 when US District Judge Bruce D. Black added 40 more years to his existing 40-year sentence. Perhaps in an attempt to write his own epitaph, Chubbuck told the Albuquerque tribune in September: "I am still able to hold my head up and feel the gratification for my work in a world where money, power and destructive industry are regarded far above humanity, indigenous and impoverished peoples and cultures. I cannot help that I got into my work." Write to:

Byron Shane Chubbuck, #07909051,
US Penitentiary,
PO Box 1000,
Leavenworth, KS 66049

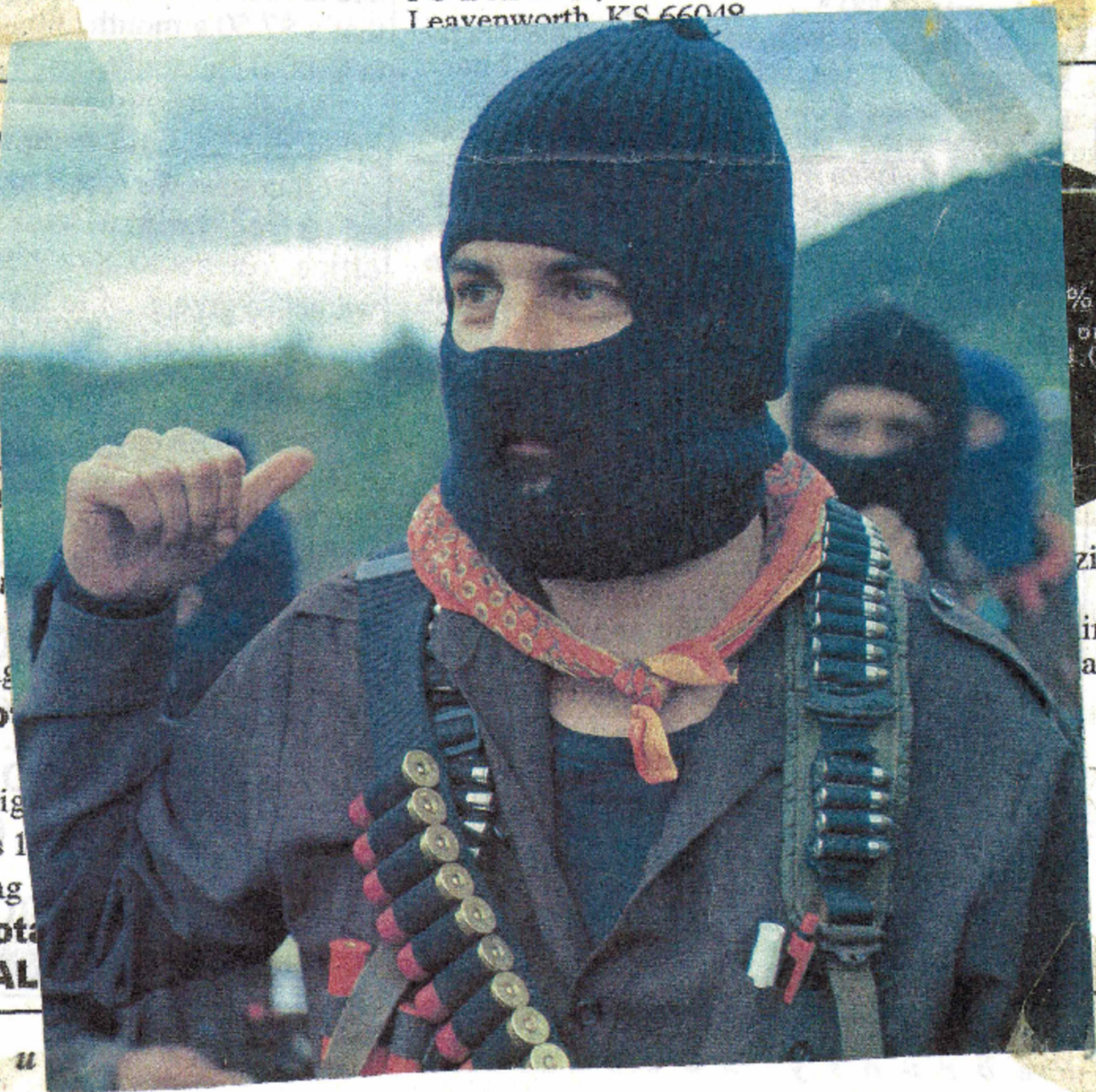
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