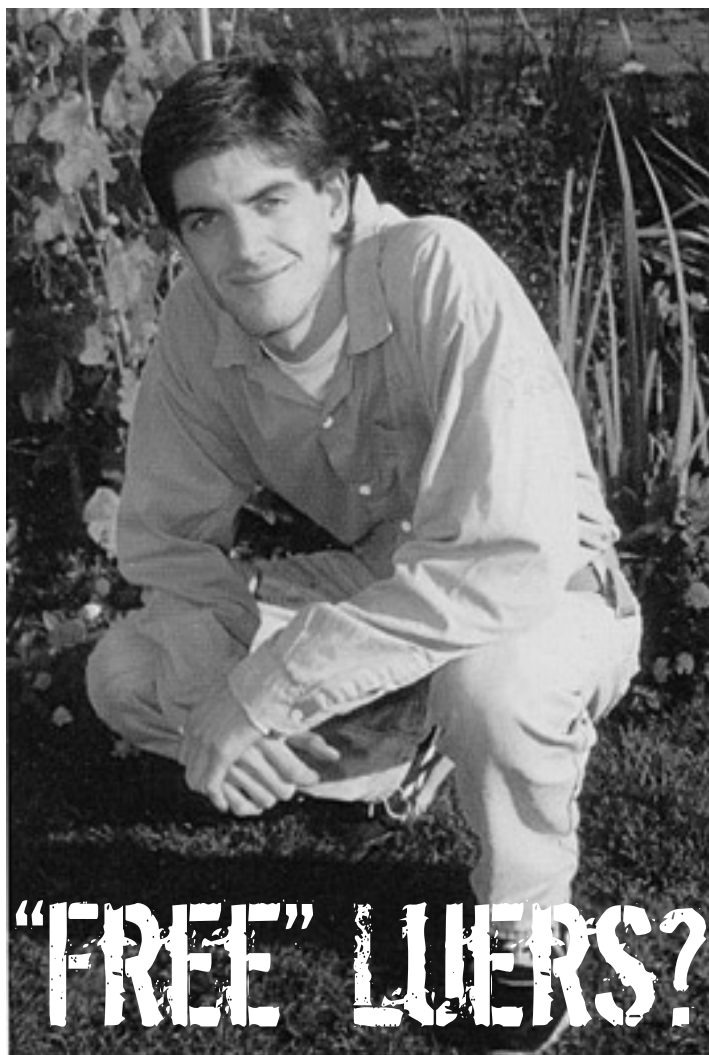


My name is Jeffrey Luers. Most of my friends call me "Free". I have been active since 1996 fighting for a range of issues such as animal rights, gender equality, anti fascism, eco-defence and others. These issues are not separate they are one struggle, one fight. My story is only a small part of a greater whole...



WHO IS JEFF

"FREE" LUERS?

In my lifetime I have witnessed an onslaught against the inhabitants of this world lead by the greed of industrialized nations. It is my belief that the oppression of people is rooted in the oppression and exploitation of nature. A fundamental disrespect for life that began with the conquest of Mother Nature and has lead to the conquest of humankind. I struck back. In an act of resistance designated to raise awareness and draw attention to a problem that affects every human being, every animal, every plant, and every form of life on this planet. I am speaking of global warming, air, soil and water pollution. We are in the midst of a global environmental crisis.

On June 16, 2000 I ignited a fire that would forever change my life. I torched 3 SUV's. I took extra care and used specific fuels to ensure no one would be injured. About 30 minutes after the fire was lit and extinguished, I was taken into custody by 3 undercover agents who had been following me, one of whom I would later learn to be a member of an anti-domestic terrorist unit. I was arrested

on Criminal Mischief One, a charge that carries about one year. In the course of one week that charge would multiply into 10 felony counts, including 3 counts of Arson One. Getting to trial took the course of a year. By trial I had accumulated 13 felony counts, now including conspiracy with persons unknown. I was looking at a little over 100 years. I refused to take a deal.

Trial was a joke, literally. We proved evidence had been tampered with, officers had lied and that the prosecutor had manipulated evidence to get a legal search. On top of that the judge refused to allow me to separate the trial. I had been charged with two different fires. Law requires that upon request separate offences must be tried separately. The final blow came when the judge threw out the testimony of my expert witness. In the end I was convicted of 11 felony charges. I was sentenced to 22 years and 8 months. I have no possibility of parole. This is only a summary of events that took place in the course of a year.

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Ways you can help Free

-You can contribute funds to Jeff's appeal or to his prison account.

Online: donations can be made online on a secure server through Paypal. Check out www.freefreenow.org. All names/addresses are kept confidential. These donations go to fund Jeff's appeals.

By post: You can send cheques/ postal orders made out to "Free's Defense Fund" to via the European contact, Brighton ABC, PO Box 74, Brighton BN1 4ZQ, UK.

-Jeff's case desperately needs to stay in the news and in the public's mind in order to affect his appeal and chances of getting out. Letters to Oregon based media are very useful. Here are a few media outlets you can write to. For examples of letters sent on Free's behalf, see www.freefreenow.org

Eugene Weekly, 1251 Lincoln, Eugene OR 97401, USA. editor@eugeneweekly.com

Register Guard, PO Box 10188, Eugene, OR 97440-2188, USA.
rgletters@guardnet.com

Portland Mercury, 605 NE 21st Avenue, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97232, USA.
mercuryeditorial@portlandmercury.com

Willamette Week, 822 SW 10th Avenue, Portland, OR 97205< USA. mzusman@wweek.com

It is also a good idea to write to the Governor of Oregon to urge him to intervene on Free's behalf: **Governor of Oregon** Ted Kulongoski, 160 State Capitol, 900 Court Street, Salem, Oregon 97301-4047. Fax: 503.378.6827, USA.

-Form a support group/work directly with Jeff

Local support groups can do everything from hosting benefits to web based activism to staging protests. You can write Jeff at Jeffrey Luers, #13797671, Oregon State Penitentiary, 2605 State Street, Salem, OR 97310, USA.

-Distribute Jeff's zine, *Heartcheck*

Jeff's zine, *Heartcheck*, was released in late April and we are in need of people to help distribute it. If you work at a bookstore, run a distro or volunteer at an infoshop, please email us at freefreenow@mutualaid.org to set something up. More details on *Heartcheck* including images, where to pick up a copy locally and how to buy copies online is on the website.

-Sign Jeff's solidarity statement and get other people to sign it

Jeff's solidarity statement, which can be found on the website, www.freefreenow.org, was designed to increase support for Jeff as well as to be used in campaigns to get human rights groups to support Jeff. You can download a copy, get friends and family to sign it and either email us or send in the signatures.

-Sign up to Jeff's list serve/ emergency response network

Friends of Free operates a list serve that is announcement only and sends out updates to the site as well as Jeff's prison dispatches and responds to emergencies [such as Jeff getting sent to the hole etc]. To sign up for this list, send your email to freefreenow@mutualaid.org or visit <http://lists.riseup.net/www/info/freejeffluers>

