

Dear Friend,

In fact, there was one arrest on Nov. 25, at the first very large blocking/die-in at Superior and Ontario Aves and later at the highway. It happened very early on, at the NE corner of the intersection. We chanted, “Let him go! Let him go!” to no avail. Attorneys were looking into it by Tuesday evening, and late the next evening he was released without being charged.

This past Saturday, Dec. 20, he received a summons via certified mail to appear in court this morning on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. The attorneys’ motion to dismiss the charges was denied and Jeremy Brustein pleaded “not guilty”, and is required to be at a pre-trial hearing at 10:30 am on Wed., Jan. 14.

We wanted to alert you to this immediately and ask you to step up to support Jeremy, as we all continue the struggle for justice, by doing any and all of the following:

1. **Mark your calendar** to be outside the “Justice” Center and then in the courtroom on **Wed., Jan. 14**. We have to stand together and fight these charges.
2. Contact Jeremy immediately at jeremybrustein@gmail.com if you **witnessed** either his arrest, or interaction with a cop the day before when we formed a line with the “Black Lives Matter” letters for the first time across Ontario going toward Euclid Ave. from the bus stop at Public Square.
3. Please immediately send Jeremy any **photos or videos** you may have of his arrest or the interaction with the cop the day before.
4. In anticipation of **finances and legal fees**, please send or ask sympathizers to send a **donation** check made out to: “**The First Unitarian Church**”, with “**Puncture the Silence—Legal**” on the memo line, to the **First Unitarian Church, 21600 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Hts., OH 44122**. If the case does not go to trial, donated funds can go to the attorneys.

Thank you,

Puncture the Silence Steering Committee