



"I can put it in a nutshell for you-- They had no evidence. No evidence at all."

--Juror, immediately after Ryan Lang found innocent of all the city's charges

For over a year the city and county have been gearing to send protestors of Ann Arbor's 1998 Ku Klux Klan rally to prison for 10 years on a felony charge of "riot". On June 4th, 16-year-old Ryan Lang's case was the first to reach a conclusion. After three days of hearing both sides, the jury deliberated for *only minutes* before rejecting the charge. The prosecutor, presumably mindful that she had not shown that a "riot" took place at all, asked for a petty misdemeanor conviction for "disturbing the peace". Not even this was allowed by the jury.

If anything, for comparing the day to Detroit in the '60s the city could be charged with inciting a laugh riot. Since the prosecution has expressed its desire to try all the various cases as one, it is doubtful that the case is any stronger against the other defendants. These prosecutions are a genuine waste of time and money for all concerned, an embarrassment to the city, and a cozy re-invitation to the Klan ... however much some citizens or local media wish *someone* to burn.

The next hearing—of those accused of damaging a rented chain-link fence which has been suspiciously destroyed with police authorization—is scheduled for July 16th at 1:30pm at the Courthouse on Main and Huron. All invited.



Lang celebrates with attorney Miranda Massie

"We demand an end to the witchhunt being conducted by the Ann Arbor city government against the anti-racist movement.

We demand the dropping of all the charges against the anti-racists who protested the May 9, 1998 Ku Klux Klan rally."

If you would like to join the thousands of people who have signed this petition statement, including those listed below, contact **Ann Arbor Antiracist Defense Campaign, PO Box 1092 Penobscot Station, Detroit, Michigan 48231 / 313-730-3577**

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