

Hugo Yogi Bear Pinell

REST IN POWER

March 10th, 1945 - August 15th, 2015



On August 21, 1971, George Jackson, a fellow revolutionary, and comrade of **Hugo Pinell's**, led a prisoner uprising in Hugo's housing unit. That day, Jackson used a pistol to take over his tier in the Adjustment Center. At the end of the roughly 30 minute rebellion, guards had killed George Jackson, and two other prisoners and three guards were dead. Of the remaining prisoners in the unit, six of them, including Hugo Pinell, were put on trial for murder and conspiracy. Together, they were known as The San Quentin 6. Three of them were acquitted of all charges, but three, including Hugo, were found guilty. He was convicted of assault on a guard. Hugo Pinell was denied parole 10 times, and spent over 46 years in solitary confinement. He was murdered by white supremacists in 2015, after a life of being targeted for the political organizing he had committed to in the 60's and 70's, a struggle he never stopped engaging in all the way until his very last day. Now his legacy lives on.

"I don't ever regret speaking out and standing up for our people in here. I regret not being able to give more."