

# **Serial Rapist Sean Williams and His Pig Protectors: an Exposé and Demand Letter**

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*Content Warning: mentions of rape, pedophilia, and child sexual assault.*

## Introduction

No one expects their small-town to be the center of a national-historical scandal involving the serial rape, sex-trafficking, and racketeering of over 60 women and children, and for those not yet disillusioned by the realities of capitalism and the U.S government, no one expected that the people in power who let this happen and directly benefited from it would receive full impunity for their criminal actions, with nothing more than a slap on the wrist and even more tax-payer money funneled into their salaries.

For at least 3 consecutive years, from 2018 to 2021 when he fled the state, local capitalist and gentrifier Sean Williams drugged, sexually assaulted, filmed, and profited from the rape of at least 64 women and 3 children, including a 2-year-old and a 9-month-old. Williams has still not been charged for the rapes of these women, and his close collaborator in these crimes, Alvaro Fernando Diaz-Vargas, has yet to be charged with any crime at all. Every step of the way, the JCPD and the City Government protected, facilitated, and benefitted from Williams' sex-trafficking and rape/child pornography ring by (allegedly) tampering with and destroying evidence, refusing to investigate reports by Williams' victims, stealing money from Williams' safe, soliciting weekly extortion payments, or straight up trying to buy property from him. Yet even after a \$28 million settlement basically *confirming* the majority of these crimes<sup>1</sup>, the criminals in power continue funneling our tax-dollars into the JC Pig Department and downtown's gentrification that created the economic position, police corruption, and misogynistic bar culture Williams was able to take advantage of in the first place.

One of many prospective real-estate clients for Williams was JC City Manager Cathy Ball, who, after commissioning the Daigle Report that found "statements by JCPD investigators and Department leadership to women reporting sexual assault frequently reflect assumptions that women reporting non-stranger sexual assault are lying" and that "[these actions] were inconsistent with acceptable practice of law enforcement<sup>2</sup>," proceeded to state that "no disciplinary action was warranted" and "we have an excellent police department that is serving our community well. We must pour resources into our department to ensure its success<sup>3</sup>," and allowed three of the top pig-leaders in Williams' ring to get off with "early retirement", including former Chief Karl Turner and Captain Kevin Peters who (allegedly) received \$2,000 per week in bribes from Williams<sup>4</sup>. Ball also blamed the victims of Sean Williams for their rape and repeatedly lied about the extent she knew Sean Williams during their business partnership with real-estate agent Shannon Castillo, claiming publicly she had no idea who Williams was, while in text messages, revealing that she "knew [he was a fugitive]" and intentionally refused to tell the apartment inspector about Williams<sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, "Attorney breaks down \$28M settlement related to JCPD," <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/attorney-breaks-down-28m-jane-doe-settlement-related-to-jcpd/>

<sup>2</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Johnson City Police Department faces federal suits over handling of Sean Williams assaults," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2023/11/01/johnson-city-police-department-faces-federal-suits-over-handling-of-sean-williams-assaults/>

<sup>3</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Johnson City roiled over allegations police botched sexual assault investigations," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2023/05/22/johnson-city-roiled-over-allegations-police-botched-sexual-assault-investigations/>

<sup>4</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/06/26/third-lawsuit-filed-alleging-johnson-city-cops-covered-for-serial-rapist/>

<sup>5</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, "Court filing claims JC's Ball lied about details surrounding effort to buy Sean Williams' condo," <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/court-filing-claims-jcs-ball-lied-about-details-surrounding-effort-to-buy-sean-williams-condo/>

This article seeks to expose the JCPD, City Manager Cathy Ball, and the JC City Government as a whole for their protection and perpetration of the crimes committed by Sean Williams and Alvaro Diaz, and to expose the fundamental root of these crimes in the internal mechanisms of capitalism, patriarchy, and gentrification. From Sean Williams' private real estate business and contractor-renovation companies, Cathy Ball and Shannon Castillos' intentions to buy Williams' apartment, the federal and local police's lack or active hindrance of investigation into Sean Williams, the extortion payments made to local police, the settlement that has allowed the JC Government to funnel more money into the police, to the domestic slavery and sexual exploitation everyday women face under capitalism, the minor arrests for what should be public health issues but fill the prisons up with masses of oppressed people and slave-labor, displacement and eviction by the hands of the police in order to maintain the property-value of the ruling class (and the ability for people like Sean Williams to take advantage of sleazy gentrifier bar culture)—all principles, ethics, and morality of the ruling class live and die by the needs of profit and the continuous reproduction of wage-slaves by oppressed women.

Clearly, the vast majority of women in Johnson City, those who aren't oppressors in their own right like Cathy Ball, Jenny Brock and Shannon Castillo, can have no faith in this decrepit capitalist system and its pigs to protect us from sexual violence, domestic slavery, or any form of oppression when these criminals directly benefit from and perpetrate our exploitation. We must unite into our own revolutionary organizations independent of women like Ball who only seek to maintain our oppression and create organizations that will mobilize women together with men and non-binary people to abolish patriarchy and capitalism step-by-step to emancipate humanity from the yolk of class-slavery. We need organizations like associations of working and nationally-oppressed women, broader associations of women and queer people for their collective struggle against patriarchy, committees for women's liberation in workplace organizations, maternal and familial organizations for collective child-care and against domestic abuse/slavery, street and neighborhood patrols for women at night or to defend against reactionaries/fascists generally, and women's self-defense units and combat training groups for beating back the onslaught of rapists, pedophiles, domestic abusers, and oppressors produced by capitalism. We don't need pseudo-revolutionary/progressive organizations tied to the U.S government indirectly through their legal status or directly through "mediators" like the NLRB, and we especially don't need fascist and pedophilic police departments, organizations created by the ruling class specifically to traffic us out of those genuine mass organizations and to enact/protect reactionary violence.

