

tree this bad fruit is falling from is itself thoroughly rotten, and the source and cause of their decay.

This tree has a name. It's called capitalist-imperialism—the most putrid, and environmentally and socially destructive political-economic system history has known, a decadent system that V. I. Lenin characterized as “rotten ripe for revolution.” Settling for any “solution” short of revolution will see us all go extinct. We must wake up to its designs and stop it cold.

Hopefully, these reflections on the PPB will help remove our blinders and fortify our resolve.

Dare to Struggle Dare to Win!

All Power to the People!

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3 See Deborah Pearlstein's testimonial account of the 2006 torture reports and official efforts to hide the Taguba report, before the Committee on the Judiciary at <http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/pdf/Pearlstein080715.pdf>

4 Karl Kersplebedeb, “Asthmatic Prisoner Doused With Pepper Spray, Refused Medical Care, Dies: Just Another Day in the Texas Prison System,” November 8, 2013, at rashidmod.com and *Socialist Viewpoint*, Vol. 14, No. 1

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Parents' Nightmare: Babysitter's Secret

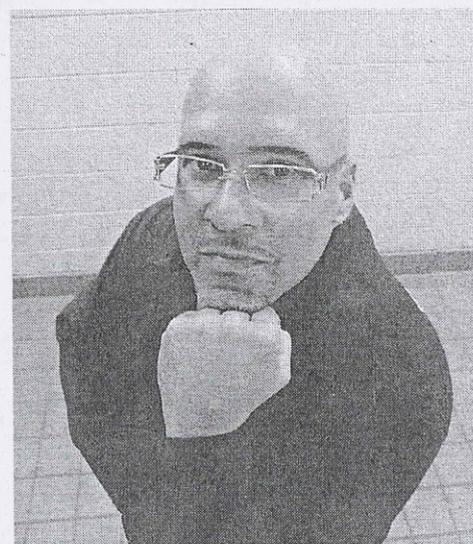
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The saga that I have endured throughout the past twenty years is a good example of all that is wrong with our legal system and the people who are charged with carrying it out.

On Saturday evening, September 24, 1994, as was customary, I returned home from work on my 2-10:00 P.M. shift at the Grinnell Corporation in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. I relieved the babysitter and assumed that all was well. I'd had a long day at work so I dozed off on the sofa with my stepson, Kyle. At about 1:00 A.M. my girlfriend, Pamela, returned home from an outing with her mother, Bonnie, and some friends. I woke up and decided to check on my other stepson, 8-month-old baby Jordan.

I thought it odd that the baby was in the upstairs room because he was usually in the downstairs playpen. Maybe the babysitter took him upstairs before she left, I thought. I ascended the 13 steps leading to the second floor of our apartment. I was stunned to find baby Jordan unconscious and blue. In a frantic response, I brought baby Jordan downstairs and yelled for Pamela, Jordan's mother, to call 9-1-1. Untrained as I was, I still attempted to administer CPR on Jordan. Pamela was standing next to me with the phone. She waited several minutes and rushed outside to see if she could spot any sign of an ambulance. She came to my aid, put the phone to my ear so that I could speak with the operator about baby Jordan's condition.

The first to arrive at the apartment were two police officers from Manheim Township Police Department. Officer John Wettlaufer took over the administration of CPR by first removing baby Jordan from the seat of the chair where I, in my untrained condition, had placed him on the floor to continue to



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administer CPR. Unfortunately, Baby Jordan remained unresponsive to all attempts to revive him.

Baby Jordan was transported via ambulance to Lancaster General Hospital where unfortunately all further attempts to revive him were unsuccessful and he was pronounced dead at 3:40 A.M. It appeared to be a case of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and the cause of death recorded was “cardiac arrest.”

Pamela and I were questioned closely by detectives. This was the result of the physicians at Lancaster General Hospital having notified the coroner and stating that the baby's death was suspicious due to certain bruise-marks on the baby's lower chest and abdomen. Baby Jordan had a mark on his face, which was the result of his bumping his head against a hot iron that was thoughtlessly placed on the floor of a friend's house during a visit, but other than that, all reports about baby Jordan's care were positive.

The police would later write in their report that the home was well kept and neat; the refrigerator and cupboards were well stocked with food.

