

What Happened In Jena, Louisiana?

→ Last fall, black high school students asked for and got permission to sit under the “white” tree on their campus. The next day, white students hung three nooses from the tree.

→ When black students protested the light punishment (a 3-day suspension for what school officials called a “silly prank”) for the noose-hangers, Jena District Attorney Reed Walters came to school and threatened the students, telling them he could “take [their] lives away with a stroke of [his] pen.”

→ Tensions mounted, and several cases of off-campus violence and threats against black students went barely punished or unpunished. But when a white student got beaten up after taunting a black victim of the violence, everything changed.

→ DA Walters charged six black students with second-degree attempted murder for this school-yard fight. Bails were set between \$78,000 and \$135,000. In June, the first young man to be tried, Mychal Bell, 17, was convicted in adult court by an all-white jury of aggravated second-degree battery and conspiracy (which carries a maximum sentence of 22 years). On September 14th, an appeals court judge reversed the conviction on the grounds that Mychal shouldn't have been tried as an adult. However, the DA says he'll appeal the decision, and he still plans to try the other five young men.

**ACT NOW TO
SUPPORT THE
JENA 6 AND
THEIR FAMILIES!**

What Can You Do To Show Your Support?

1 Sign the petition to support the Jena 6 and be plugged in for future action by visiting online: www.colorofchange.org/jena. At this site, you can also make a donation to the legal defense fund, buy a “Free the Jena 6” t-shirt, and join thousands in demanding that the DA drop all charges against the 6 young men.

2 Call **Governor Blanco** at 866-366-1121, 225-342-0991, or 225-342-7015. Tell her to intervene in the Jena 6 case, and to act immediately to investigate the DA.

3 Call the **Louisiana State Visitor Bureau** at 225-342-8119. Tell them you won't be visiting Louisiana until justice is served in the Jena 6 case.

Learn more about the Jena 6 case and other ways to take action at these websites:

www.freethejena6.org
www.colorofchange.org/jena

Mostly importantly, continue to follow the case and do your part to fight for justice until all six young men are free!

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