

# Press Release: 3 Arrested Dec 9 at Hancock

THREE ARRESTED DEC 9 TRYING TO DELIVER A *CITIZENS'* ORDER OF PROTECTION TO THE 174<sup>TH</sup> REAPER DRONE ATTACK WING AT HANCOCK AIR BASE

**This afternoon, December 9, 2013, two Yale Divinity students and a Catholic Worker were arrested as they peaceably remained at the Hancock Reaper drone base entrance on East Molloy Rd in DeWitt, New York. They were attempting to deliver a citizens' Order of Protection on behalf of Afghan drone survivors.**

Since October 25, 2012 over 50 citizens have been arrested – and issued Court Orders of Protection – for protesting Reaper drone war crime originating at Hancock. The DeWitt Town Court has issued such Orders at the request of the Hancock colonels. These Orders suppress the First Amendment right of all those arrested petitioning their government for redress of grievances at Hancock. The grievance is that Hancock's 174<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing pilots weaponized Reaper drones over Afghanistan killing civilians. One of those arrested, Mark Colville, declared,

*"It's grotesquely ironic. These colonels got Orders of Protection against scrupulously nonviolent citizens opposing their violence. Yet, it is these colonels who deploy the killer Reaper robots terrorizing and murdering women, children and other non-combatants in Afghanistan."*

Those arrested today are charged with obstruction of governmental administration, trespass and disorderly conduct: Creighton Chandler Yale Divinity School 512) 534-5552 Mark Colville\* Amistad Catholic Worker, New Haven, CT 203) 415-5896 Gregory Williams Yale Divinity School 203) 600-5447 \* also

charged with criminal contempt for violating his October 25, 2012 Order of Protection.

All three were released to their own recognizance by Judge Robert Jokl and will have to return to DeWitt court next week

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