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DANIEL "DES REVOL" SANCHEZ ESTRADA

AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF POLITICAL SPEECH



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All internal illustrations and pull-out mini poster by Des!

green mountains, red sunsets, and smell after the rain. I'm grateful for soft snow, lake swimming, and shade under a tree. I'm grateful for the sunflowers, who teach us to grow despite the adversity, stand upright, be strong, be bright, be vibrant, be beautiful, and be resilient.

I'm grateful for all my relations.
I'm grateful for you!
Support the defendants!!
Don't forget to love your neighbors, the animals and plant friends, the land, air, and water. And don't forget to love yourself!
May Creator bless you and yours!!

Support Des Revol

The information below is current as of November 2026. Before sending mail, please check for updates at freedes.net.

Des is currently being held at FCI Victorville, a federal prison in Southern California, and would love to hear from you! Write and/or draw only in blue or black ink. Use white unlined or notebook paper, no cardstock, and only write and/or draw on one side of each sheet with generous margins. No stickers, glitter, color, or whiteout. Include his first and last name as well as ID number, page numbers, date, and a return address at the top of each sheet.

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ALL correspondence is read, scanned, and cataloged by facility staff. Do not say anything that you don't want read on Fox News, that could be damaging in court (especially given his appeal ahead), or that might adversely impact Des in prison.



Daniel "Des Revol" Sanchez Estrada is a tattoo artist, immigrant, and all-around sweetheart who was wrongfully arrested and convicted of moving a box of anarchist zines. Yes, you read that right—our friend Des was sentenced to 30 years in prison because the Trump administration claims that printing, reading, or possessing certain literature is evidence of a crime.

Des is one of the Prairieland defendants: nine Texas-based activists whose 2026 trial has become the test case in the government's campaign to label "antifa" (antifascism) and other forms of dissent as domestic terrorism. The Freedom of the Press Foundation has described Des's case as "a five-alarm fire for free speech," and the National Lawyer's Guild has called for Des's release, stating that his case should "shock us all."

We need your help to free Des and say NO to the criminalization of political speech!

Who Is Des Revol?

Des isn't just a political prisoner; he's a beloved artist and friend. As a longtime vegan dedicated to animal liberation, solidarity with nonhumans shows up in much of Des's artwork, including through his playful depictions of raccoons, cats, and other critters. He's a loving brother, son, stepfather, and community member. He's a free-spirited dreamer who takes good care of everyone and everything around him. Now in a federal prison, Des is continuing to lend solidarity by drawing pictures for other inmates to send to their families.





Art by Des





from a battery and a string pulled from the elastic waistband from a jumper, reinforced with blank mail labels and a rubber band. With my head up high, teary eyes, and this broken heart full of love. I want to thank everyone for all of their support, love, and prayers as my family and I survive through this horrible injustice.

Today, July 6, marks a year since I was abducted and wrongfully imprisoned. I sit in a concrete cell with a heavy steel door as an innocent person for a crime I did not commit. The reality is that I was arrested for being married to my wife, Mari, who has been unjustly convicted to 70 years for attending a public noise demonstration to support immigrants at the Prairieland Detention Center.



Despite proving that I did not have any knowledge, nor was I present, nor involved in any way in the event, I was demonized, convicted, and sentenced to 30 years in federal prison for reading and possessing my books, zines, love letters, poetry, cute keepsakes, sketchbooks, and art. We're entering a time when books and art are being considered a crime and a threat to democracy—enough of a threat to give an innocent person who did not commit any crime a 30-year sentence in federal prison.

To all those who have taken the time and consideration to reach out and share stories, poetry, doodles, vegan recipes, interesting facts, and kind uplifting words: Thank you for all the love! I can truly feel it even behind these walls. I can feel the energy, effort, and prayers. Thank you so much for supporting us all!! And I hope we can all meet someday and share space together.

I'm grateful for all of my loved ones. I'm grateful for black coffee, paper, pencil and a device to listen to the radio. I'm grateful for the

Sending a Message to Antifascists

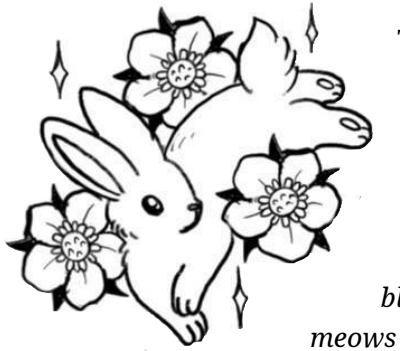
Speaking prior to sentencing Des stated, “I work really hard every day in this country, and I believe in human rights and helping others in need. I donate money and art to help animals and other people... I am a father, I am a husband, I am a teacher, a poet — I am many things, Your Honor, but I am not a terrorist”

The judge felt otherwise, rejecting motions for acquittal filed by Des’s public defender that highlighted the State’s failure to identify how the zines constituted evidence or prove that Des intended to conceal them.

Other Prairieland defendants received extreme sentences as well, ranging from 50 to 100 years in federal prison. Maricela was sentenced to an astounding 70 years in prison for her alleged, nonviolent crimes. There's no need to speculate about why this sentencing was so cruel; the judge spoke directly to the court’s political agenda when he said he intended to “send a message to anyone who shares a similar ideology.”

