



# FREEDOM — FOR — ED

## Ed's Story

In April of 1971, Edward Poindexter and Wopashitwe Mondo Eyen we Langa, formerly David Rice, were sentenced to life in prison for the death of an Omaha police officer- a crime they insist they did not commit. The two were targeted by law enforcement and wrongfully convicted due to their affiliation with the Black Panther Party, a civil rights and anti-fascist political group.

Over 50 years later, Ed is still in prison and maintains his innocence. He has earned several college degrees, taught anti-violence classes to youth, authored screenplays, and more. His last chance for freedom is to receive a commutation of sentence from the Nebraska Board of Pardons. At age 76, he uses a wheelchair and requires dialysis six days a week. Request an immediate and expedited commutation hearing from the Board.

Write, email and call the Nebraska Board of Pardons. Request that they schedule his hearing for the next Board meeting and commute his sentence to time served.

### WRITE:

Nebraska Board of Pardons  
P.O. Box 95007  
Lincoln, NE 68509

*\*please email a copy of your  
letter to  
[freedomford@gmail.com](mailto:freedomford@gmail.com)*

### EMAIL:

[ne.pardonsboard@  
nebraska.gov](mailto:ne.pardonsboard@nebraska.gov)

### CALL:

Governor Pete Ricketts  
402-471-2244  
SoS Robert B. Evnen  
402-471-2554  
AG Doug Peterson  
402-471-2683

### Sample Letter

Dear Pardons Board:

I am writing in regards to Edward Poindexter, #27767, who has served over 50 years behind bars with exemplary behavior and many accomplishments. He did not receive an adequate defense and was prevented from proving his innocence on appeal, an opportunity he deserved. Ed is 76 years old, uses a wheelchair, and requires dialysis six days a week. I request that the Board expedite Ed's application, schedule his hearing for the next Board meeting, and commute his sentence to length of time served.

To learn about the case, google "Omaha's Forgotten Panthers"

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