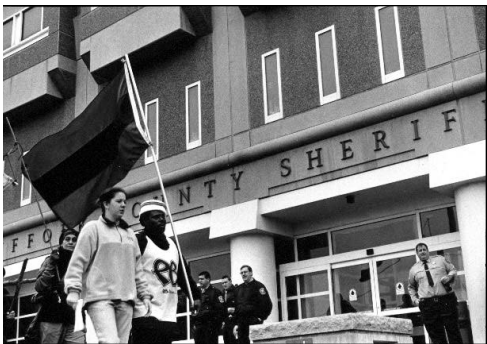
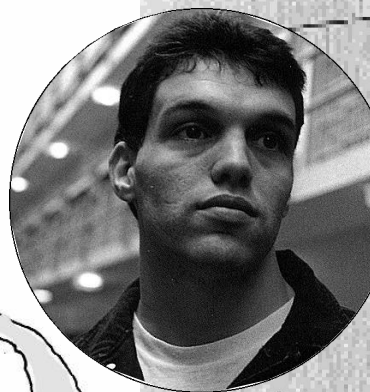
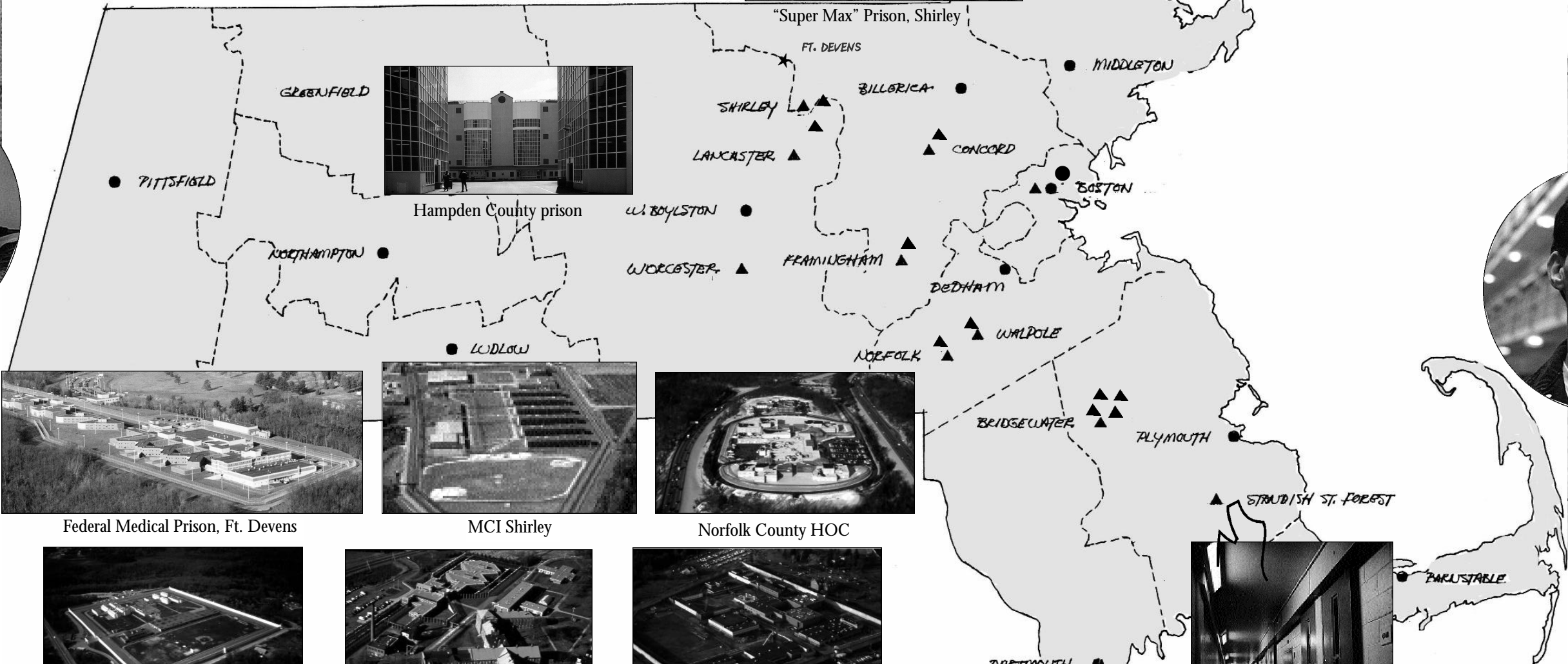
