

Black & Green Wednesday

Racism is alive and well in the criminal justice system. On June 2, our panel will look at the cases of five local black men.

In May, Amnesty International joined organizations calling for a reexamination of the conviction of Reggie Clemons because of the many irregularities in the trial that put him on death row. Despite having no arrest record, Overland police stopped and tasered Jarvis Murphy, who is now brain dead. An all white jury in St. Charles County found Joshua Hackman guilty of robbing a McDonald's where he worked, despite supportive testimony by his supervisor.

Quinton Gray was sentenced for life for manslaughter of his two year old stepdaughter, perhaps because of major evidence which was not introduced. As the Tea Party becomes more belligerent, its ability to attack Rev. Elston McCowan and then have him arrested could provide a model for right wing mobs across the US.

Its impact on ordinary people

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A panel discussion will include:

- Vera Thomas, Mother of Reggie Clemons
- Richard Dockett, National Black United Front
- Rachel Hackman, Mother of Joshua Hackman
- Kimberly Wallace, Mother of Quinton Gray
- Rev. Elston K. McCowan, Green Party of St. Louis [moderator]

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