



*Photo courtesy of Yes Magazine*

# **Current Political Prisoners of the Stop Cop City / Defend Atlanta Forest Resistance Movement**

# **Solidarity with Forest Defenders!**

## **What is Cop City?**

*courtesy of stopcop.city*

Atlanta Police Foundation is trying to build the largest police training facility in the United States in Weelaunee Forest, a watershed surrounded by primarily Black residents who overwhelmingly oppose the project.

The plans include military-grade training facilities, a mock city to practice urban warfare, dozens of shooting ranges, and a Black Hawk helicopter landing pad.

## **What is the Atlanta Forest?**

*courtesy of defendtheatlantaforest.org*

We have the highest percentage of tree canopy of any major metropolitan area in America. Our canopy is the main factor in ensuring Atlanta's resiliency in the face of climate change. The forest in Southeast Atlanta is home to wetlands that filter rainwater and prevent flooding. It is also one of the last breeding grounds for many amphibians in the region, as well as an important migration site for wading birds.

The history of this particular land is deeply scarred. In the 1800s shortly after the land was stolen from Muscogee Creek peoples, it was used as a plantation. In the early 1900s, a prison farm was opened where inmates were forced to perform unpaid agricultural labor, marking the rebranding of slavery into for profit prison labor. The Atlanta Police Department currently uses this hallowed ground as a firing range.

This forest is at risk of destruction as the police and Hollywood make plans to pave over Atlanta's largest remaining green space.●

Like any effective resistance movement, the state is retaliating against anyone involved in the effort to Stop Cop City and Defend the Atlanta Forest.

On January 18, 2023 police murdered forest defender Tortuguita. The autopsy report later released showed they were shot while sitting cross legged with their hands up.

On January 21, 2023 at a demonstration in downtown Atlanta in response to the murder of Tortuguita, the first wave of arrests occurred.

On March 5, 2023 police arrested 35 people attending a music festival in the Forest as the kick off event to a week of solidarity; 23 were charged with domestic terrorism.

The individuals on the following pages have been arrested in connection to defending the Atlanta Forest and resisting Cop City; they have given permission for their names to be publicized. As expected, the state is attempting to intimidate everyone sympathetic and/or involved in the movement. They are throwing the book at those snatched up and arrested, holding many without bail and going as far as charging them with domestic terrorism. They can all use your support. Please write them, share their stories. Show the state that we will not back down despite their threats.

## **What to write:**

Keep in mind all correspondence will be read by cops. These individuals are all pre-trial, anything you say can be used against them later. Keep it light and do not say anything illegal or that could hurt these people further. A nice note of solidarity and support, letting them know they are not alone, is lovely.

*last updated April 8th, 2023*

## **Writing Guidelines:**

The folks held in Dekalb County Jail are ONLY allowed to receive correspondence via pre-metered USPS postcards. They are available for purchase; 10 of them cost \$5.30 and most Post Office's carry them (although they can be tough to find). Ensure you still put a return address on the front.

\*Must be written on official pre-metered US Postal Service Postcards

\*Blue or Black ink only

\*No alterations to postcards (stamps, stickers, etc)

\*Use the format of the addresses provided

### **Victor:\***

Dekalb County Jail  
Victor Puertas #X2312485  
4415 Memorial Drive  
Decatur, GA  
30032

### **Luke:\***

Dekalb County Jail  
Luke Harper #X2312491  
4415 Memorial Drive  
Decatur, GA  
30032



The folks that used to be on this page have all been released. Stay tuned for further updates. Continue reading for the rest of the people who remain caged..



*image courtest of [greenmatters.com](http://greenmatters.com)*

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- \*Blue or Black ink only
- \*Pre-metered postcards with no alterations to postcards (stamps, stickers, etc)
- \*Use the format of the addresses provided

### **Frankie:**

Francis Carrol #P01129551  
c/o Securus Digital Mail Center - Fulton County  
Jail  
PO Box 989  
Lebanon, MO 65536

### **Emily:**

Emily Murphy #2300000841  
5NE Room 213  
Atlanta City Detention Center  
254 Peachtree St. SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

### **Henri:**

Madeleine Feola #2300000840  
Room 204  
Atlanta City Detention Center  
254 Peachtree St. SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303  
*\*Chosen name: Henri\**

