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Quebec discriminate against Aboriginal woman

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Re: Danielle Robin,
Aboriginal woman from Nominuingue, Que

Danielle Robin is the common spouse de Jean-Guy Bruneau Algonquin, who reside in Nominuingue Que. Danielle has been collecting wild garlic and other aboriginal traditional medicinal plants for the purpose of helping her family and other aboriginal members of her community, she has been doing so for over 18 years now. She collects these on Algonquin territory (so called Crown land) around lake Nominuingue. She use care to leave some behind so that it will grow again and offer gift offerings behind as in Algonquin tradition and thanks the great Manitou. However for the past two years she continue to be harassed by the agents of Natural resources (Agent de la Faune du Que) On one occasion these officers have confiscated one pail of "ail des bois"(wild garlic) and the next day 4 conservation agents came to her residence with a warrant and dogs to search her house. She was later charged with a court fine of over \$560.00 on top of her lawyer fees, as an aboriginal person she rightfully refuses to pay this fine and want to continue to exercise her rights as an aboriginal person. She was told that because she is from Micmac decent she is not allow collecting plants from Algonquin territory! This woman is common spouse of an Algonquin. Furthermore she has my permission to do so, the region she is collecting is the territory of my ancestors like J Bte Bernard (Sakanowekomotch) who is clearly listed as one of the main Algonquin who lived there by lake Nominuingue. The government of Quebec and the justice system is continuing to harass aboriginal people and women like her!

Quebec and federal government agencies continue to disregard aboriginal people. They openly punish aboriginal people on the simple fact of one collecting plants that can help their community while they sell thousand and thousand of acres to mining and logging companies to have not a few plants removed for a noble cause but a total plundering and destruction of Aboriginal land .Do you call this protecting natural resources? I call it double standards and hypocritical behavior.

Danielle faces jail sentencing any day now for her refusal to pay this fine. Please your support is required immediately.

Here how you can help:

Reply to: zorokenpo@hotmail.com and just write down a simple comment of support for this woman and I will translate it for her. All your messages will be collected will be used to support her and all aboriginal women who suffer such a disgrace and humiliating situation. We need aboriginal women to continue the tradition and they must be honored for standing strong in this adversity and continuing genocide of the Algonquin people and all other aboriginal people.

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Daniel Bernard

About me:

I am an Algonquin born close to Nomingue, Qc. descendant of J Bte Sakanowekonotch and Simon Kanawato. (Both listed on Schedule "A" of Golden lake, ON. I now reside in Toronto, Ontario. I am realizing that if none of us stand for our culture and our inerrant rights as Aboriginal people, all will be lost.

Algonquin people have been divided due to the genocide committed by the federal government, Indian Affairs, and both Quebec and Ontario governments. Many Algonquin people are divided because these governments have deliberately tried to assimilate us into there culture. They use to classify us as Savages because our ancestors lived completely in harmony with the nature, and since we where "savages" they pursue to domesticate us and shame us. The kind of domestication that they have proceeded to do only brought disaster and genocide to us and other aboriginal people. They are the ones who need to be domesticated, those who pollute and destroy the planet, those like the government of Ontario who deliberately pursue uranium mining and can't not even manage water quality...and so many other things. I rather be called a Savage and live in harmony with nature and learn from the aboriginal elders who knows best.

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