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Time 5:00 p.m.

Place: Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Broadway & SW Yamhill, downtown Portland
MARCH to protest location at 921 SW Washington, Suite 755

Friday rally and march returns to protest local firm named as “dummy front company” facilitating Bush Administration torture of detainees.

The *Portland Peaceful Response Coalition*'s Friday rally and march returns to the notorious Pittock Building in downtown Portland, home of a local firm named as a “dummy front company” facilitating extraordinary rendition, the outsourcing of torture by US intelligence services. “This company and its legal representatives here in Portland have been linked to the Bush Administration’s criminal practice of sending detainees abroad to countries that routinely practice torture,” said William Seaman, a volunteer with PPRC. “We return to the site of this local link to the torture chambers of Jordan and Syria and other gross violators of human rights to demand an end to the torture practices sanctioned by Bush & Co., and that companies and individuals complicit in carrying out those criminal policies be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, including international law.”

The regular weekly rally and march will gather at Pioneer Courthouse Square and then proceed to 921 SW Washington, the location of the offices of Jordon Caplan Paul & Etter, the representatives of Bayard Foreign Marketing, LLC, the company that leased a Gulfstream V jet used to transport detainees to foreign countries with histories of routine torture. According to press accounts, Scott Caplan is the registered agent for the alleged “dummy front company”, owned by Leonard T. Bayard (who it is also alleged is a fictional identity created to facilitate the rendition process), both of whom are listed at the 921 SW Washington address. From the Pittock Building, the march will proceed to another location to dramatize the plight of detainees caught up by the Bush Administration’s assault on human rights.

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