

## PRESS RELEASE

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Anthony Hudson, a public access TV producer in Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown and Cincinnati, was brutally beaten by the police while in the Summit County Jail. Hudson's PowerNeTv programming is diversified but mainly deals with exposing government conspiracies and corruption. He has been under assault by the City of Akron and Time Warner cable for this type of programming for many years.

Following a verbal dispute in an Akron store, on 4/1/05, five police cruisers and the dogs were dispatched. Hudson was arrested for yelling, cursing and threatening to harm the police dog. Those charges were dismissed. However, Mr Hudson was kept for over 24 hours after the bond (\$64) was paid. During that time he was brutally beaten. Akron police officers took him to a local ER and left him there still in jail clothing. There are hospital records that show head injuries and multiple broken ribs sustained while in custody of the Summit County Jail. Three days later, Hudson suffered a mental breakdown that resulted in another beating and arrest. He has been in the Summit County jail since April 6 on those charges, of assaulting a police officer, without ANY phone calls, visitors (not even clergy) nor proper medical treatment. The bond was set at \$50,000. A direct indictment on the felony charges was done 4/18. His lawyer entered an insanity plea last week. Mr Hudson did not appear in court.

The brutality incident in the jail was witnessed by all of the inmates. Several have come forward and made statements about the extensive use of force by five officers. There were remarks made about him talking badly about the mayor on public access TV. The mayor and Time Warner cable have eliminated PowerNeTv and other public programming in Akron, Canton and Youngstown by the implementation of new restrictions on 4/1/05. These include restrictions on who can appear on public access programming, where it can be filmed and a fee of \$25 per tape airing. Hudson's PowerNeTv was one of three Akron companies that traveled across the country filming events aired on public access in the Akron area. The new rules also eliminated airing imported programming such as Democracy Now. All programming must be locally produced and include local residents. There is currently a case in the Federal District court on 1st amendment violations stemming from these new rules. Producers are waiting for the judge to issue an injunction against the fees until the case goes to trial.

There have been sensational headlines from the local network media. They have been full of lies. They don't want to address the truth. They don't want to hear about the police brutality that has occurred against Mr Hudson. It has been confirmed that force is continuing to be used on him. His life is in danger every day that he remains in custody denied any access to the outside world.

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