### **Numan's Own Sean Williams**

On April 23rd, 2023, Sean Williams was arrested by a security guard at Western Carolina University and discovered with several ounces of cocaine and meth, a hundred thousand dollars, and multiple hard-drives containing thousands of videos and images of his sex-crimes against 67 victims, including multiple children<sup>6</sup>. Additional child pornography would also be found on devices the JCPD refused to search over 2 years prior, when police investigated Williams' home following the pushing of Mikayla Evans out of Williams' five-story condo window after she fought back against his attempted rape<sup>7</sup>. Police ruled this as a "medical incident" and refused to pursue assault charges against Williams, even after finding a 23-name list of women and children he raped. However, in April 2021, they did charge Williams for

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<sup>6</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>7</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/06/26/third-lawsuit-filed-alleging-johnson-city-cops-covered-for-serial-rapist/>

ammunitions they recovered at the scene of the crime, which was illegal for him to own as a felon. A month later, they botched his arrest by informing him of the warrant, which was sealed specifically so he wouldn't find out, and let him flee for two years before he was arrested in North Carolina<sup>8</sup>. Police refused to pursue him, even though he stayed in Johnson City for another year, in his neighbor's apartment in the same building as his condo, and were fully content with letting him get away. Former police chief Karl Turner said, after the incident, "he just needs to calm down... he'll get over it," with former captain Kevin Peters stating, "I think we've achieved our desired outcome<sup>10</sup>." Additionally, Williams himself told journalist Ronan Farrow, "I mean, they fucking knew where I was. They didn't want to find me at all<sup>11</sup>."

It was during this time that Cathy Ball, via her real-estate agent Shannon Castillo, attempted to buy Sean Williams' condo, the same condo he raped women and children in, something that Ball herself revealed at a press-conference, although she lied saying "the name meant nothing to me<sup>12</sup>," whereas in text messages discovered in a class-action lawsuit against the JC Government, she stated that "everyone knew [he was a fugitive]." For reference, City Manager Cathy Ball, as the hired capitalist hand of the City Commission, *is in charge of the JCPD*. Ball also lied saying that she "withdrew" her offer after finding out who Williams was, but in fact, Castillo left papers for Williams' signature at his condo, and it was Williams who pulled out and sold his condo to a different capitalist<sup>13</sup>. She claims that she "did not know Williams personally<sup>14</sup>," but how could she have known about Williams' condo when he did private real-estate? She at least had to know people in Williams' circle, which includes her pig-employees. But it wasn't until months after Ball's failed offer that Williams finally up and left Johnson City for North Carolina.

Since 2004, Sean Williams had been renting, renovating, and living in apartments in downtown Johnson City following contracts that his business, Glass and Concrete Contracting, received to restore historical buildings back to their original state<sup>15</sup>. Ronan Farrow, in his *New Yorker* article that exposed many of JCPD's crimes, describes how, "On a busy street downtown, he had a glass-fronted garage that housed a red Ultima GTR sports car and a rope swing. On one wall was a neon-hued mural showing Williams surrounded by gigantic cartoon breasts... Many locals told me that they knew Williams as the host of wild parties at his fifth-story, three-thousand-square-foot condo, a block from the garage. After nearby bars closed, people would head to Williams's apartment, where he kept such curiosities as drones and exotic reptiles, as well as a seemingly endless supply of alcohol and cocaine, which he served from a large pepper grinder<sup>16</sup>." Williams was, above all else, a product of gentrification. He contributed to the inflation of property value via his luxury apartment renovations and historical building

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<sup>8</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>9</sup> Ibid.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, "JC manager was in contract to buy Sean Williams' condo, backed out when learning fugitive status," <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/jc-manager-was-in-contract-to-buy-sean-williams-condo-backed-out-when-learning-fugitive-status/>

<sup>13</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>14</sup> Anita Wadhvani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Text messages cast doubt on Johnson City manager's claims about deal with suspected serial rapist," <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/jc-manager-was-in-contract-to-buy-sean-williams-condo-backed-out-when-learning-fugitive-status/>

<sup>15</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>16</sup> Ibid.

restorations, collaborated with and bribed the police to protect his drug and sex-trafficking ring, and preyed on college students and countless other women in our overtly gentrified, misogynistic bars. The lawsuit filed by Mikayla Evans notes that “Williams has an extensive criminal record from 1989-2004. Except for a few North Carolina criminal charges in 2009 and 2013, Williams’ criminal record drastically declines once he moves to Johnson City in late 2004 likely because of his conspiratorial relationship with Defendants [JC pigs] manifested through illegal bribes<sup>17</sup>.” Williams and his business-partner, both for his contracting company and his drug/sex-trafficking rings, Alvaro Fernando Diaz-Vargas, developed the modus operandi of soliciting young women’s identities from young male associates, enticing women with alcohol and drugs to come back to his condo (usually after the bars had closed), and then drugging these women with benzos and/or coke in order to rape them while they were unconscious<sup>18</sup>. Numan’s bar, specifically, was a favored site of Diaz and Williams’ predation due to its proximity to their apartment and sleazy bar culture that has seen women consistently drugged and assaulted by predatorial men.

When he was not stalking random women at clubs, Williams would use his personal connection with women to prey on them and often times their children. Kari Dillis, Williams’ daughter, describes that “I was six when I found out who my dad was. I visited him a few times. I was then sexually abused by him<sup>19</sup>.” Shelby Moody, a close friend of Williams, was handed seven boxes of financial records in 2022, during Williams’ initial time on the run, which he hoped “might serve as an insurance policy, should he never need to prove that the police were being paid off<sup>20</sup>.” Shortly after, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation contacted her. Moody described to Farrow how she initially “defended Williams against allegations of rape... There were definitely girls that went up there to get fucked up, and, you know, shit happens when you’re fucked up,” until investigators interrupted her and “were, like, ‘well do you wanna see your pictures?’<sup>21</sup>” They proceeded to show her images and videos of Williams raping her while she was unconscious, something she obviously had no memory of. “This was somebody I considered my friend,” Moody said, “I was somebody he raped and then pretended like it didn’t happen<sup>22</sup>.” She now regrets handing over those financial records to the TBI, stating that “Sean is telling the truth about the police-accountability part, and how there is multilevel corruption. The police absolutely did allow him to continue what he was doing<sup>23</sup>.”