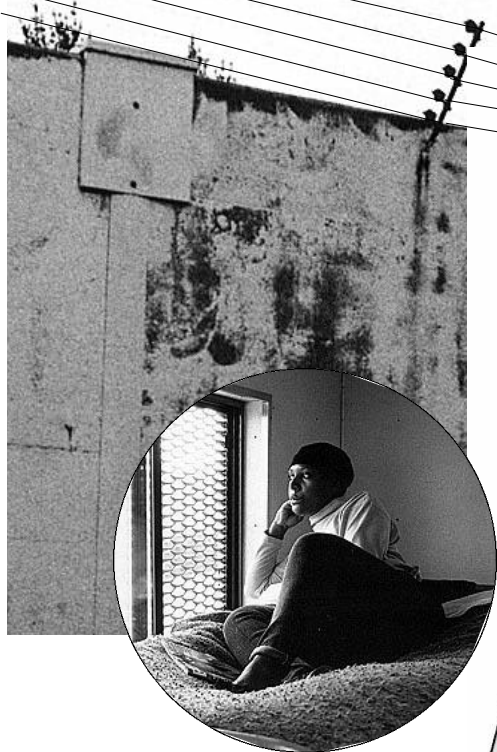
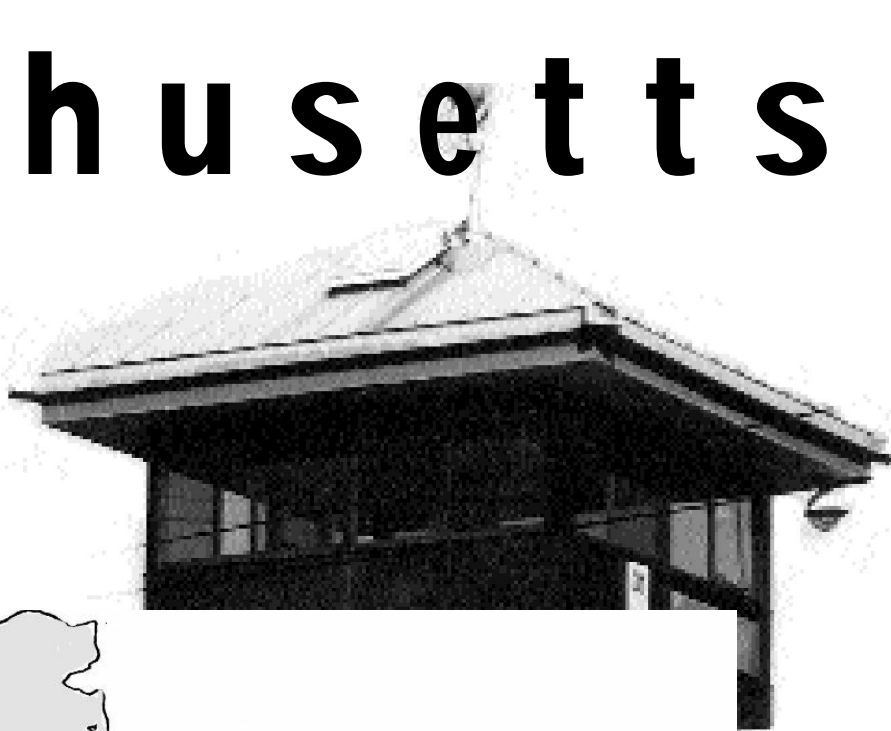
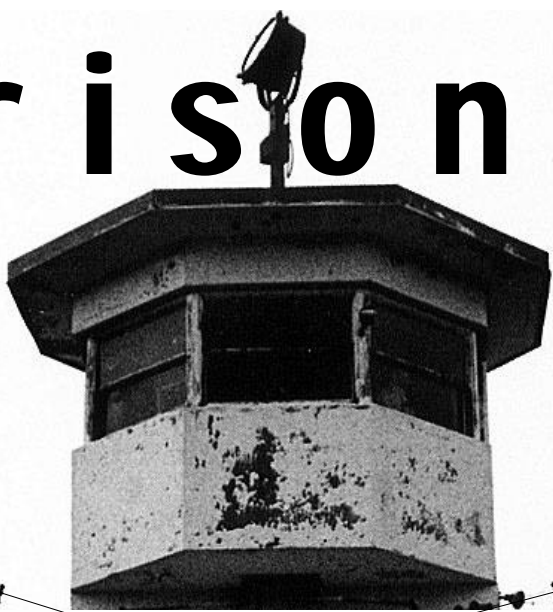


