

Is the FBI responsible for Anna Mae's execution?

We do not know for certain who pulled the trigger on Anna Mae Aquash. But we are horrified by the way her spirit is being defamed and used against the people she fought so hard for. We sympathize with the desire of Anna Mae's family to achieve closure on this matter. And so, we urge them to look towards the ones who most strongly point the finger at John Graham. We believe the real killer is hidden among them.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Inform yourself**
www.grahamdefense.org
<http://members.shaw.ca/johngraham>
(sign our online petition)
See "Incident at Oglala"
- **Write or email** the Honourable Irwin Cotler, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada
webadmin@justice.gc.ca
House of Commons
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Ottawa, Ont.
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- **Send money to:** John Graham Defense Committee, 15 Firth Road
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 4R5 Canada
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Thanks! The Friends of John Graham
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LEONARD PELTIER II?



John Graham embracing his daughter Chusia moments after being released on bail.

"I fear that John will not receive a fair trial in the US anymore than I did. I must remind you, it is court record that the FBI lied to extradite me back to the US."

- LEONARD PELTIER

QUICK FACTS

- John Graham was arrested in Vancouver in early December, 2003 on an American indictment and is awaiting an extradition hearing. He is a 48-year old Canadian native man from Whitehorse, Yukon Territories. Among other things, he is a father to eight, pipe layer, and community organizer. In the 70's, he was involved with the American Indian Movement (AIM) at the time of a shoot-out at the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.
- Graham is charged with the murder of Anna Mae Aquash, his friend and comrade in AIM. **He has always maintained his innocence.** In the weeks before she disappeared, Aquash confided to him that she had been threatened by FBI Officer David Price who told her she would not live out the year if she didn't become an FBI informer. Graham dropped Aquash at a safe house near the Pine Ridge Reservation and never saw her alive again.

free John Graham
don't let the Canadian government
extradite another innocent man

"My greatest fear is that the U.S. will use the same kind of flimsy and trumped-up evidence that they used against Leonard Peltier to justify the extradition of John Graham..."

- BOB NEWBROOK a retired police officer who arrested Peltier in Alberta in 1976



- When Anna Mae's frozen body was discovered on the reservation, FBI Agent David Price was one of the first to examine the body. Price claimed he could not identify Anna Mae, despite having interviewed her. He had the hands cut off, and sent to Washington for identification. Her body was hurriedly buried as a Jane Doe. Price claimed there was no need for a crime investigation. The coroner who originally examined Anna Mae "did not see" the bullet hole in her head. It was found in a second autopsy, after she was exhumed.
- Leonard Peltier, one of John's contemporaries has been in a U.S. prison for 27 years, charged with the murder of two FBI agents who died during the shoot-out at Pine Ridge. Peltier's trial was a farce, and despite concerted international pressure and backing from such people as Nelson Mandela, the Dalai Lama and Jesse Jackson, Peltier has been repeatedly refused parole. Peltier was extradited by the Canadian government at the request of the U.S. The main "evidence" used to extradite Leonard was a statement extracted by FBI officers by harassing and confining a mentally challenged individual, Myrtle Poor Bear, who had never even met Leonard.
- In a chillingly similar way, the "evidence" against John Graham hinges on the testimony of a vulnerable homeless man – Arlo Looking Cloud.
- From jail, Arlo has stated that he was approached by FBI officers starting in 1994, who would periodically apprehend him from the streets of Denver, feed him drugs and alcohol, then repeat a story and try to get him to agree with it. Eventually, Arlo was videotaped telling the FBI story – that he and John Graham had driven Anna Mae from Denver to Pine Ridge and then out to a remote location where Graham shot her. On February 6, 2004 Arlo was convicted of first degree murder, in a trial that lasted a mere 3 days. 23 witnesses were called by the prosecution and one for the Defense. One of the prosecution witnesses, Kamook Banks – the ex-wife of AIM leader Dennis Banks – admitted she was paid \$43,000 to cooperate with the FBI. Her testimony mostly focussed on Leonard Peltier, and had little to do with the matter at hand. Arlo's defense was practically non-existent. One witness was called for the defense – Agent David Price.
- In a news release on February 7th, 2004, Barry Bachrach, Peltier's attorney asked, "Who was on trial? The majority of the testimony presented had nothing whatsoever to do with Arlo Looking Cloud, but prominent members of the American Indian Movement. There was not one iota of proof presented to support many witnesses' "beliefs". And for every witness presented, there are any number of other individuals who could be called to appear and who would tell very different stories."
- The Arlo Looking Cloud trial confirmed our opinion that a fair trial cannot happen in South Dakota.
- John Graham was visited by FBI agents in the Yukon starting in 1988. He was offered "Immunity" from prosecution if he agreed to sign statements implicating AIM leaders. When he refused, he was told he would face the murder charge himself.
- Leonard Peltier was offered release from prison if he agreed to sign statements implicating John Graham in Anna Mae's death. Leonard refused.
- We believe the entire case against John Graham has been fabricated by the FBI, as part of their ongoing war against AIM and Indigenous people. For a number of years certain "journalists" have been "gathering information" about an AIM conspiracy to murder Anna Mae Aquash. We believe these "journalists" have in fact been manufacturing evidence.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW

