

# Deputies Release Stolen OccuFurniture

## No Agreement to Restore Constitution at Courthouse

An "Occuplaza" onlooker reports that a meeting today with Lt. Craig Wilson secured agreement to release the **Occupy Santa Cruz [OSC]** literature table and chair, stolen by fellow deputies some nights ago in retaliation for the week-long return of OSC activists to the courthouse steps. Wilson reportedly gave no assurance that such raids would stop, nor that the deputies who threw water on an Occupier at 2 AM on 2-22 would be disciplined (though he suggested "a formal complaint").

The Board of Supervisors made no response to a half dozen Occupy speakers demanding county protection from unjust foreclosure. Nor did they agree to lift **Chief Administrative Officer Susan Mauriello's** extraordinary 12-hour-a-day "No Trespassing" curfew on all property surrounding the County Building.

Meanwhile **D.A. Bob Lee** continues his selective and harassing prosecution of OSC activists on inflated and inflammatory charges of "conspiracy", "vandalism" and "trespass". The charges appear to be **SCPD** payback for the embarrassing though brief and peaceful occupation of a 3 ½ year vacant bank building downtown, leased by **Wells Fargo Bank**, a major predatory lender, as speculative investment.

Five of the eleven charged are reporters for alternative media. Total charges: 44; Total Felony charges: 22 Our District Attorney's Office may now lead the country as the False Felony Fabricating Capital of the Country, with Santa Cruz's **D.A. Bob Lee** charging more felonies against OSC activists than any other city, including Oakland and New York. Estimated cost: \$100,000 and rising.

**Judge Ariadne Symons**, notoriously sympathetic to prosecutors and police, has under pressure moved a rushed Preliminary Hearing from March 5<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Ed Frey, Gary Johnson, Linda Lemaster, & Chris Doyon**, the PeaceCamp Four face 6 months in jail for protesting the City's Sleeping Ban with **Judge John Gallagher's** backing the unconstitutionally vague PC 647e .

## Free the Activists; Jail the Banksters !

### Other Court Dates

- Arraignment: **Desiree Foster** 8:15 AM Dept. 7 Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Preliminary Hearing for **Becky Johnson** 8:30 AM Dept. 7 Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Jury Trial for **Gary Johnson** 9 AM Monday March 19<sup>th</sup> Dept. 2

### Other Local Protest and Solidarity & Events Actions:

- Occupy Education: Strike at UCSC, Tent University at Base of Campus March 1<sup>st</sup> 4:30 AM
- Protests and Workshops Throughout the Day: Possible Homeless Encampment March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Occupy Santa Cruz Supports the UCSC General Assembly 6:30 PM March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Occupy Martial Law Protest March 3<sup>rd</sup> 4 PM from Occuplaza to the Town Clock
- March Against Foreclosure Fraud March 11<sup>th</sup> 1 PM Courthouse steps on Water St.
- Mid-March: **Food Not Bombs** co-founder Keith McHenry speaks and marches TBA
- April 1 National Day of Action for the Homeless Right to Exist: Housekeys not Handcuffs TBA

**D.A. Bob Lee:** Drop all charges against the Santa Cruz Eleven & the PeaceCamp Four ! 831-454-2400

**OSC** meets Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 PM, Saturdays 2 PM on the steps of the County courthouse; Sundays at Main Post Office

More on **OSC** at <http://occupysantacruz.org/> & <http://www.facebook.com/groups/occupysantacruz/>

**HUFF** meets Wednesdays 10 AM to noon at the Sub Rosa Cafe at 703 Pacific Ave.

**Free Radio Santa Cruz** Updates Sundays 9:30 AM to 1 PM, 6 PM- 8 PM, Tuesdays 6-9 PM, Thursdays 6-8 PM 427-3772

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