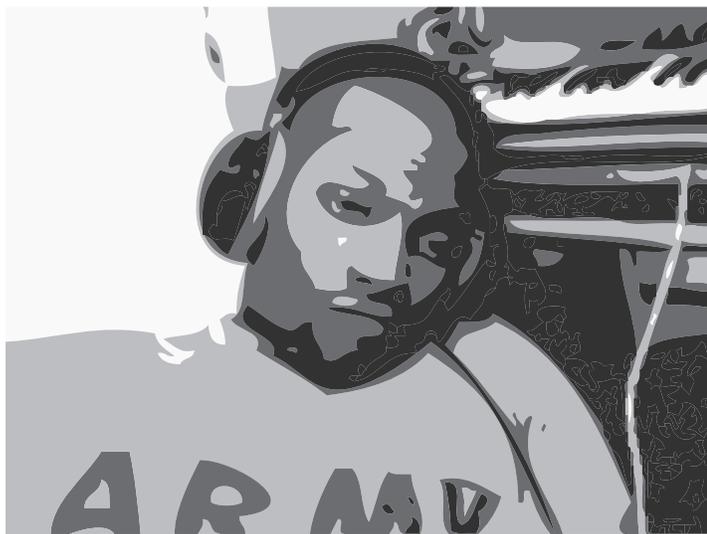


FREE US ARMY SPC MARC HALL

Jailed for angry hip-hop song about "stoploss"



Army Specialist Marc Hall has been incarcerated in the Liberty County Jail near Fort Stewart, GA since December 11, 2009 for recording a rap song. The Iraq War combat veteran has been charged with five separate violations of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, claiming that he "communicated a threat" when he recently recorded a hip hop song expressing anger over the Army's stop-loss policy. Marc recorded the song entitled "Stop-loss" and mailed a copy to the Pentagon after the Army involuntarily extended his active duty contract in order to send him back to Iraq for another year.

Marc explains, "My first sergeant called me into his office to discuss the song's nature. I explained to him that the hardcore rap song was a free expression of how people feel about the Army and its stop-loss policy. I explained that the song was neither a physical threat nor any threat whatsoever. I told him it was just hip-hop." Marc goes on to say, "My first sergeant said he actually liked the song and that he did not take it as a threat. He and my commander at the time just recommended me for mental counseling and evaluation."

Over the next few months Hall continued expressing uncomfortable feelings to his chain of command about his upcoming Iraq deployment. When Hall returned from two weeks leave on Dec. 7, 2009 he informed his chain of command that he could not in good conscience deploy again to Iraq.



Four days later the Army placed Hall in the Liberty County Jail in Hinesville, GA claiming that Hall's hip-hop lyrics amounted to the "communication of a threat."

As Marc sits in a county jail, the Army continues to implement its stop-loss policy despite President Obama's promise to end the unfair practice. According to the Pentagon 120,000 soldiers have been affected by stop-loss since 2001 and 13,000 are currently serving under stop-loss orders.

FREE MARC HALL!

FREE SPEECH FOR SOLDIERS!

FREE THE MILITARY FROM STOPLOSS!

ACT TO SUPPORT MARC

1. **Sign the letter to Marc's Commanding General** (other side)
2. **Calling musicians and artists:** We are asking musicians and artists to make public statements in support of Marc. We are also counting on folks to hold benefit gigs large and small in support Marc, free speech, and opposed to endless war and the military's stop-loss policy.
3. **Donate online to Marc Hall's defense fund:** We currently estimate that it will cost \$20,000 to cover Marc's defense. Donations are tax-deductible. Donate online at www.stoplossmusic.org, or send check or money order to Courage to Resist, 484 Lake Park Ave #41, Oakland CA 94610--please note "Marc Hall defense" on the check's memo line.
4. **Write to Marc in jail: Marc A Hall, Liberty County Jail, 180 Paul Sikes Dr, Hinesville GA 31313** He has been jailed since December 11, 2009. The military is outsourcing his incarceration to civilian authorities due to the deployment of many military police to Iraq and Afghanistan. Marc can use your letters of support.



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510-488-3559

Iraq Veterans Against the War
www.ivaw.org
215-241-7123



US Army: Drop the Charges, Free SPC Marc Hall!

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*Courage to Resist will print and mail this letter on your behalf.
We will also CC President Obama and the commanding general of US Army FORSCOM*

Please drop the charges against SPC Marc A. Hall and discharge him based on his original four year enlistment.

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Dear Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Phillip,

I'm writing to request that the charges against SPC Marc A. Hall related to his recording of a hip-hop song critical of the Army's "stop-loss" policy be dropped, and that he be allowed to leave the Army at the end of his current enlistment.

SPC Hall is currently facing over seven years of imprisonment for expressing his opposition to the Iraq War and frustration at his inability to leave the Army at the end of his four year active duty enlistment agreement through artistic expression. The lyrics of his "Stop-loss" song are indeed angry and explicit; however, would it not make more sense to treat this as a request for help from an Iraq War veteran dealing with the aftermath of combat?

As the probably know, SPC Hall mailed a copy of his song directly to the Pentagon in July 2009. Afterward, SPC Hall recalled, "I explained to [my first sergeant] that the hardcore rap song was a free expression of how people feel about the Army and its stop-loss policy. I explained that the song was neither a physical threat nor any threat whatsoever. I told him it was just hip-hop."

SPC Hall continued to serve for another five months with his unit after distributing his song, during which time he submitted to mental health counseling and evaluation. He was cleared for deployment. Yet on December 11, 2009, SPC Hall was jailed in pre-trial confinement, presumably because he continued to voice opposition to the Iraq War.

Today SPC Hall remains jailed in the Liberty County Jail near Fort Stewart, Georgia with a military court martial months away. He has been charged with five specifications of Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice—the vague rule that outlaws anything "to the prejudice of good order and discipline."

Please drop the charges against SPC Marc A. Hall and discharge him based on his original four year enlistment.

Signature _____

Print name _____ Email _____

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