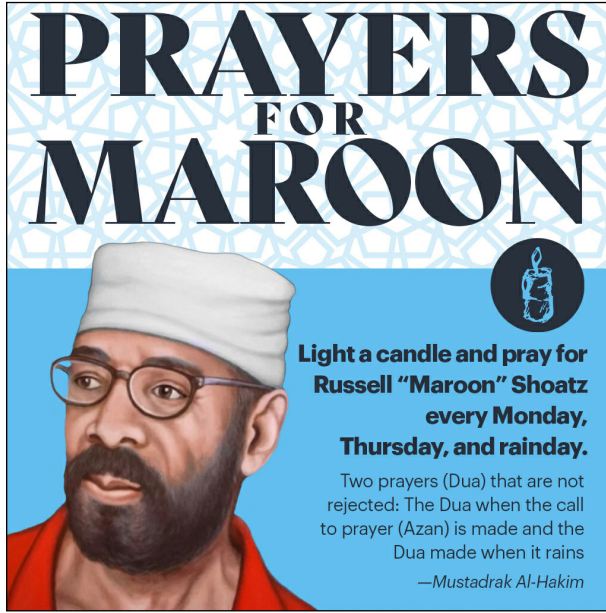


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<https://russellmaroonshoats.wordpress.com>

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

For more on what you can do and for future actions, please visit

<https://linktr.ee/freemaroonnow>

[freemaroon-now@googlegroups.com](mailto:freemaroon-now@googlegroups.com)

### Write to Maroon:

Smart Communications/PA DOC  
Russell Maroon Shoats #AF-3855  
SCI Dallas, Post Office Box 33028  
St Petersburg, Florida 33733

Did you know that 145 human rights and criminal justice organizations demanded the immediate and unconditional release of Russell Maroon Shoatz in a letter to Gov. Wolf in January?

Did you know that various health experts also wrote Gov. Wolf in January urging Maroon's immediate release, including:

Robert Cohen, MD, Physician, NYC Board of Correction Commissioner;

David Hoos, MD, MPH, Project Director, Population-based HIV Impact Assessment Program, ICAP, Mailman School of Public Health Columbia University, Former Associate Medical Director, New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute;

Robert Fullilove, Professor of Sociomedical Sciences at the Columbia University Medical Center; Associate Dean, Community and Minority Affairs;

Barbara C. Zeller, MD, retired Chief Medical Officer, Brightpoint Health; Dingmans Ferry, PA

## Free Maroon Now!

A coalition working to release terminally ill elder Russell "Harun Maroon" Shoatz from the cruel and inhumane conditions of confinement in Pennsylvania's Department of Corrections.



# Russell “Maroon Harun” Shoatz

is a 78-year-old dedicated community activist who is serving multiple life sentences as a US-held political prisoner. He was held in solitary confinement for a total of 29 years. Despite the torture and deprivation that has been everyday life for Maroon over the last several decades, he has remained at the cutting edge of history through his writings.

His essays and interviews, compiled in his book *Maroon the Implacable*, demonstrate a profound and self-critical understanding of the current moment with clear proposals for how to move forward. He is currently dying from Stage 4 cancer and has survived COVID and surgery this past year, in spite of the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections’ totally inadequate medical care; for example, delayed surgery.

## ON AUGUST 12, RUSSELL MAROON SHOATZ’S PETITION TO QUIETLY LIVE OUT HIS DAYS IN HOSPICE CARE WAS DENIED.

Judge Kai Scott of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas denied Russell Maroon Shoatz’s petition for a medical transfer to hospice care, despite his terminal diagnosis.

She denied his petition because she claims he’s still a risk of escape and a danger to the community. Maroon is wheelchair-bound and partially blind.



Maroon is a father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, brother and a beloved community member. He should be able to die at home surrounded by his loving family.

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<https://linktr.ee/FreeMaroonNow>



Scan the QR Code and stay informed!

Offer prayers and reflections  
for Maroon  
every Monday, Thursday, and rainday

Share Maroon’s story and writings

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