



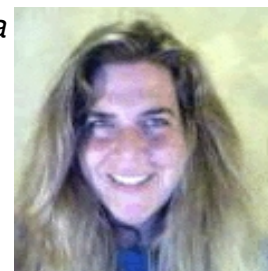
If... the machine of government... is of such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then, I say, break the law. - Henry David Thoreau

On November 19, 2006, sixteen human rights activists were arrested after carrying the protest to close the School of the Americas (SOA/WHINSEC) onto the Fort Benning Military Reservation, publicly defying the laws which prevent political speech on military bases and making a bold call for justice and accountability.

*The sixteen were held at Ft. Benning and charged for "unlawful entry" by the federal court. Fifteen of the sixteen arrested were released after bail money (\$500 - \$1,000/per person) was posted. One person, Margaret Bryant-Ganer, opted to remain in prison, awaiting trial; she was held at Muscogee County Jail in Columbus, Georgia. **The sixteen appeared in federal court in Columbus on January 29, 2007.***

Click on the names below for addresses and to read statements and biographical information of the SOA 16. The "SOA 16" are:

[Margaret Bryant-Gainer](#) , 38, of Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia



Margaret, 48, of Shenandoah Junction, West Virginia; was arrested on Sunday, November 19,

2006 for crossing the line at Ft. Benning, Georgia to protest the continued presence of the School of the Americas/WHINSEC. Margaret chose not to post bail and was held at Muscogee County Jail.

She appeared in federal court on January 29, 2006 and was sentenced to 71 days time served. She was released on January 29, 2006.

[Tina Busch-Nema](#) , 48, Kirkwood, Missouri



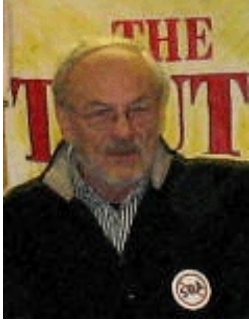
Tina Busch-Nema is a stay-at-home mom who describes herself as a "very ordinary person". She loves to garden, hike, canoe and watch St. Louis Cardinal baseball.

In her "other life" she was a School Sister of Notre Dame for 11 years. While in the convent, she visited Honduras and at Mesa Grande, a refugee camp on the Honduran/Salvadoran border. It is there that she witnessed some of the effects of the tactics of terror and intimidation taught at SOA/WHINSEC.

On Monday January 29,2007 Tina was sentenced to 2 months in federal prison, she reported to FMC Carswell in Fort Worth, TX on April 17th. She was released on June 14, 2007

Read Tina's [On-line Blog](#) about the trial!

[Don Coleman](#) ,69, a co-pastor at the University Church, from Chicago, Illinois



Don and his wife, Ann Marie, are co-pastors at University Church in Chicago. University Church is a member of two denominations: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Don and Ann Marie came to University Church and Chicago in September 1, 1991. University Church played a pivotal role in the Sanctuary Movement in the early 80s. Virgilio Vicente and Isabel Canu and their family came to University Church from Guatemala as part of the movement. Virgilio's parents were killed when their village Saq Ja was razed by the Guatemalan military - trained by the School of the Americas.

On Monday, January 29 - 2007, Don Coleman was sentenced to 2 months in federal prison, he reported to Chicago's Metropolitan Correctional Center on April 17, 2007. He was released on June 14, 2007

[Valerie Fillenwarth](#) ,64, a homemaker from Indianapolis, Indiana

