

USA

# LEONARD PELTIER

40 years in jail after unfair trial

WRITE  
FOR  
RIGHTS



Native American activist Leonard Peltier has been in jail for more than four decades.

At the time of his arrest, Leonard was a leading member of the American Indian Movement (AIM), which campaigned for Native American rights. In 1975 two FBI agents were killed during a confrontation with AIM members on the Pine Ridge reservation. Leonard was eventually convicted of their murders, although it later emerged that the FBI coerced eyewitnesses and withheld evidence.

Leonard, 71, is currently in prison in Florida, 2,000 miles from his family in North Dakota. Because of the distance and expense, visits are almost impossible. He has exhausted his appeals, his health is failing, and he is not up for parole until 2024. His lawyers have just filed a new petition for clemency: if President Obama does not act now, Leonard is likely to die in prison.

## SEND A SOLIDARITY CARD TO:

Leonard Peltier #89637-132  
USP Coleman 1 US Penitentiary  
PO Box 1033  
Coleman, FL 33521  
USA

■ **Language:** English

■ **Suggested message:** We are thinking of you and campaigning for your human rights. Don't give up hope.

## CAN I

- Send a religious card or message?
- Send an Amnesty card or mention Amnesty?
- Include my name and address?

## SEND AN APPEAL LETTER:

Urge President Barack Obama to grant Leonard Peltier clemency before he leaves office.

**Write to:** President Barack Obama  
The White House,  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington DC 20500, USA

**Fax:** +1 202 456 2461

**Email:** Please use contact form at  
[whitehouse.gov/contact](http://whitehouse.gov/contact)

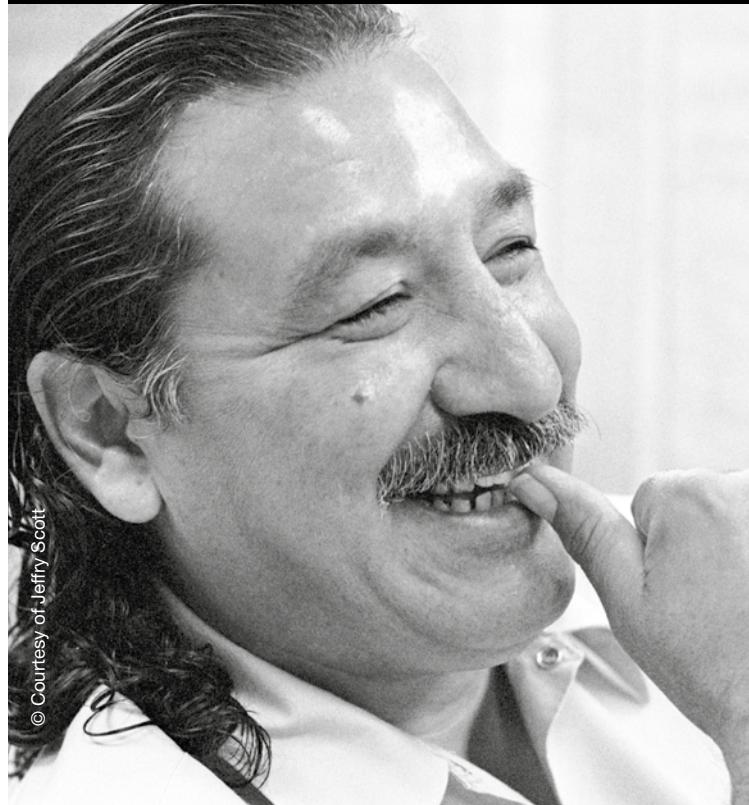
**Twitter:** @POTUS/@WhiteHouse

**Salutation:** Dear President

**In your letter:** Urge the President to grant Leonard Peltier clemency. Acknowledge that Leonard was convicted of a serious crime and express sympathy for the families of Ronald Williams and Jack Coler. Voice concerns about the fairness of the trial, and the evidence on which the conviction was based. Emphasise that justice would be best served by releasing Leonard.

'Please continue to work against injustice everywhere. As for me, I will do the same, but I am tired and I want to go home to my family.'

Leonard Peltier



© Courtesy of Jeffry Scott

## STAY INFORMED

[www.amnesty.org.uk/write](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/write)