Imprisoned Massachusetts

- ▲ 16 state prisons, 11,000 human beings imprisoned
- 12 county prisons, 12,500 human beings imprisoned
- ★ Federal Medical Prison, 1,300 human beings imprisoned



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We've gone from the prison of Slavery to the slavery of Prison Angela Y. Davis

Sensory deprivation cells, where human beings are locked down 23 hours per day.

23 prisons not pictured! Neither words nor pictures...can do more than give a faint suggestion of the horror, brutalization, and degradation of the prisons of this country.

—Dr. James Gilligan

Prisons and punishment cause far more violence than they prevent...Punishment does not inhibit or prevent crime and violence...Punishment stimulates violence; punishment causes it. The more punitive our society has become, the higher our rate of violence (both criminal and non-criminal) has become.

—Dr. James Gilligan, Director, Center for the Study of Violence, Harvard Medical School & former director of mental health, Massachusetts prison system

WALPOLE

MCI Cedar Junction : This fortress, built in 1956 to replace Charlestown Prison, has a 20 foot wall, topped with 5 strands of electrified wire, and 9 guard towers. It has a Segregation Unit and in 1992 120 **sensory deprivation cells** (Departmental Disciplinary Units, or DDUs) were built after Gov. Wm. Weld stated, *“I am of the belief that prison should be like a tour through the circles of hell.”* License plate industry pays 50¢ per hr. **809 human beings imprisoned**

Pondville Correctional Center : Imprisoned men are within 3 years of parole. With no walls or fences, imprisonment is maintained through counts and strict accountability. Crews pick up litter, work as janitors for police and fire dept’s, or scrape and paint other prisons. (Wages range from \$1 to \$4 per day) **179 human beings imprisoned**

NORFOLK

MCI Norfolk has a stone wall 5 thousand feet long, 19 feet high, built by imprisoned men beginning in 1927, and enclosing an area of 35 acres. Behind the wall are 18 dormitory-style prison units. Men are sentenced to decades of imprisonment, and many are sentenced to be imprisoned to death. (This prison was the first “community-based” prison in the U.S. Here Malcolm X experienced conversion in 1948 at age 23.) **1,496 human beings imprisoned**

Bay State Correctional Center : A specialized prison for men sentenced to long terms, ranging from 12 years to death by imprisonment. **293 human beings imprisoned**

BRIDGEWATER PRISON COMPLEX

Old Colony Correctional Center : A high-tech prison erected in 1987; 10 cell blocks named for Revolutionary Heroes! Classified “medium security,” double chain link fences with razor wire, high-tech motion detectors, and microwave system connected to guard towers. **730 human beings imprisoned**

Massachusetts Boot Camp : Prison based on military discipline for men and women, created by William Weld in 1992: *“I want to reintroduce prisoners to the joys of busting rocks.”* Visiting hours limited, no law library, no personal clothing or appliances. Imprisoned persons must have “volunteered,” be under 40 and within 18 months of parole. **180 human beings imprisoned**

Bridgewater State Hospital : Individuals who are court-ordered to strict confinement because of potential for endangering themselves or others are imprisoned for evaluation and/or commitment.

Massachusetts Treatment Center “Provides sex offender treatment.” **349 human beings imprisoned**

Southeastern Correctional Center : erected in 1976 on a site used since the 1850’s as Almshouse, State Pauper Establishment, and Department for Defective Delinquents. A Minimum Unit was added in 1986, with 212 men, as a work force for operation of the Bridgewater Complex. The Addiction Center, added in 1990 for detoxification treatment, includes civil and criminal commitments. **1,100 human beings imprisoned**

SHIRLEY PRISON COMPLEX (3 prisons built on land of “Pleasant Garden” Shaker Community, 1793-1908)

Souza-Baranowski: Billion Dollar (\$1,000,000 per cell) “Super-Max” prison, Sept. 30, 1998; keyless locks operate by computer and incorporate matrix systems of 366 cameras recording live. Maximum control uses extensive check points, barriers, lock down at all times, and movement in handcuffs and leg chains within the prison. Human Rights Watch, Feb. 2000, condemned supermax prisons for violation of universal human rights: *“Conditions of confinement are unduly severe, disproportionate to legitimate security and inmate management objectives; impose pointless suffering and humiliation... Conditions are... emotionally, physically and psychologically destructive.”* **1,152 human beings imprisoned**

MCI Shirley: 12 modular cell blocks, a 60 cell “Segregation Unit”, huge double chain-link fences with razor wire, motion sensors, guard towers, and electrified wires. **1,098 human beings imprisoned**

Shirley Minimum : A thirty acre farm and beef herd. **327 human beings imprisoned**

MCI Framingham: The oldest prison for women in the U.S. 80% of women imprisoned are mothers. **506 human beings imprisoned**, 122 in Awaiting Trial Unit

South Middlesex Correctional Center : One three-story building with no locked cells or fence, built in 1976. “Work release” wages are \$5 per hour, 15% “contributed” to DOC to offset cost of workers’ own imprisonment. **195 human beings imprisoned**

