We, the Steering Committee of the General Defense Committee of the Industrial Workers of the World, are simultaneously laughing at and appalled by the behavior of the Denver Police Department.

Seriously? Someone threw a firecracker at a squad car and you charge her with attempted murder?

For a police department with a history of violence and intimidation, this is not really all that surprising. We would love to see the real damage perpetrated against your squad car by a firework; we are all sure it had just two days left until retirement.

That your department overreacted in such a disgusting and hilarious way at a March Against Police Brutality is incredibly telling. Your department refuses to release the video of your corrections officers killing Martin Booker yet will undoubtedly plaster the media with images of your poor sweet police car with minor carbon burns as evidence of the extremes to which those radicals will go to hurt cops.

To classify a firecracker as a "molotov cocktail" either shows the height of ignorance (a poor quality in "law enforcement") or the lengths the Masters will go to railroad those fighting for a better, freer, and more just world.

As long as our comrade is facing such trumped up charges by your Keystone Kops, we will be there to support her in every way possible. You, Denver Police Department, are a black-eye on an industry which already has several. If we felt you capable of it, we would recommend you feel ashamed but we know that's nigh impossible.

We demand the immediate release of our Fellow Worker, and that all charges be dropped immediately.

For an end to Keystone Kops! For an end to Prisons! For the Workers Commonwealth!

An injury to one is an injury to ALL!

Solidarity Forever!

Signed,

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