

Judge Orders Release of Albert Woodfox After More Than 40 Years in Solitary



Washington, June 10 (RHC)-- A U.S. federal judge has ordered the immediate release of Louisiana prisoner and former Black Panther Albert Woodfox, the longest-serving U.S. prisoner in solitary confinement.

Earlier this year, a Louisiana grand jury re-indicted Woodfox for the 1972 murder of a prison guard, a crime for which he and his late, fellow Angola 3 member Herman Wallace maintained they were framed for their political activism. Herman Wallace died on October 1, 2013 from liver cancer, just three days after he was released from prison.

Federal Judge James Brady not only called for Albert Woodfox's release, but also barred a retrial. Woodfox's two previous convictions in the case were both overturned.

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