

Thompson Rivers University Students' Union

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Mr. Michael Bailey
First Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona
United States Courthouse
405 W. Congress Street, Suite 4800
Tucson, Arizona 85701

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Drop Charges Against Human Rights Defender

Dear Mr. Bailey

On behalf of the Thompson Rivers University Students' Union, we call on you to immediately drop all charges against **Dr. Scott Warren** (case 4:18-cr-00223-RCC-BPV). He is currently being prosecuted on two counts of felony "harbouring" as a result of his humanitarian aid activities in the USA-Mexico border areas.

Previously the U.S. Department of Justice prosecuted Dr. Warren on two counts of felony "harbouring" and one count of felony "conspiracy," which resulted in a mistrial. He is now being retried on the "harbouring" charges. Our organization supports Amnesty International's opinion that Dr. Warren's work, and the work of his organization, No More Deaths, constitutes vital humanitarian aid. Therefore, we urge you to drop both charges effective immediately.

We are concerned that the charges currently held against him appear to be of a retaliatory and politically motivated nature, which would be in violation of his protected rights as a human rights defender, as well as international law. As there have been numerous reported deaths of migrants and asylum seekers, we feel that Dr. Warren's work is crucial to the area and should be allowed to continue.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon Hayashi".

Brandon Hayashi
Vice-President Equity
TRU Students' Union

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sierra Rae".

Sierra Rae
President
TRU Student's Union

cc. Her Excellency Kelly Knight Craft, Ambassador for the USA