

Emmanuel "Toto" Constant headed the paramilitary death squad known as FRAPH (Revolutionary Front for the Advancement and Progress of Haiti) during Haiti's 1991–1994 coup d'état, which claimed the lives of 5000 Haitians. FRAPH repressed resistance to the military dictatorship that governed Haiti during the coup d'état. Under the command of Mr. Constant, members of FRAPH orchestrated a systematic campaign of rape, torture, arson and executions against the residents of the poorest communities in Haiti.

Mr. Constant fled Haiti to the U.S. in 1994 when a Haitian court issued a warrant for his arrest for murder and torture. From 1996 until his arrest by New York State authorities for mortgage fraud in 2006, Constant has enjoyed de facto political asylum and a comfortable lifestyle as a mortgage broker in Queens, NY, despite extradition requests from Haiti for his crimes against humanity and international outcry.

In 2004, the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) and the Center for Justice & Accountability (CJA) filed a civil suit against Mr. Constant in New York on behalf of three women who survived FRAPH's campaign of violence against women, including rape. In 2006, the court found Constant liable for torture, including rape, attempted extrajudicial killing, and crimes against humanity. He has been ordered to pay \$19 million dollars in damages, which he is currently trying to get out of paying.

However, Mr. Constant continued to live freely in the U.S. until he was arrested for mortgage fraud in July 2006. In 2007, after receiving information from Haitian and U.S. activists and human rights attorneys about Constant's past, Judge Gerges set aside the original plea bargain for Constant, over objections of the Department of Homeland Security, which was urging Constant's immediate deportation to Haiti. Haiti is currently fraught with an incompetent judiciary, a weak prison system, and a complete disregard for the rule of law. If Constant was deported to Haiti as a result of this plea, he would likely serve no time for his previous crimes of systematic rape, torture, arson and executions of civilians and would continue to wreak havoc on the people of Haiti.

For Crimes Against the Haitian People
RALLY for HUMAN
RIGHTS in HAITI
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
8:00am
Supreme Court of NY State
320 Jay St (at Johnson St.)
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Join us outside the courthouse on the first day of Toto Constant's trial for mortgage fraud to bear witness as Constant faces justice in the U.S. and to show solidarity with the Haitian people who anxiously await a fair trial for Constant's human rights abuses in Haiti someday.

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