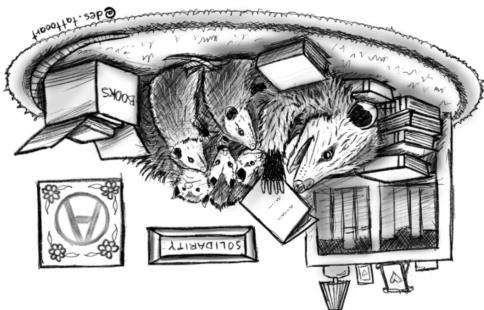


# FREE DES!



# ZINES ARE NOT A CRIME

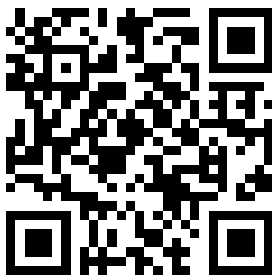
The **Prairieland** case stems from a noise demonstration in solidarity with detainees at the notorious **Prairieland ICE Detention Center** in **Alvarado, Texas**, on **July 4, 2025**. Nine of the defendants, including **Des**, were found guilty on **March 13, 2026**, in a US federal district court after what amounted to a show trial, which included other defendants acting as cooperating witnesses for the state.

## DES WAS NOT THERE.

Des was not even at the demo. He was arrested two days later and charged with allegedly transporting a box of zines in a supposed conspiracy to obstruct justice.

WRITE TO DES IN PRISON!  
READ A STATEMENT  
FROM DES!

<https://freedes.net>



GET CASE UPDATES!  
DONATE TO DEFENSE!

## DES GOT A 30-YEAR SENTENCE - FOR ZINES

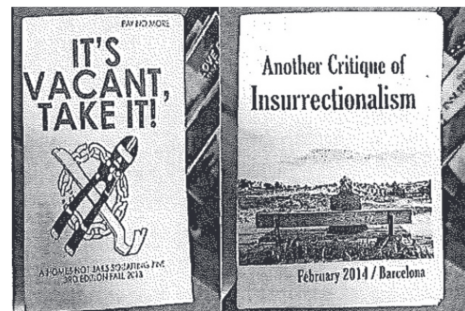
On June 23, 2026, after being imprisoned since their arrest, seven defendants received sentences of 50 to 100 years, and Des was sentenced to 30 years. US district judge Reed O'Connor, in handing down these sentences, reportedly said he wanted to "send a message to anyone who shares a similar ideology."

Prairieland is the first successful test case under the Trump administration's "counter-terrorism" initiatives targeting "antifa," which it has officially categorized as a "domestic terrorist organization."

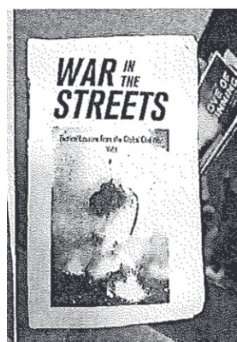
Those who know Des know him as one of the kindest, most generous, and reliable people they know. For instance, while incarcerated, he's been drawing pictures for other inmates to send to their families.

## WE NEED DES FREE AND AT HOME

Des is an accomplished tattoo artist, person of color, anarchist, vegan, immigrant, occasional foster parent to opossums in need, and an all-around sweetheart. Des is a beloved friend. And his family relies on him for emotional care and financial support. Now, he's unjustly stuck in federal prison.



Photos from the original criminal complaint against Des show zines seized by the federal government,



which described them as "planning documents for civil unrest with **anti-law enforcement, anti-government, and anti-Trump sentiments.**"

## SMASH FASCISM



## SOLIDARITY MEANS

## ZINES ARE NOT A CRIME

Des got 30 years for printed matter (zines) protected under the **First Amendment**, and widely available online and in many libraries, homes, bookstores, and community centers.

Collecting, sharing, and transporting political pamphlets is not a crime; **it's what librarians, artists, educators, pamphleteers, publishers, readers, and many others DO.**

Political literature, even **dissident or controversial**, must not be allowed to justify **targets for repression.**

As Jane Fonda, cofounder of the relaunched Committee for the First Amendment, asserted, "Everyone should be alarmed that a man who carried a box of political pamphlets, who harmed no one, is going to prison for thirty years."