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Being Transgender is a Crime!

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Abstract

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"In my initial temporary hearing I was told that going to school was a luxury and was ordered to get a full time job. I have completed my junior year at Eastern Washington University, working towards a BA in Psychology. My initial financial statement I showed that after school expenses I had about \$1000. Per month. to live on. Though, I haven't made more than that since 1996 and the commissioner still imputed my income at \$1800. per month, never mind that I had been injured on the job and am partially disabled as per the State of Washington Labor and Industries. So then I was ordered to pay \$1000. per month in child support, to dress as a man when with my children, and to quit school and get a full time job. After being held in contempt for not being able to pay, the last commissioner said 'I am not convinced that being transgender is not a choice like being a punk rocker.'"

If this injustice moves you, please take action! The most basic action you can do is spread the word! Simply link to this entry! Please spread the word about this outrageous abortion of justice.

LiveJournal user Zorah also suggests to:

*1) Write her a letter of support! Kim's family is all over the country, and none of them are here. Because of visitation restrictions, Kim will not see her girls for a month (this was her weekend). Last night she did not sleep at all, but spent her time reading and responding to all the responses you lovely people posted on LJ. I know it meant a lot to her, and it would mean a lot if she got supportive mail while she was in jail. If you are worried about your letter arriving on time, the post office can send it 2-day mail for a little extra.
Kim's Address:*

*William Stankovich
Spokane County Jail*

1100 West Mallon

Spokane, WA 99260-0320

2) Write letters to the editor and the local news telling them how you feel about Kim's sentence.

Urge them to cover the story.

The Inlander (our free weekly): totheeditor@inlander.com

The Spokesman Review (our daily paper): newstip - news@spokesman.com letter to the editor - editor@spokesman.com

KREM TV: newsdesk@krem.com

KXLY TV: news4@kxly.com

KHQ TV: you have to go here - <http://msnbc.msn.com/id/3082888/> and fill out the box that says 'contact KHQ' in the bottom right of the page

3) Paypal a buck for Kim's commissary and book fund.

more pictures here.

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