

# Who is Mumia?

**MUMIA ABU-JAMAL** is an imprisoned journalist, native of Philadelphia, former Black Panther Party member and author of ten books penned in prison. He is a husband and father of six children.

**On Dec. 9, 1981**, Abu-Jamal was shot by Officer Daniel Faulkner, beaten within an inch of his life by police, left to bleed for 30 minutes and then thrown on the floor of Jefferson Hospital's Emergency Room. Abu-Jamal underwent surgery and miraculously survived but was accused of killing Faulkner by a police force infamously known for falsifying and tampering with evidence to obtain convictions.

**Months earlier**, Abu-Jamal won the coveted Columbia University, Edward Howard Armstrong award "for excellence and originality in radio broadcasting," for his report on the Pope's visit to Philadelphia for NPR on WHY radio. Abu-Jamal was president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Association of Black Journalists. Had Abu-Jamal been a white, award winning journalist, it's unlikely that he would have been assumed to be guilty, railroaded in the courts and eventually sentenced to death, as he was in 1982, without a shred of material evidence.

**The police** failed to conduct routine paraffin test on Abu-Jamal's hands to determine if he had fired a gun. Racial bias in jury selection produced an inherently unfair trial. Ineffective assistance of counsel, witness intimidation, and 20 Habeas Corpus violations led to a guilty verdict.

**Judicial** and prosecutorial misconduct and Mumia's assertion of innocence have combined to make this case a global symbol of an unjust U.S. court system. Amnesty International found that the case "was irredeemably tainted by politics and race and failed to meet international fair trial standards."

**Abu-Jamal** has been imprisoned for 37 years. With your help, he can win his freedom this year.

## **What you can do:**

- Call 215-686-9944. Tell Philly DA Larry Krasner "don't defend the corrupt and racist prosecutors, judges and cops who convicted Mumia. Release Mumia!"
- Donate at Fund to Free Mumia: <https://mobilization4mumia.com/donate-1>
- Educate yourself and your community about this historic case at <https://mobilization4mumia.com/resources>
- Show a film or invite a speaker from Mobilization4Mumia to your event.
- Volunteer time, skills and energy to raise awareness about Mumia's case.

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