



NY man jailed on Jan. 6 charges gets another trial delay while hoping for Trump pardon

A New York man jailed for nearly four years on Jan. 6 charges has been granted another trial delay as he holds out hope for a dismissal or pardon once President-elect Donald Trump takes office in January. The defendant, Jake Lang, faces serious felony charges for allegedly assaulting police officers outside the U.S. Capitol in 2021. His lawyer argued that a trial would be moot after Trump's inauguration, citing the "high likelihood of a Presidential Pardon or dismissal of charges."

US judge sentences migrant to life imprisonment in high-profile murder case

Jose Antonio Ibarra, a 26-year-old undocumented migrant from Venezuela, was sentenced to life imprisonment without parole for the murder of Laken Riley, a nursing student at Augusta University in Athens, Georgia. Riley's body was found in a wooded area near a lake on the University of Georgia campus in February. Ibarra was found guilty of 10 counts, including murder and aggravated assault with the intent to rape Riley. Riley's family and friends made emotional pleas to the judge for the maximum punishment, highlighting Riley's positive impact on their lives

Quote

"Every time you state what you want or believe, you're the first to hear it. It's a message to both you and others about what you think is possible. Don't put a ceiling on yourself." - Oprah Winfrey

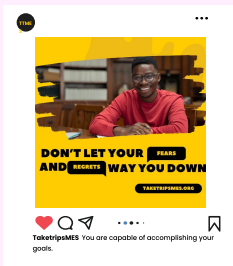
'Yesterday, you could take my labor': Wages are at issue in Minnesota's justice system

The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Minnesota's Constitution allow for involuntary servitude as punishment for crime. Panelists at the Re-Imagining Justice Conference argued that this exception allows the state to exploit the labor of incarcerated individuals. Former incarcerated individuals shared their experiences of earning extremely low wages, with deductions for confinement costs, fines, and restitution. The Minnesota DOC pays incarcerated workers between 25 cents and \$2 an hour, with pay ranges determined by work evaluations and limited "out time." Most non-MINNCOR workers start at 25 cents an hour, while only a small percentage of MINNCOR workers earn higher wages. The article discusses the issue of low wages for incarcerated individuals in Minnesota, highlighting the exploitation of their labor under a constitutional exception that allows for involuntary servitude as punishment for crime.

Study: Half of US adults have had close family member jailed

The study, conducted by FWD.us and Cornell University, surveyed over 4,000 American adults and found that 64% of US adults have had someone in their family spend at least one night in jail or prison. The study also found that 113 million US adults have had an immediate family member incarcerated, with 6.5 million adults reporting that a family member is currently in jail or prison. One in five US adults has had a parent incarcerated, leading to serious financial and emotional consequences for families. The study revealed that African American adults were 50% more likely than white Americans to have had a family member jailed, and three times as likely to have family jailed for 10 years or more. Low-income families were disproportionately affected, with adults making less than \$25,000 a year 61% more likely to have family incarcerated than those earning over \$100,000 a year.

Our newsletter serves as a vital tool to raise awareness about the injustices within the incarceration system and to inform our audience about the ongoing efforts to create a more just and equitable system. Through this newsletter, we aim to highlight the systemic issues that lead to unfair treatment and wrongful imprisonment, share impactful stories of those affected, and provide updates on legislative and grassroots initiatives working towards reform. We hope to inspire collective action and foster a community dedicated to advocating for meaningful change.



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