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Denver's Ultimate Persecution of Columbus Day Resisters Begins Tomorrow

Vindictive Trial of the Elderly and Disabled Shows City's True Colors

On Wednesday morning, May 28, at 8:30am, in Courtroom 117M in the City and County Building, 1437 Bannock Street, Denver, the City of Denver will begin its final round of prosecutions of the 83 Columbus Day protesters, who were arrested on October 6, 2007.

In the final drama of arrests and trials, **that Colorado AIM estimates have cost the city over \$1 million**, the City will embark on its most mean-spirited and cynical prosecutions to date.

Wednesday's case involves the persecution of:

- a 67-year-old American Indian elder, who is a diabetic amputee, and was arrested in her wheelchair the day of the protest (**Irma Little**)
- a 60-year-old European-American man, who was former Controller for the State of Colorado, and is a retired lawyer, professor and minister (**Dan Whittemore**)
- a 32-year-old, blind, Italian-American man who stood in solidarity with American Indians against the racism of the Columbus Day Parade (**Nicholas Delmonico**)
- a 63-year-old, European-American teacher who has protested the Columbus Day holiday, in an attempt to educate the Colorado public, for the past fifteen years. (**Katherine "Kate" Goodspeed**)

The prosecution of this group of social justice advocates is more evidence that the administration of **Mayor John Hickenlooper**, and the office of **City Attorney David Fine**, are not interested in the pursuit of justice, and are not interested in a principled resolution of the annual Columbus Day conflict in the streets of Denver. They are interested in the vindictive assertion of their power, through arbitrary arrests and prosecutions of peaceful dissenters. The City has admitted in these trials that it intends to set an example for future protests, including this summer's Democratic National Convention.

The defense will be led by noted Denver attorneys Lonn Heymann of the law firm of Rosenthal and Heymann, and Qusair Mohamedbhai of the law firm of Killmer, Lane & Newman.