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SUPPORT OUR PRISONERS

Red Fawn Fallis, Little Feather and Dion Ortiz are in prison and would appreciate letters and contributions from supporters. For details see our Water Protector Prisoners page:

<https://waterprotectorlegal.org/water-protector-prisoners/>

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Our Work

Water Protector Legal Collective (WPLC) is the on-the-ground legal support team for the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) resistance at Standing Rock.

We are an indigenous-led, North Dakota-based non-profit organization that provides legal defense and offense in solidarity with the Standing Rock Movement. This includes criminal defense coordination for representation for Water Protectors facing state and federal criminal charges as well as pursuing civil impact litigation against governmental and private agencies and individuals who violated the rights of Water Protectors at Standing Rock.

WPLC also provides legal information and education and engages in local, national and international advocacy work in support of efforts to protect the water and advance indigenous sovereignty.

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WATER PROTECTOR LEGAL COLLECTIVE

On-the-ground legal team for the indigenous-led resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) at Standing Rock, North Dakota



Standing Rock Case Updates & Information

*State & Federal Criminal Cases
Civil Litigation*

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Federal Criminal Cases

WPLC is providing legal support for five Water Protectors who are serving federal sentences pursuant to non-cooperating plea agreements.

Red Fawn Fallis was sentenced to 57 months on July 11, 2018.

Michael “Little Feather” Giron was sentenced to 36 months on May 30, 2018.

Michael “Rattler” Markus was sentenced to 36 months on September 27, 2018.

Dion Ortiz was sentenced to 16 months on October 22, 2018.

James “Angry Bird” White was sentenced on December 5, 2018 to two-years of supervised release.

For information visit our Federal Criminal Cases page: <https://waterprotectorlegal.org/federal-cases/>

Civil Litigation

Dundon v. Kirchmeier is a federal civil rights class action lawsuit challenging police violence on the night of November 20-21, 2016, at Backwater Bridge. The case was filed on November 28, 2016, in federal court, on behalf of all persons who were injured by law enforcement that night. The lawsuit is moving forward in the U.S. District Court in Bismarck.

If you were injured by law enforcement at Standing Rock during the fall or winter of 2016-2017, or if you were arrested on October 22, 2016, you can send your information to our civil litigation team by visiting the Civil Lawsuit tab on our website.

State Criminal Cases

TOTAL NoDAPL ND STATE CRIMINAL CASES		839*
Dismissed	352	
Acquitted at trial	38	
Pretrial diversion	180	
Plea agreement	145	
Convicted at trial	24**	
Total concluded cases:		739**
Open and proceeding to trial	4	
Inactive/warrant status	95	
On appeal to ND Supreme Court	1*	
Total on-going cases:		100

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** This is the number of NoDAPL state criminal cases that have a separate case number. It may change over time if cases are dismissed due to lack of evidence and then re-charged (with new charges and case numbers). There may be several charges involved in any one case and some people may have more than one case.*

***One conviction is on appeal to the ND Supreme Court (and therefore are not concluded).*

Know Your Rights

You are not required to answer questions from law enforcement and doing so can harm you or others. You have a right to consult an attorney before deciding whether or not to talk to law enforcement, and you have a right to have an attorney present while being questioned by law enforcement even if they tell you that you are not the subject of the investigation.

If you are approached or questioned by local or federal law enforcement about your time at Standing Rock, we strongly encourage you to refuse to answer any questions no matter how innocent they may seem and immediately contact WPLC, your local National Lawyers Guild chapter, or another attorney with movement support experience. Please contact WPLC immediately if you have been served with a subpoena of any kind or are named in a civil suit related to your Water Protector activities in North Dakota in 2016-2017.

If you have a pending criminal charge, it is very important that you not speak about the details of your case with anyone but your attorney and not discuss or post information related to the circumstances of your arrest in any public space including social media. These principles apply when other people are facing criminal charges or under investigation as well – please do not share information that could harm other Water Protectors.

We encourage everyone to visit our website for information about how to protect yourselves and others:

<https://waterprotectorlegal.org/know-rights-materials/>