

Friday, October 27, 2006

**The revolution will not be televised/Gil Scott-Heron jailed for probation violation finding.**

Persuasive talk is more than words, but is the very passion, rhythm, and music with which those words are presented. One of my favorite passionate vocal messengers is Gil Scott-Heron, who proclaimed that the revolution will not be televised: "The revolution will not be televised. The revolution will not be brought to you by Xerox in 4 parts without commercial interruptions. The revolution will not show you pictures of Nixon blowing a bugle and leading a charge by John Mitchell, General Abrams and Spiro Agnew to eat hog maws confiscated from a Harlem sanctuary. The revolution will not be televised." Recently, I checked out what Gil Scott-Heron has been up to. I learned that he was jailed for two to four years this year in New York, having been sentenced for a probation violation finding. I have insufficient information to give much of an opinion about this probation violation situation. Perhaps this unfortunate experience will lead Gil to spread all the more of a persuasive message about the dysfunctions of the prison and criminal justice system. Letters of support can be sent to Gil at this address: Collins Correctional Facility Gil Scott-Heron, #06R3165P. O. Box 340 Middle Road Collins, NY 14034 Jon Katz

Posted by Jon Katz in Criminal Defense at 00:00