Another woman, Alexa Anderson, was a food-service worker and new mother when she met Williams in 2020 and he offered her a job as his housekeeper. After rebuffing several instances of sexual harassment, a few months later, she accidentally found images of child-pornography on his phone and quit. In 2022, she reported this to the police, with the detective she spoke to, Brady Higgins, asking about Anderson’s drug-usage “like he was speaking to a criminal, not a victim<sup>24</sup>” and failing to clarify on his report that the pictures of children Anderson found were pornographic. It wasn’t until two years later that Anderson discovered, in the same manner as Moody did, that Williams had raped her and her infant son while she was drugged and unconscious. This was the main method Williams would use to prey on children: take advantage of their mothers to get to them. “It’s devastating. It’s enough to kill

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<sup>17</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, “Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist,” <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/06/26/third-lawsuit-filed-alleging-johnson-city-cops-covered-for-serial-rapist/>

<sup>18</sup> Ibid.

<sup>19</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, “How police let one of America’s most prolific predators get away,” <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>20</sup> Ibid.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22</sup> Ibid.

<sup>23</sup> Ibid.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid.

somebody<sup>25</sup>,” Anderson told Farrow. In the class action lawsuit filed against Johnson City, when Higgins was deposed for his complicity in Williams’ crimes, “he had all of his police friends [line-up] on the back wall of the room. They didn’t break eye contact with me the whole time<sup>26</sup>,” she continued. We live in a society where women being forced to sell their domestic and sexual labor to wealthy men is not only normalized, but encouraged. This practice has its direct economic roots in the millennia-old domestic enslavement of women by male property-owners, where patriarchal ideas and behaviors regarding sexual assault naturally arise as a consequence. Williams did not target women like Cathy Ball who held more power than him, he targeted women he could economically coerce into domestic and sexual slavery due to their lower class position. When a minority of women became wealthy property-owners under capitalism and could thus lobby for meagre reforms that only incidentally bettered, if even, the lives of the majority of oppressed and exploited women, domestic slavery and patriarchy perpetrated by the predominately male ruling class did not somehow magically disappear, the victims simply became unrelated women on the labor-market rather than immediate family-members, and ruling-class women simply became perpetrators of this slavery.

Some reactionary psychoanalysts might look back at Williams’ own history as a victim of sexual-assault and render that as an explanation for his future abuses against women, but any victim of sexual-assault knows that there’s a whole series of events, relationships, and social conditions that have to affirm that destructive tendency or else no victim would ever feel inclined to replicate that abuse onto another person. No, it is impossible to understand why social crimes like rape occur from a solely individualistic perspective. Sean Williams did not commit these crimes because his past, or this or that individual, steered him to it, but because society did. The appeal to raping women and children as a “treatment” to “curing” a man’s own trauma, which would be self-portrayed as “repairing” his masculinity, is wholly a facet of the patriarchal society we live in and is reproduced by the economic exploitation, domestic/sexual slavery, and political oppression of working women. Whatever personal reasons Williams had to be a devout sexual predator does not change the fact that he could only gain his avenue of predation from capitalism, his political and economic power, his construction and real-estate businesses, his drugs and extortion money, his apartments and bar-prowling, etc... These avenues would either not exist or be incapable of contributing to serial rape unless under a society like our’s where wealth and power are concentrated into the hands of people like Sean Williams, Jeffrey Epstein, Bill Clinton, and Donald Trump because they won the competition of who could oppress and exploit the masses of women, workers, and oppressed nationalities the most. And when these people have been able to organize themselves *politically* into a state-machinery and legal-system that will always rule in favor of the ruling class as a whole, it is a “miracle” of opportunism, factionalism, and legal bribery that men like Sean Williams and Epstein are arrested in the first place, but of course, never the individuals *above them*.

As oppressed people and workers, as victims of ruling class men, we can never place our faith in the rule of a minority of oppressors to advance the conditions of the majority *oppressed by them*. Can we force certain demands, vindications, and reparations from the ruling class? Absolutely, and we should always seek to do so on our road to full liberation, but these demands will never come, or will only come in a way that benefits a minority of opportunists, unless we organize *outside* of the ruling class, outside of its state-machinery, outside of its officially-sanctioned “labor unions” and “progressive organizations,” and create our own, independent organizations that represent the will and interests of the oppressed, not our oppressors. Women have no use for a legal-system or ruling class that only gives

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<sup>25</sup> Ibid.

<sup>26</sup> Ibid.

"justice" to a few, while maintaining the domestic and sexual exploitation of the many. We have no use for an economic system that sees the majority of the wealth we create go into the pockets, private jets, gold toilets, and mansions of the 1%. Workers, women, and oppressed peoples must rise up and elevate ourselves from the shit-hand we've been dealt by history and run society according to our own needs.

## The JC Pig Department

In September 2019, federal prosecutor Kateri Dahl was hired by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Greenville to assist JCPD in building cases against drug traffickers and violent felons<sup>27</sup>. In 2020, she was alerted to Williams' presence in Johnson City after Mikayla Evans fell from his fifth-floor condo in what police called a "medical incident." Later, Evans would file a lawsuit against Chief Karl Turner, Captain Kevin Peters, investigators Toma Sparks, Justin Jenkins, Brady Higgins, and Jeff Legault as well as 12 other yet-to-be-named JC pigs for their role in Williams' crimes<sup>28</sup>. On September 19th, 2020, Evans and her friends went to Numan's bar, a favored site of William's predation, but before arriving, they were enticed into Williams' garage, drugged, and taken back to his apartment. There, Williams attempted to rape Evans, but during the altercation, she was pushed out of his five-story apartment window and put into a week-long coma after fracturing more than a dozen bones. Police refused to let Evans be drug-tested and botched her rape-kit<sup>29</sup>. David Hilton, an officer, would state to Dahl that Evans, on the night of her assault, was "dressed like a real—well, I won't say it"<sup>30</sup>.

Other officers, Toma Sparks and Justin Jenkins, after arriving at the scene of the crime, agreed to a demand by Williams to leave and return with a warrant, even though a warrant was not needed due to the potential of Williams tampering with evidence, and there were multiple security cameras pointed at the window Evans fell out of. Instead, they brought Williams to the station for questioning, and left Diaz alone at Williams' apartment. At the station, Williams was allowed to delete footage on his phone, and after being allowed to return home unsupervised, was tipped-off about police returning and given time to hide the cameras, drugs, and firearms that police never recovered<sup>31</sup>. Keith Sexton, now Washington County Sheriff, served the search warrant, and along with Sparks, Hilton, and Jenkins recovered a safe, multiple computers, memory cards, and phones, as well as a 23-name "raped" list including one "baby" and one "no name girl"<sup>32</sup>.

