

# Hancock 38 Trial, November 1st

At a pre-trial hearing on Wed, Aug. 24, a trial date was set for the Hancock Drone Resisters. The trial stems from arrests following a civil disobedience action at the main entrance of Hancock Air National Guard Base on April 22, 2011, where 38 people were arrested at a die-in protesting the drones at the Base (see photo). We don't know how long the trial will last – the judge has cleared several evenings for it.

Motions were also argued at the hearing – the defendants argued that they should be entitled to use the necessity defense (it is ok to break a law in order to prevent something worse from happening) and bring in testimony about the illegality of drone warfare. Both motions were denied.

Stay tuned for information about events planned in conjunction with the trial and with hospitality needs.

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