Des has filed a notice of appeal, but faces a costly, lengthy, uphill battle in the Fifth Circuit, which is widely regarded as the most far right court of appeals in the country.

A Statement from Des



The following statement was written on July 6th, 2026 and has been edited for length. The unabridged text can be read at https://freedes.net.

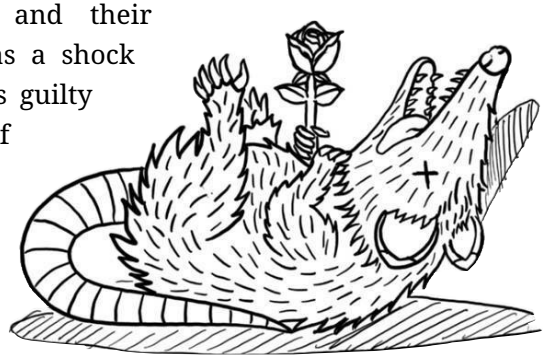
All honor and glory to Creator for another day of life, the lessons and blessing I’ve been given. With the loudest of meows from a sad, fluffy kitty!! With a broken heart mended together with a sewing needle made

Decades in Prison over Zines?

On March 13, 2026, Des was convicted of “corruptly concealing a document or record.” He and his wife, Maricela Rueda, were also convicted of “conspiracy to conceal documents.” The documents in question were a box of zines—political pamphlets, primarily written in the 2010s by anarchists. Prosecutors alleged that these nefarious essays were evidence of his wife’s membership in an “antifa cell,” but the zines did not belong to Maricela, were not removed from her home, and were not introduced as evidence at her trial, which centered on a July 4, 2025, noise demo at the Prairieland ICE detention center in Alvarado, Texas (see **Case Background** below).

During the trial, Des’s public defender exposed the false premise of his arrest and flimsy nature of the government’s case. In cross-examination, the FBI admitted to enlisting the support of the Denton Police Department using the lie that Des was a murder suspect and that the box of zines contained an explosive device. Des was pulled over at gunpoint for a fabricated traffic violation and searched without a warrant. He was never read his Miranda rights, but remained calm and respectful throughout the interaction. *It should have ended there.*

A Trump-appointed judge stacked the deck against Des, Maricela, and their codefendents. Still, it was a shock when the jury found Des guilty given that the entirety of his behavior was clearly protected by the First Amendment. “I feel like the U.S. lost here with this verdict and what it means for future defendants,” Des’s

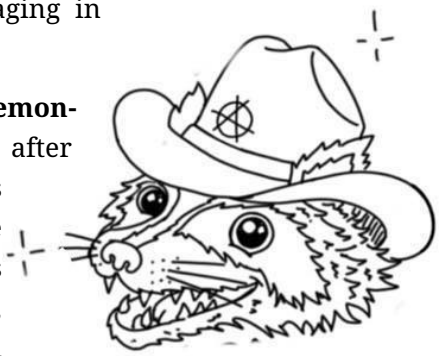


public defender, a US Army veteran, told *The Washington Post*. “I feel like it turned its back on justice with this.”

But Des's ordeal is far from over. On June 23, 2026, he was sentenced to a staggering 30 years in prison for the imagined crime of transporting zines.

Case Background

On July 4, 2025, around a dozen people gathered outside the infamous Prairieland Detention Center in Alvarado, Texas, for a noise demonstration in solidarity with the immigrants and other ICE detainees inside. The event was advertised in large group chats, and people showed up ready to make noise and stand up against Trump’s attacks on our communities. Following the arrival of a police officer, who drew his gun and pointed it at protesters without provocation, shots were exchanged between a responding demonstrator and the officer, who sustained a minor injury. Nine people were arrested that night, and another thirteen people have been arrested since then, facing extreme state and federal charges, including conspiracy, riot, and material support for terrorism. Meanwhile, the police have terrorized friends and family members of those arrested, serving no-knock warrants, conducting house raids, and engaging in widespread surveillance.



Des was not at the Prairieland demonstration. Instead, on July 6, after receiving a phone call from his wife in jail (one of the initial nine protesters arrested), Des was followed by FBI agents in Denton, Texas. They pretextually pulled him over and arrested him at gunpoint. He was later charged with “evidence tampering and obstruction of justice” based on a box of zines that he moved in his truck—the type of literature that can be found in any activist house, social center, or independent bookstore.



After his arrest, Des was initially placed on an ICE hold, and has been publicly singled out and doxxed on social media by both prominent fascists and the federal government itself. Moreover, right after his arrest, his family experienced a brutal and intimidating nine-hour FBI raid of their home, during which police confiscated everything from electronics to stickers and art supplies.

In a November 13 indictment, Des was named as a codefendant with eight others for purportedly being part of a fictitious “North Texas Antifa Cell.” Offered multiple cooperating plea deals, Des maintained his innocence and stood by his codefendants, some of whom he has never met, and refused to validate the government's phony “antifa conspiracy” story.



The framing of the case by the federal government should worry all of us. Des's prosecution is part of broader attack on our immigrant, migrant, and refugee friends and family. It is also a bold crack down on dissent, whether in deed, word, or illustration. The criminalization of all opposition to fascism means that everyone risks arrest and worse as the state moves to assert authoritarian power.

Resistance, including zines, is not a crime; it's a moral obligation.

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