In the safe, a sex-toy manufactured from a baby-doll and \$500,000 were found, of which \$419,000 were stolen by police as an extortion payment<sup>33</sup>. The names on the rape list were never investigated, with Chief Karl Turner stating to Dahl that "I don't know if that's girls he's raped or girls he's had consensual sex with and he calls it whatever he calls it," even though several images and videos of the victims whose names were on the list would later be found on those devices the JCPD recovered but refused to examine<sup>34</sup>. Dahl, however, was handed the Williams case in regards a bag of ammunition that

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<sup>27</sup> Anita Wadhvani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Johnson City roiled over allegations police botched sexual assault investigations," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2023/05/22/johnson-city-roiled-over-allegations-police-botched-sexual-assault-investigations/>

<sup>28</sup> Anita Wadhvani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/06/26/third-lawsuit-filed-alleging-johnson-city-cops-covered-for-serial-rapist/>

<sup>29</sup> Ibid.

<sup>30</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>31</sup> Ibid.

<sup>32</sup> Ibid.

<sup>33</sup> Anita Wadhvani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/06/26/third-lawsuit-filed-alleging-johnson-city-cops-covered-for-serial-rapist/>

<sup>34</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away,"

was recovered at his apartment, but sought to investigate Williams for sexual assault and continued to find multiple victims whose reports to the police went unheard.

A previously reported victim, Brianna Pack, was raped by Sean Williams in 2019, and it took a year and a half for police to follow-up on her. When Dahl began investigating Williams, Sparks contacted Pack regarding her rape-kit that had come back positive and asked her what she was wearing the night of her assault. Pack proceeded to express fear of Williams' retaliation and requested police protection, to which Sparks refused and claimed Williams was "untouchable<sup>35</sup>." She continued trying to press charges, but Sparks simply stopped returning her calls. "I felt like they related more with him than they did with me," she told Farrow, "I tried to do the right thing. I wanted to protect other girls. They didn't want to make any effort, in any way, shape, or form<sup>36</sup>." Another victim, Kayleigh Murray, reported multiple assaults by Williams, one in 2019 and another in 2020, but not to the JCPD, to the FBI, "because I did not trust the Johnson City Police Department<sup>37</sup>." She told Farrow that she'd "previously experienced sexist treatment from the department, including a frisking that she found humiliating and intrusive<sup>38</sup>." However, the FBI simply referred her to Sparks, who falsely claimed, in an effort to intimidate her, that "no other woman had wanted to pursue charges against Williams because everyone else had been too fearful<sup>39</sup>." Sparks told her not to expect a follow-up until they got her rape-kit results. Its been over four years since then and she's heard nothing. Dahl also found the story of Laura Shea Trent, a young woman who died in a car crash in 2020 after being drugged by Williams and Diaz. Two days after her death, Sarah Trent, Laura's sister, called JCPD to report Williams involvement in the matter, in which they claimed to "lack jurisdiction<sup>40</sup>" in the case and referred her to the police in Elizabethton, where the crash had happened, but Elizabethton referred her back to the JCPD, who, once again, simply refused to return her calls<sup>41</sup>.

Interestingly enough, it was Sparks, the main investigator in charge of overseeing these cases and the person who consistently refused to follow up on victims, who assigned Dahl to the Williams' ammunitions case and told her that "we think he's a rapist<sup>42</sup>". It would later be alleged in Mikayla Evans' lawsuit that Sparks was one of many pigs receiving consistent \$2,000 bribes<sup>43</sup>. This sort of two-faced connivery is endemic to our capitalist political and economic system, like Trump being indicted by the Democrats and left unpunished while they decry him as a fascist after letting him get elected, as if they aren't also fascists in their own right. Sparks and other pigs like Turner and Peters were clearly trying to get Williams out of town and arrested independently of them so they could rid themselves of that liability, while simultaneously being able to pretend like "something was done" and hindering any *criminal* investigation that would've led back to their involvement in Williams' sex-trafficking operation.

It wouldn't be until a year after Evans' fall, in which 6 more victims were assaulted by Williams<sup>44</sup>, that a warrant was finally put out for Williams' arrest, not for any of his sex-crimes, but for his illegal owning

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<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>35</sup> Ibid.

<sup>36</sup> Ibid.

<sup>37</sup> Ibid.

<sup>38</sup> Ibid.

<sup>39</sup> Ibid.

<sup>40</sup> Ibid.

<sup>41</sup> Ibid.

<sup>42</sup> Ibid.

<sup>43</sup> Anita Wadhvani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist,"

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of ammunitions as a felon. Dahl pushed forward this charge after months of failed attempts at getting the JCPD to put a stop to Williams' serial rape, something Dahl was incapable of doing as a federal prosecutor because rape and other forms of sexual assault are *state* crimes. A month after the botched arrest, with officers refusing to track Williams down while he was still in JC, Dahl was wrongfully terminated by Chief Turner, and a year later, filed a lawsuit alleging that and other crimes related to police corruption<sup>45</sup>. After Williams' arrest in North Carolina, he was housed in Washington County Jail in Jonesborough until police once again let him escape on the way to a court appearance, where the transport van was missing both its required security bars on the window and a functioning camera<sup>46</sup>. It was over a year before Williams was arrested again, in Florida, this time being taken to the Blount County Detention Facility in Maryville. Here, Farrow contacted Williams, and he revealed that "his criminal activity had been made possible because, for years, he had been paying off Johnson City police officers through Alunda Rutherford, an ex-girlfriend who was involved in his businesses<sup>47</sup>." Although Rutherford denies this allegation, stating she was a victim of Williams herself and appearing on his "raped" list, and, indeed, Williams could definitely be lying about who exactly was paying off the police in order to protect another ring-leader, financial records discovered in the class-action suit show at least two officers, Sparks and Jenkins, making consistent cash deposits of thousands of dollars that did not reflect their income.