Additional forest defenders arrested have chosen to withhold their names. You can still write them via Atlanta Books to Prisoners:

**Atlanta Books to Prisoners**

Post Office Box 5390  
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

**Atlanta Solidarity Fund:**

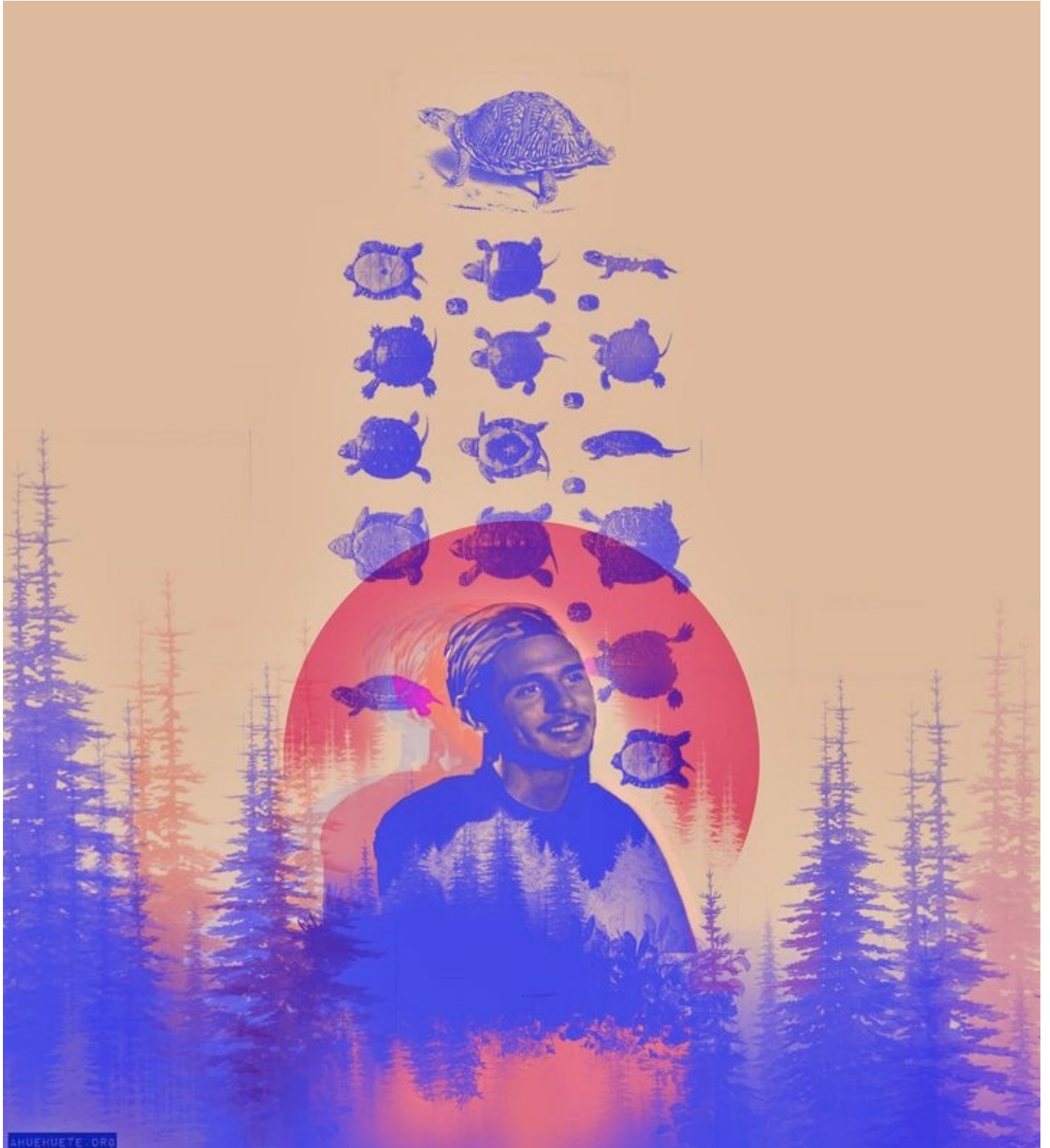
For ways to provide tangible support, like donations to commissary or bail funds (if available) visit the Atlanta Solidarity Fund:

[atlsolidarity.org](http://atlsolidarity.org)



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