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CRAIG OUT ON BOND; PUN STILL IN JAIL PUN & CRAIG WIN BOND REDUCTION!

The bonds of Pun Plamondon and Craig Blazier have been reduced from \$100,000 each to \$25,000 for Pun and \$5,000 for Craig. A \$5,000 bond means 10% of it or \$500 must be paid to a bondsman.

This was the third argument for bond reduction in a month. The first two motions were turned down by a district court judge.

Craig & Pun have been locked up in Benzie County Jail for the past 4 weeks on charges of armed robbery, extortion, conspiracy to commit extortion, and criminal usury.

Arguing for bond reduction were defense attorney Buck Davis and attorney Dean Robb of the American Civil Liberties Union. Earlier this week Ernest Mazey of the ACLU announced at a press conference that the ACLU would be arguing for reduced bonds.

As you read this Craig may be out and back on the streets. But the case is by no means over. Pun's bond is still exorbitant and they both still must stand trial.

The charges against Pun & Craig are made by

Uwe Wagner, who alleges they threatened him and then robbed him at gun-point when he didn't pay the money he owed on a dope deal.

But his testimony and the state's case was contradicted at the preliminary hearing on March 11th by the testimony of eye-witness Bruce Peterson. Bruce testified that Pun & Craig made no threats, had no weapons and that Wagner himself suggested that they take his belongings for collateral until he could repay his debt to a third-party. He also testified that Wagner is a known rip-off and deals in drugs such as morphine and methadone.

Although they are lower than the original ransoms \$100,000 bonds requested by the attorney-general's office, \$25,000 and \$5,000 are still exorbitant. The next chance to argue for bond reduction for Pun will be on Wednesday, April 4 in Cadillac.

Meanwhile money is needed to pay the bondsman. Bring or mail donations to the Rainbow People's Party Defense Fund, 1520 Hill St., Ann Arbor or call 761-1709.

Youth Arrested at City Hall

ILLEGAL DOPE CHARGES BROUGHT!

Leonard Sklar, a 13 year-old youth community organizer, was arrested last night during a special city council meeting on revenue sharing money.

Originally charged with possession of stolen property, Leonard was taken to security, searched and then charged with possession of marijuana. The stolen property charges were then dropped.

Leonard and 3 friends were talking in a hall when an Ann Arbor cop walked up and saw some city owned locks in Leonard's hands. Without telling Leonard or the people with him the charges, the cop took Leonard's arm and led him away.

Even attempts by 1st ward Councilman Jerry DeGriek to get information was met with a stony, "You just go back to your council meeting," from a woman clerk.

A lawyer and Leonard's parents later managed to get Leonard released in their custody with further action expected next week.