

The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee Legacy Project (SLP) Urges Immediate Consideration and Seeks Justice for IMAM JAMIL AL-AMIN

Imam Jamil Al-Amin, formerly known as H. Rap Brown, is currently imprisoned and seeking a fair review of his case based upon information that was withheld in the earlier trial.

The <u>SNCC Legacy Project</u> calls upon the Fulton County District Attorney's Office to reopen Imam Jamil's case and exonerate Imam Jamil based on the evidence of his innocence and confessions by another person. We urge the District Attorney's Conviction Integrity Unit (CIU) to move forward with an immediate review of this case based on the submission by Imam Al-Amin's attorneys to the CIU of compelling evidence not considered during the trial.

The SNCC Legacy Project (SLP) was begun to preserve and extend the legacy of the <u>Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC)</u>, one of the major civil rights organizations of the 1960s. Although SNCC the organization no longer exists, we believe that its legacy continues to advance the struggle for freedom, justice and equality.

SNCC was the only national civil rights organization led by young people. Mentored by the legendary Black organizer, <u>Ella Baker</u>, SNCC activists became full-time organizers, working with community leaders to build local grassroots organizations in the Deep South. SNCC focused on voter registration and on mounting a systemic challenge to the white supremacy that governed the country's entrenched political, economic and social structures.

Imam Jamil Al-Amin, at the time known as H. Rap Brown, was chairman of SNCC from 1967-68, following in the footsteps of <u>John Lewis</u> and <u>Stokely Carmichael</u>. He, along with his brother, Ed Brown, another SNCC organizer, were student activists in the 1960s. Following his work with SNCC, he worked with the Black Panther Party. He converted to Islam, devoted himself to study and became Imam Jamil Al-Amin, and established a mosque in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 2002, he was accused of murder and sentenced to life in prison. Another person confessed to the crime and there have been questions of judicial misconduct.

Through this statement, the SNCC Legacy Project adds its voice to those of the other civil rights and human rights organizations and the thousands of individuals who are seeking to assure justice for Imam Jamil Al-Amin.