What should we glean from these numerous allegations and evidence of police corruption? That the 20 cops in Evan's lawsuit, Cathy Ball, and Sean Williams were just a "few bad apples" that simply need to be removed from our community or their positions of power and we'll suddenly find ourselves no longer oppressed and exploited? Whether or not we have a Democrat or Republican in power, the police are consistently utilized by the ruling class for legally-justified violence and repression, and because people like Sean Williams are the ones who directly fund pigs like Sparks and Ball with their property-value, its no wonder that capitalists find themselves asking for illegal favors from the pigs and the pigs find themselves clamoring for more money. The police have become the principal domestic force in our military-industrial complex, and just like the need for endless wars of aggression and colonialism, the ruling class requires perpetual violence against domestic working class and oppressed communities in order to dissuade us from rebellion and to extract profits from our genocide. And with gentrification, the police become directly utilized by local landlords, businesses, and monopolists to displace poorer long-term residents and turn ever greater sections of us into penal slave-laborers.

Whether or not an individual cop has the personal ethics to turn away from illegal bribery or to actually investigate sex-crimes, all cops have both the economic means and incentive, as well as the legal protection, to get away with whatever they want unless we expose them. The entire State apparatus would've been content with letting Derek Chauvin get away with murdering George Floyd because the latter was a poor Black man and the former was a White agent of the ruling class. It was only after the brave rebellions of hundreds of thousands of Black and other oppressed people in the wake of this, and against the consistent genocide leveraged against Black people in the U.S and abroad, that the ruling class caved and indicted one of its lackeys. Only to then use this as leverage to deceive the masses into electing genocide Joe Biden and giving up rebellion for their other demands, like defunding the police, which Omnibus veteran Biden would never have allowed to occur. And that's

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<sup>45</sup> Anita Wadhvani, *Tennessee Lookout*, "Johnson City Police Department faces federal suits over handling of Sean Williams assaults," <https://tennesseelookout.com/2023/11/01/johnson-city-police-department-faces-federal-suits-over-handling-of-sean-williams-assaults/>

<sup>46</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>47</sup> Ibid.

precisely the issue. We cannot wait on the ruling class to “allow” our demands or else we’ll never get them, or only get some distorted, opportunistic version of them. We have to rely on ourselves, on our own rebellions and our own organizations, to *seize* those demands from individuals like Ball or any member/agent of the ruling class who are ostensibly *enemies* of the working class, of women generally, and of all oppressed peoples.

There are two types of liberals in Johnson City when it comes to gentrification: 1.) the Democrats or “leftist” borderline Democrats who hypothetically or outwardly oppose displacement, evictions, homelessness, police violence, etc., but either directly benefit from it, do nothing to stop it, or blame “outsiders” like Californians and Floridians instead of the local/national ruling class and government, and 2.) the Republicans, “centrists,” and conservatives who either don’t give a fuck, outwardly support gentrification and police brutality, or simply don’t have the comprehension to understand that gentrification is even occurring. Both of these tendencies end up contributing to the problem, no matter how much they try to pretend otherwise.

There’s no supply without demand, and our government and ruling class sure as hell created that demand after it consistently disinvested in working class and nationally-oppressed areas, saw the creation of white-flight suburbs, and then used all that accumulated tax-money and revenue to inflate property-value (“renovating”) just enough to entice wealthy consumers and businesses while cutting out the poor and disenfranchised who threaten that inflation with their lower purchasing-power and standards of living, of course, problems that wouldn’t exist in the first place if we weren’t oppressed and exploited. At the same time, more and more of our tax-dollars are spent on militarizing the police, if universities aren’t simply doing that privately, to sic on our poor and houseless community members whose “crimes,” really just poverty and medical issues, make the rich want to consume or invest less. For the past half-a-century, city and county governments have devolved into no more than gentrification-machines, economic organizations of finance capital, that serve to manufacture local demand and scarcity for the rich to benefit off of while having the executive authority to enact or facilitate reactionary violence unto the masses as tribute for this demand. The question of *stopping* this bullshit is not a matter of “can” or “should” but a matter of “when” and “how.” We are the ones that fill their prisons, workplaces, and mansions. We are the ones who make their food, do their laundry, look after their children. We are the ones who generate their wealth, the ones who generate all value in society through our labor, and we’re thus the only ones with the numerical and creative strength to see all of these contradictions resolved.

## **True vs. Fake Justice: The Settlement and Lawsuits**

The editors of Southern Appalachia Workers’ Voice have not yet had the chance to speak with any of the victims of Sean Williams, Diaz, JCPD, or the City Government regarding their settlement, or in general, as the majority of them have chosen to remain anonymous under the court of civil law, but also because they have been placed under a gag-order by the settlement to “not discuss this settlement or disparage the JCPD, its officers, or any investigation of her sexual assault<sup>48</sup>.” As a working class newspaper, we constantly strive to highlight real voices from our oppressed communities, whether that be through interviews, correspondence, or mass work. Therefore, we are putting out an open call for interviews from any of the victims of Sean Williams or the JCPD who are comfortable with being interviewed, and we will ensure nothing less than strict anonymity to protect each other from State repression. That being said, we do not have to directly interact with the victims of Sean Williams to understand how,

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<sup>48</sup> Ibid.

rather than providing true justice to the victims or women in general who are forced to rely on the pigs for “protection,” this settlement has functionally thrown hush money at them while letting criminals like Cathy Ball, Karl Turner, the JCPD and City Commission as a whole get off the hook.

In the midst of a \$28 million dollar settlement, which city liability insurance will only cover \$1 million of, and two more ongoing lawsuits, the City Commission has chosen to increase the militarized police budget from a total of \$16,734,659 in 2024 to \$19,370,928 in 2025<sup>49</sup>, with police requesting an additional increase of \$2,658,111 for 2026<sup>50</sup>. The city will not be paying any of the settlement using the police budget, and instead will use unassigned and “restricted” tax-money accumulated over years<sup>51</sup>, i.e., savings that should be utilized for *emergencies*. Inevitably, the City will be “forced” to raise property-taxes to make up for this loss and we’ll be stuck with rent and price inflation as a result, further paying for the crimes of the JCPD. After Kateri Dahl filed her lawsuit against JCPD in 2022, Cathy Ball hired a third-party investigator, Eric Daigle, who found that “of a hundred and five recent reports of rape with an identified suspect, police had interviewed the suspect in only thirty-six cases. The department commonly closed sexual-violence cases quickly... officers often cited uncooperative victims as a reason for closing cases, even when they had in fact been unable to make contact with the victims<sup>52</sup>.” In response, Chief Karl Turner and Captain Kevin Peters were given early retirement, two alleged bribe-receivers, Jeff Legault and David Hilton were actually promoted, and over \$50 million dollars has since been funneled into this decrepit police department. A second lawsuit, a year later in June 2023, was filed by 9 of Sean Williams’ victims and an additional victim whose report JCPD did not investigate, but the suit expanded in February 2024 to a class-action of all victims of sexual assault in Johnson City from 2018-2023, regardless of whether or not they reported their assault to the police<sup>53</sup>. This was the suit most recently settled. Lastly, Mikayla Evans filed her lawsuit in June 2024 which focuses more on the allegations of bribery<sup>54</sup>.

