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Roach Family Support Committee DEFENCE CAMPAIGN

DROP THE CHARGES NOW!



JEREMY NICHOLL

COURT PICKETS

All at Old Street or Highbury Magistrates Courts

MARCH

21st 10am Old St
23rd 10am Old St
24th 10am Old St
25th 10am Old St
29th 10am Highbury
30th 10am, 2pm Highbury
31st 10am, 2pm Highbury
31st 10am Old St

APRIL

6th 10am Old St
7th 10am, 2pm Highbury
8th 10am, 2pm Highbury
10th 10am, 2pm Highbury
14th 10am, 2pm Highbury
18th 10am Old St
20th 10am Highbury

MAY

4th 10am Highbury
10th 10am, 2pm Highbury
10th 10am, 2pm Old St
11th 10am Old St

**PICKET STOKE NEWINGTON POLICE STATION,
STOKE NEWINGTON HIGH ST N16
EVERY SATURDAY 12-2pm**

FOR AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC INQUIRY!

P&P RFSC - Defence Committee c/o CAPA Oxford House, Derbyshire St, London E3

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On 12 January this year Colin Roach died of a shotgun blast through his head in Stoke Newington Police Station. Since then his family and friends have launched a campaign (Roach Family Support Committee) demanding an independent public enquiry into the circumstances of his death.

Throughout this time the police and media have mounted a campaign of lies and distortion to cover up the truth of Colin's death; once again we are told that another 'mentally disturbed' black man has taken his own life, as was said of Paul Worrell and Richard Campbell.

From the night of Colin's death, the Roach family, on top of their grief, have suffered police abuse and harassment.

86 people have so far been arrested in an attempt by the police to brutally force the campaign off the streets. In the most recent attack, on 12 March, twenty four people were assaulted and arrested, including councillor Dennis Twomey and Colin's father, James Roach, who has been charged on two counts of assault.

We, the Defendants, have formed the 'Roach Family Support Committee - Defence Campaign' to demand a full independent inquiry into the death of Colin Roach and to demand the dropping of all charges against those arrested during the Colin Roach campaign.

Despite attacks from the police and courts on ourselves and our rights, we will continue to publicly demonstrate.

We call on all supporters to attend the court pickets for the defendants. We call on all Hackney councillors who have pledged support for this campaign, to show that support and picket with us at each court appearance.

We further call on all supporters to generously donate to this campaign and help in the raising of urgently needed funds.

We are being criminalised in the courts, yet the methods being used are openly political, such as the bail conditions now imposed on certain defendants, who are forbidden to attend any pickets or demonstrations, others are banned from Hackney or from going north of the river Thames.

It is the same racist police who are responsible for Colin's death, who are now trying to silence all those who protest at his murder.

It is only massive numbers on the streets, led by the black community, that will force an inquiry into Colin's death, and ensure the dropping of all charges.

In campaigning in defence of those arrested we are at the same time fighting the cover up of Colin's death.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The Roach Family Support Committee and the RFSC - Defence Campaign, which is a sub-committee of the RFSC, urgently need **YOUR DONATIONS**
Send to: RFSC - Defence Campaign c/o CAPA, Oxford House, Derbyshire
Street, London E3

**Colin Roach - No Cover up! Drop the Charges Now!
FOR AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC INQUIRY**