MCI Concord: Built in 1878, a 20 foot brick wall with guard towers. “Reception and Diagnostic Center” imprisons all newly condemned men for 12 to 16 weeks to determine long term prison assignment. **1,343 human beings imprisoned**

DOC—Department of Corrections
MCI—Massachusetts Correctional Institution
DDU—Department Disciplinary Unit

MCI Lancaster : Former Industrial School for Girls, in 1975 became minimum security/pre-release prison for men and women. Eighteen daily counts, random room and body searches. **178 human beings imprisoned**

MCI Plymouth : Formerly Plymouth Forestry Camp, in Myles Standish Forrest. **168 human beings imprisoned**

North-Central Correctional Institution, Gardner : Built in 1902 as Gardner State Colony for mentally disturbed. Classified “medium security”, 18 buildings on 20 acres surrounded by double chain-link fences 20 feet high, razor wire, gun towers manned 24 hours a day, and K9 patrols. **935 human beings imprisoned**

Federal Medical Prison, Fort Devens: 1999 federal prison built at the decommissioned army base **1,300 human beings imprisoned**

A “minimum” prison is being built nearby to provide a work force to run the high-security prison behind the razor wire.

BOSTON (Pre-Release Centers and Hospital Units under the jurisdiction of the DOC)

Hodder House is Pre-Release for 35 women. Scheduled for demolition, it is the only women’s pre-release center in the Boston area. **Shattuck Hospital Correctional Unit**, Jamaica Plain, treats 575 state and country imprisoned men and women each month. **Longwood Treatment Center**, 125 South Huntington Ave., provides substance abuse treatment on the grounds of Boston State Hospital, with substance abuse support and mental health treatment. Work crews provide maintenance to Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. **100 men** **Park Drive Pre-Release Center** for 48 men, 107 Park Drive, near Fenway Park, a five story brick structure, 1977. **The Niel J. Houston House** , part of Dimock Community Health Center, Roxbury, for imprisoned pregnant women with drug-related health complications and for mothers with children under three months. About to be privatized. **Coolidge House**, 307 Huntington Ave., half-way house for women.

Deer Island After King Philip’s War, 1675-76, Deer Island was a death camp for Native Americans. Original Peoples were the first to be imprisoned and the first to be enslaved. Deer Island was used for more than three centuries to isolate society’s “unwanted:” immigrants and orphans, the poor, neglected, and abused. The 1904 prison was demolished in 1991 for Boston’s sewage treatment plant.

COUNTY PRISONS

	Annual Budget (Million \$)	Located in	Human Beings Imprisoned
Barnstable County	5.5	Barnstable	266
Berkshire Count	4.1		244
Bristol County	22.9	Dartmouth Ash Street DRNAC Pre-Release	821 236 111 105
Dukes County	.8		21
Essex County	20.8	LCAC Middleton	248 1,114

Essex House of Correction, 1991 to replace Salem and Lawrence prisons. 6,000 youth are imprisoned each year, 17 years old and up, average age of 20.

Franklin County	5.7	Greenfield	140
Hampden County	43.7	Ludlow	1,668
Hampshire County	6.8	Northampton	251
Nantucket County	.05		
Middlesex County	38.6	Cambridge Billerica	223 1,173
Norfolk County	14.6	Braintree Dedham	43 493
Plymouth County	25.5	Plymouth	1,180

\$100 million 1994 prison with automatic controls, 111 cameras, an \$8 million computer network, motion sensors and self-contained prison modules, so as to be run by as few guards as possible. (40 or 50 by day and 20 at night) to control up to 1,400 persons.

Suffolk County	69.7	South Bay Nashua Street Jail	1,823 675
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Suffolk Co. House of Correction: largest prison in Massachusetts, designed in early ‘90s to imprison 1,146 persons in absolute minimum space, now imprisons more than 1,800, forcing *double* and *triple* imprisonment in single cells. Nashua Street Jail, opened in May 1990, to imprison 453, now imprisons 675. More than 18,000 men and women are imprisoned each year. Halfway Houses are Harbor Lights (210 persons), Brooke House (320 persons), McGrath House (80 persons) & 750 in work programs.

Worcester County	28.8	West Boylston	1,268
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The prison population and budget figures were obtained from the State of Massachusetts DOC, www.state.ma.us/doc

Department of Corrections Prisons: Designed to imprison 7,888 persons in extremely cramped iron and concrete cages, these prisons currently hold 10,899. Allowed to operate at 143% capacity, they force 2 or more persons to live in space that is inadequate and inhumane for one.

The conditions in many of our prisons are ...cruel, inhumane, and degrading, with severe overcrowding, frequent rapes and beatings, prolonged and arbitrary use of solitary confinement, grossly unsanitary, disease-inducing living conditions, deprivation of elementary medical care...—Dr. James Gilligan