After the class-action was filed, a federal judge “granted a one-time exception to court-rules barring public comments in the ongoing lawsuit<sup>55</sup>” and allowed 8 of Sean Williams’ victims to hold a press-conference after Cathy Ball told reporters they were “partially at fault for their assaults because they consumed and partook of illegal drugs<sup>56</sup>.” One woman stated that “survivors deserve to be treated with respect. For a woman in Cathy Ball’s position of power to say publicly that victims are at fault when we didn’t have the ability to defend ourselves...it was a punch in the gut<sup>57</sup>.” Another woman stated, “I am one of the 52 women whom Sean Williams sexually assaulted while taking sexually explicit photos of

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<sup>49</sup> Johnson City Budget FY 2025, p. 64, [https://issuu.com/kshoun/docs/final\\_budgetbook\\_fy25?fr=sNGY4ZTYzMTA5OTc](https://issuu.com/kshoun/docs/final_budgetbook_fy25?fr=sNGY4ZTYzMTA5OTc)

<sup>50</sup> Brandon Smith, *Johnson City Press*, “Police and fire departments make budget requests to city,” [https://www.johnsoncitypress.com/news/local-news/police-and-fire-departments-make-budget-requests-to-city/article\\_69162def-bc1b-4739-a0a0-6796aa288d29.html](https://www.johnsoncitypress.com/news/local-news/police-and-fire-departments-make-budget-requests-to-city/article_69162def-bc1b-4739-a0a0-6796aa288d29.html)

<sup>51</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, “\$28M Sean Williams-JCPD settlement: New details emerge,” <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/28m-sean-williams-jcpd-settlement-new-details-emerge/>

<sup>52</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, “How police let one of America’s most prolific predators get away,” <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

<sup>53</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, “Federal judge green-lights victims’ class-action lawsuit against Johnson City, police,” <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/02/24/federal-judge-green-lights-victims-class-action-lawsuit-against-johnson-city-police/>

<sup>54</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, “Third lawsuit filed alleging Johnson City cops covered for serial rapist,” <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/06/26/third-lawsuit-filed-alleging-johnson-city-cops-covered-for-serial-rapist/>

<sup>55</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, “Federal judge green-lights victims’ class-action lawsuit against Johnson City, police,” <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/02/24/federal-judge-green-lights-victims-class-action-lawsuit-against-johnson-city-police/>

<sup>56</sup> Ibid.

<sup>57</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, “‘A punch in the gut’: women accuse Johnson City officials of victim-blaming in serial rapist case,” <https://tennesseelookout.com/2024/02/08/a-punch-in-the-gut-women-accuse-johnson-city-officials-of-victim-blaming-in-serial-rape-case/>

me. My name also appears on the 'raped' list, which the Johnson City Police Department recovered in Sean Williams apartment...The people in my community who are supposed to protect me and the other women you see here today failed us<sup>58</sup>." Perhaps the most egregious instance of government abuse mentioned in this conference was when the JCPD planted a dime-bag of coke in a victim's backpack and proceeded to arrest and assault her after reporting Williams to the FBI in 2022. To make matters worse, the Johnson City Housing Authority then evicted her from public housing as "part of an orchestrated campaign by Johnson City Police to retaliate against and intimidate the woman<sup>59</sup>." The tactic of intimidating victims and refusing to investigate their reports was part of a larger strategy by the JCPD and City Government to maintain the position of themselves and Sean Williams.

But with the recent settlement, are these women being given justice? Have they gained justice from Cathy Ball, whose salary or political position isn't affected at all by this settlement? Have they gained justice from the JCPD whose budget is only getting higher? No, "the courts" have simply ruled that justice has been found, pretending like the judicial branch is some apolitical, unbiased power above the class struggle between oppressed and oppressors as if the latter won't simply rule in their own favor. The terms of this settlement reveal just that. Firstly, the principle of settling a lawsuit as a defendant means paying your way out of the right to a jury. If there's one lingering facet of bourgeois-democracy in our modern judiciary, it is the principle of a jury, being randomly selected from all classes (mainly the lower classes), and deciding the verdict of the case via majority-rule. When a case such as this is settled, both parties exempt the right to a jury, and although it seems like the party being financially penalized is "punished," they are in fact *shielded* from both criminal investigation and any further penalization the jury would've required. Secondly, in a class action suit, which often encompasses a broad section of the oppressed masses, the more victims there are, the lesser portion of a pay-out goes to each of these individuals compared to their attorneys. The more victims and thus first-hand witnesses there are, which can only be included with further corresponding evidence, the much higher chance the defendant will be found guilty, and thus the greater a settlement has to be to bail oneself out of that prospect. The lawyers end up getting more, the victims end up getting less, and in lawsuits against governments, no single individual is actually penalized because the government can just pull the funds from the surplus-value (taxes) they've extracted from us. Thirdly, not only has JC been allowed to bail itself out of a guilty verdict, it has been allowed to actually penalize the victims for filing this suit and further shield itself from providing true justice to the victims. This comes in reference to the "dismissal of all claims of corruption, bribery and sex trafficking against the city... with prejudice<sup>60</sup>" required by the settlement, meaning that the majority of the victims are now incapable of pursuing further related charges against the JC Government or any individual officer even if they believe they haven't received justice. The settlement also has the aforementioned gag-order where victims "cannot discuss this settlement or disparage the JCPD, its officers, or any investigation of her sexual assault<sup>61</sup>." That means that if you are one of the 375 women and girls who reported their sexual assaults to the police from 2018-2022, in exchange for \$7,000, you have to relinquish certain constitutional rights to free speech and a jury and will be unable to pursue further justice for these crimes using the legal-system of the ruling class.

