

After Legal Victory, Mumia Abu-Jamal to Begin Receiving Hep C Drugs This Week



Philadelphia, April 4 (RHC)-- Imprisoned journalist and former Black Panther Mumia Abu-Jamal will begin taking a new fast-acting drug for his hepatitis C this week after winning a legal victory in a U.S. federal court. The treatment reportedly has a 90 percent cure rate.

Pennsylvania prison officials say it can cost \$50,000 per person, and have sued in order to limit its use. Abu-Jamal's lawyers say the decision paves the way for thousands more prisoners to get treated.

His lawyers have noted Abu-Jamal got sicker while the case was under appeal, and has since been diagnosed with cirrhosis of the liver.

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