Sharmus Outlaw passed away on July 7, 2016 after a life of activism for the health, safety, and freedom of sex workers in Washington, DC and around the world. DC police routinely target sex workers in ways that increase the already considerable risks they face—for example, harassing them for carrying condoms.

The same police terrorize protesters, harass sex workers, and murder black and brown people. Just as police rounded up Jewish and Romani people in the Holocaust, sent dissidents to gulags in the Soviet Union, and imposed apartheid in South Africa, today in the United States police kill a thousand people a year and deport and imprison millions more. The fight against the #J20 prosecution is just one part of the struggle against police oppression that targets countless communities. Let’s take it on together.