In the end, this settlement is being used as an ideological tool of the JCPD and Government to deceive us into thinking they've done no wrong, or that if "mistakes" were made in the past, they're

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<sup>58</sup> Ibid.

<sup>59</sup> Ibid.

<sup>60</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, "Attorney breaks down \$28M Jane Doe settlement related to JCPD," <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/attorney-breaks-down-28m-jane-doe-settlement-related-to-jcpd/>

<sup>61</sup> Ronan Farrow, *The New Yorker*, "How police let one of America's most prolific predators get away," <https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2025/03/31/how-police-let-one-of-americas-most-prolific-predators-get-away>

learning from those “mistakes.” Around \$1.4 million of the settlement is going solely to a few attorneys, including for “equitable relief” that allows victims’ attorneys to audit the JCPD in order to ensure it’s no longer engaging in the “unconstitutional practices” outlined in the Daigle report<sup>62</sup>. But how does this solve the original problem of pigs like Turner, Sparks, and Jenkins getting away with their crimes? And how does this actually prevent these crimes from occurring again, when these pigs can just become better at hiding their corruption? Pundit for the local ruling class, WJHL, even touts that “JCPD has worked on addressing many of Daigle’s eight major findings and reports a markedly improved approach<sup>63</sup>,” without providing any evidence for this claim. Maybe a handful of police are actually doing their jobs now, but so what? “Just doing my job” has been an excuse used countless of times by fascists to try and justify their brutalization, genocide, and enslavement of the masses. The truth is that we can never trust the pigs with our livelihoods.

In May, the City published a “Transparency” page where they “acknowledge the community’s deep frustration and disappointment over what has occurred, and the real harm and deterioration of trust, which we are working diligently to strengthen<sup>64</sup>.” No mention of what they specifically did to erode our “trust,” no mention of the role Cathy Ball played in victim-blaming, no mention of the reasons Karl Turner and Kevin Peters retired, and no mention what they’re doing to support victims of sexual assault outside of funneling more money into the police. Although they never have and never will deserve our trust, how would they even go about “repairing” it if they can’t even admit to their wrongdoings? Or seek no further actions against the officers who caused this lawsuit to occur in the first place? Indeed, we noted previously how Ball mentioned that “no disciplinary action was needed<sup>65</sup>,” after the Daigle report was released. And in complete contradiction to the City’s so-called “transparency,” they egregiously state that “It was JCPD’s investigation and actions that actually led to the apprehension and now conviction of Sean Williams. It was JCPD’s indictment of Williams from which Williams fled, living on the run, and for which he was eventually arrested when found. That arrest revealed additional evidence that has now led to Williams’s conviction. The officers, investigators, and leaders of the JCPD were determined to bring Sean Williams to justice, and their efforts did just that. Second-guessing investigative steps years later with the benefit of later-uncovered evidence and hindsight does nothing to benefit the citizens of Johnson City<sup>66</sup>.” How stupid do they think we are? This “later-uncovered evidence” completely proves that the JCPD intentionally let Williams go “untouched,” and that “city leaders” like Ball were *in contact* with Williams *while he was a fugitive* yet did nothing to see him arrested. This “second-guessing” is nothing less than an exposure of the truth regarding the rottenness of the JC Pig Department and the City Government, and this provides an immense benefit to the oppressed and working people in JC by showing us the way forward in our struggle for true justice and liberation. Exposure has shown the demands that we must levy to hold these criminals accountable and

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<sup>62</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, “JCPD lawsuit settlement includes outside oversight of new sexual assault allegations,” <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/jcpd-lawsuit-settlement-includes-outside-oversight-of-new-sexual-assault-investigations/>

<sup>63</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, “\$28M Sean Williams-JCPD settlement: New details emerge,” <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/28m-sean-williams-jcpd-settlement-new-details-emerge/>

<sup>64</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, “JC’s new ‘transparency’ webpage covers police lawsuits related to Sean Williams,” <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/jcs-new-transparency-web-page-covers-police-lawsuits-related-to-sean-williams/>

<sup>65</sup> Anita Wadhwani, *Tennessee Lookout*, “Johnson City roiled over allegations police botched sexual assault investigations,” <https://tennesseelookout.com/2023/05/22/johnson-city-roiled-over-allegations-police-botched-sexual-assault-investigations/>

<sup>66</sup> Jeff Keeling, *WJHL*, “Attorney breaks down \$28M Jane Doe settlement related to JCPD,” <https://www.wjhl.com/news/local/sean-williams-case/attorney-breaks-down-28m-jane-doe-settlement-related-to-jcpd/>

it has shown the organizations we must create and the campaigns we must launch to ensure these demands are met.

## Plans of Action

All organizations, workers, women, and oppressed peoples in Johnson City need to take a stand against the criminals in power, the ruling class, and unite under a campaign of justice for the victims of Sean Williams and Alvaro Diaz, for all victims of sexual assault, and for all women whose sexual/gender oppression and exploitation is being continuously perpetrated and reproduced by the Johnson City Government and its Pig Department, as well as by the monopolists, real-estate agents, and local business owners whose class position and gentrification produces predators like Williams and Diaz in the first place. We cannot beg our oppressors to give us justice. We cannot sit idly by while more and more of our tax-dollars and labor-value go to fund our own oppression and the salaries/retirement of pigs like Ball and Turner.

It is obvious that we have to fight back, it is obvious that we must organize, and it is obvious that we must mobilize to reach our demands, but how? One of the first things that would need to be done in order to actually launch this campaign is organizing the *victims* of Williams, Diaz, the JCPD, and victims of sexual assault in general *outside* of the ruling class' state-machinery they've been forced to find "justice" in, and to show them, as well as all victims of capitalism, that the only way to gain demands, the only way to gain true justice, *is through ourselves*, our own organizations and numerical power, not by relying on this centuries-old, decrepit legal-system. At the same time, we can make a dent in that bureaucratic system, we can force judges, cops, and lawyers to get off their asses and arrest some of these pigs if we leverage our power over them. We can get legislators to get off their asses and pass laws that actually benefit or protect us. But we can never wait for these individuals do these things spontaneously. These bureaucrats are still pawns of the ruling class so we can have no illusions regarding the level of independent organization it would take on our end to realize a beneficial compromise. Although a long-term goal for the working class is to reach the level of organization where we would no longer need to rely on the pigs to arrest our abusers, unelected judges to sentence them, expensive attorneys to convince those judges, capitalist politicians to use our tax-dollars for good, or employers to pay our wage, a level of organization where we can just do those things ourselves, we are simply not at that point. Instead, we must begin by raising shorter-term, minimum demands and campaigns that would force those in power to concede to our interests for once.