John is living under house arrest in Vancouver, with very stringent restrictions. Extradition hearings will be scheduled on April 30 / 04 at the Supreme Court, 800 Smithe Street, in Vancouver. It is hard to say how long they will go on for. Meanwhile, our support network grows every day. *April 15, 2004*

South Dakota Justice



“THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THE INDIAN PROBLEM IN SOUTH DAKOTA IS TO PUT A GUN TO AIM LEADERS’ HEADS AND PULL THE TRIGGER.”

“Wild Bill” Janklow , 1975 - elected as governor of South Dakota - by a landslide. Currently serving time for homicide.

In the area of Lakota's Fort Laramie treaty Land, corporations found a good deal of gold, coal and uranium. The traditional Lakota people resisted and even refused to take money for land that had already been stolen from them. Through the use of sophisticated NASA satellite's the National Uranium Resource Evaluation Program of the Geological Survey located

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major uranium deposits in the Sheep Mountain area of the Pine Ridge Reservation. Knowing by past experience that the traditional Lakota people would resist the loss of more lands, the South Dakota Government, acting in the interest of the multi-national corporations, sought to suppress the traditionals, and the American Indian Movement that supported them.

At the same time the FBI orchestrated the Oglala shoot-out, 133,000 acres of the Pine Ridge Reservation in the state of South Dakota was illegally being signed away in Washington D.C. The shoot-out followed nearly three years of extreme terrorism against the traditional Lakotas and AIM. Over 60 leaders and supporters had been murdered in this period of political violence.

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Heaney, after reviewing court transcripts and FBI documents, concluded that the U.S. Government overreacted at Wounded Knee. Instead of considering the legitimate grievances of Native Americans, the response was essentially a military one, which culminated in a deadly fire-fight on June 26, 1975 between AIM and FBI agents and U.S. Marshals. Judge Heaney concluded the U.S. Government must share the responsibility. IT NEVER HAS. THE FBI has never been held accountable or even publicly investigated for what Judge Heaney concluded was complicity in the creation of a climate of fear and terror on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

IN THE 1970S, WITH A POPULATION OF 14,000, THE PINE RIDGE RESERVATION IN SOUTH DAKOTA HAD THE HIGHEST MURDER RATE IN THE UNITED STATES.



“I ENDED THE WOUNDED KNEE LEADERSHIP CASE with the firm conviction that the Government would go to any end... in order to convict (AIM leader) Mr. Banks {during trials after the AIM occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973}... The total disregard of truth and fairness in the Government's attempt to “get” Dennis Banks “by hook or crook” did not stop at the doorstep of the FBI. The U.S. Attorney’s office was an active participant. The Court was intentionally deceived... The fact that both the FBI and the U.S. Attorney’s office were active participants in this pollution of justice convinced me there was a systemic, in addition to an individual, desire to convict Mr. Banks by means well beyond those which were ethical and fair. After all, in other cases in my district I had both FBI agents and these attorneys before me regularly. But the willingness to lie and fabricate and withhold evidence was only exhibited against Mr. Banks and his AIM co-defendant. And it was exhibited with a vengeance. If my experience has taught me anything, it is that the past is a good indication of the future.”

JUDGE FRED NICHOLS, 1987

(SOURCE: “How did the FBI Go Astray?” Boston Globe, February 6, 1988.)

“HE (FBI AGENT WOOD) SAID THAT THEY COULD GET AWAY WITH KILLING BECAUSE THEY WERE AGENTS.”

- MYRTLE POOR BEAR (transcript from Leonard Peltier’s trial - testimony the jury was not allowed to hear.)

