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### **Documentary About Black Panther Pete O'Neal and His Life in Africa to be Shown at Central Library**

**SAN DIEGO** – The City of San Diego Public Library will host a documentary film showing of “A Panther in Africa” on Monday, Sept. 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the third floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego. This event is FREE to the public.

Pete O'Neal founded the Kansas City, Mo., chapter of the Black Panthers, a social activist cum Black Nationalist movement which flourished in the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Its members were conspicuous by their guns, black berets, leather jackets and political posturing. On Oct. 30, 1969, he was arrested for transporting a gun across state lines, a charge he deemed as politically motivated. O'Neal fled one year later. For more than 30 years, he has lived in Tanzania as one of the last American exiles from an era when activists considered themselves at war with the U.S. government. As he struggles to reconcile his future and the past, O'Neal has committed his life to global activism and community service. He confronts very different challenges and finds himself living between two worlds — America and Africa.

This POV presentation explores the life of a violent 1960s radical long after the moment for revolution has passed.

Jane Rhodes, Ph.D., professor in ethnic studies at the University of California, San Diego will facilitate a discussion after the presentation.

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