To start the very, very beginning-steps of launching such a campaign against the JC Government for their perpetration of Sean Williams' crimes, the editors of Southern Appalachia Workers' Voice have penned a demand letter to the Johnson City Government listing the only concrete ways these criminals can take accountability for their corrupt, patriarchal and reactionary behavior, not as a means to restore trust into a system that doesn't deserve it, but as a means to genuinely better the lives of victims and oppressed people under capitalism by taking advantage of what we have, numerical power and righteous demands, to force the rulers to give us what we deserve, an ounce of political power and economic betterment, as a prelude to our whole-scale emancipation from them. Hopefully, this letter can serve to unite progressive organizations, victims, and oppressed people generally under a common goal and a common call to action: take Johnson City into our own hands and win true justice for the victims of Sean Williams, Alvaro Diaz, and capitalist-patriarchy in general. We advocate for the construction of a committee for victims of sexual assault, as well as a general Women's Defense Committee or Working Women's Association that can mobilize the outrage of victimized and oppressed women towards the seizure of better living, working, and social conditions. The New Labor Organizing Committee has also raised the banner for women's organization in the labor

movement with their recent "Resolution on International Working Women's Day," which calls on "New Labor organizations" to construct "Women's Grievance Committees, led by women organizers from the existing New Labor organizations but inclusive to women outside of their normal jurisdiction, including intellectual workers, lower management, and unemployed women. Their purpose is organizing the non-proletarian and semi-proletarian women to fight for their political and economic demands under the leadership of working women, including the right to terminate the employment of violent offenders<sup>67</sup>."

Unlike Women's Grievance Committees based on a shop, workplace, or industrial level, a local Working Women's Association or Women's Defense Committee would exist on a geographic-level and base itself in those struggles outside of or supplementing the trade union struggle, such as the fight against rape or police violence. For example, a broad-based, geographic committee of working women would be able to expand its organizing work to disabled women, houseless women, and sex-workers who might not be able to engage in trade-unionism or who don't have a socialized workplace conducive to trade-unionism but who still face horrid conditions of sexual violence and exploitation at the hands of ruling class men. However, a committee of specifically sexual assault victims, especially those involved in the settlement, would be able to organize immediately around demands such as the criminal investigation into the JCPD for its collaboration with Sean Williams, the immediate arrest of Williams' partner-in-crime Alvaro Diaz, the termination of Cathy Ball for her victim-blaming and attempted purchase of Williams' condo knowing he was a fugitive, and the allocation of at least some settlement and other funds for sexual assault victims from the JCPD rather than from our emergency funding. Southern Appalachia Workers' Voice and its fraternal local organizations will continue working to see these organizations constructed and our collective demands met.

**Justice for the victims of Williams, Diaz, and the JCPD!**

**Justice for all oppressed peoples and women!!**



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<sup>67</sup> *New Labor Press*, "NLOC: Resolution on International Working Women's Day," <https://newlaborpress.org/2025/03/08/nloc-resolution-on-international-working-womens-day/>

## Appendix

### Demand Letter

By the SAWV Editorial Board

*We invite all local mass organizations, victims, and women in general to sign onto our demand letter, raise new demands, and fight with us for true justice and accountability from the JC Government. If you're a local of Johnson City or have been affected by the actions of Johnson City police, government officials, or abusers like Sean Williams, and you'd like your name (initialized) or organization added to this letter, please contact us at [sawvboard@proton.me](mailto:sawvboard@proton.me).*

The undersigned organizations hereby demand the following from the Johnson City Government and any other related authorities:

- WE DEMAND that Sean Williams be charged to the highest extent of the law for all crimes he committed and that were detailed in Kateri Dahl's and the victims' lawsuits.
- WE DEMAND the immediate arrest and charging of Alvaro Fernando Diaz-Vargas for his collaboration in these crimes.
- WE DEMAND the immediate termination without severance or retirement, and the criminal investigation of those officers who facilitated Williams' alleged or indicted crimes, including but not limited to Karl Turner, Kevin Peters, Toma Sparks, Justin Jenkins, Jeff Legault, Brady Higgins, and John Does 8-20 who were all named/unnamed in Mikayla Evans' lawsuit for (allegedly) conspiring with Sean Williams to receive extortion payments, hinder federal and local investigations into him, and tamper with evidence regarding his crimes.
- WE DEMAND the immediate termination and criminal investigation of victim-blamer, Sean Williams' client, and gentrifier Cathy Ball for knowingly attempting to buy property from then-fugitive Sean Williams and facilitating the (alleged) crimes of the JCPD.
- WE DEMAND the immediate recall and criminal investigation of all elected officials in the JC City Commission for hiring Ball and facilitating JCPD's (alleged) crimes.
- WE DEMAND an immediate freeze to all property-tax increases and police-budget increases for the foreseeable future and the allocation of funds away from the police for the victims' settlements, criminal/third-party investigations and police-reform programs, social workers' response teams to reports of domestic and sexual violence, and publicly-funded healthcare (including any physical care, medication, rape-kits, drug-tests, and therapy) for victims of sexual assault.
- WE DEMAND free and public access to all court documents relating to civil and criminal cases against Sean Williams and the JC Government, as well as the names, faces, and badge numbers of all officers that were involved.

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-WE DEMAND that all bars in Johnson City have security personnel specifically dedicated to and trained in preventing the predation/drugging of women and other customers by people like Sean Williams, as well as lids to protect drinks from being laced

-WE DEMAND mandatory and yearly educational programs/classes for middle-schoolers and high-schoolers regarding safe-sex, the prevention of sexual assault and all forms of sexual or domestic violence, and the principles of informed sexual consent

Signed,

Southern Appalachia Workers' Voice

The Johnson City New Labor Committee

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