

Acquitted!

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Side Note

- I have a sweet lady friend with some issues
- We all have issues and opportunities for personal growth
- As long as my friends are working their issues and not denying them, I'll be there to help
- An uplifting but difficult perspective
- It's a more personal version of spending years trying to help an entire culture
- Both require lots of determination and compassion

Synopsis

- I was arrested April 22, 2024 due to a foolish drunken claim
- Charged with aggravated domestic assault, interfering with emergency communication
- Both charges dismissed without a hearing May 24
- May 13, 2024 I called 911 about a drunk visitor, got arrested for violating a no-contact court order
- No contact order dropped at June 25 hearing
- Last charge dismissed July 30 without a hearing

Who Was Injured?

- I was – false charges, bad press, sloppy policing, handcuffs, and a malevolent system injured me
- She was – a woman in distress was deprived of my support
- Picture messages I received but could not reply to:



Can't Recant Charges

- She was hiding from police when they extracted her statement
- April 29th (or before) she called state's attorney
- May 1st met with state's attorney and gave judge a letter
- May 10th ignored scary notice from sheriff
- May 23rd deliberately did not attend hearing
- June 24th attended hearing to testify for me
- Government let the last charge linger another month

• Moral: don't report crime unless you want to punish

Sexist Law Enforcement

- Women are protected, accused men are mistreated
- On an earlier occasion, she called 911 and said I tried to kill her with a knife
- Obvious nonsense, but police did not arrest her for false charges
- SD law that requires arrest encourages false arrest
- False arrest prompts proud wrongful prosecution
- Uninformed cops arrested me probably based on sexist alarmist assumptions

Handcuff Injuries

- Modern handcuffs are harsh, accident prone
- Politicians approve mean handcuffs; seems they like hurting people
- Small squad car cage exacerbates problems
- See "Handcuff Safety" presented 01/31/2022
- See "Safer Handcuffs" presented 03/16/2021
- I told arresting officers they were hurting me
- They continued injuring me during two arrests

Don't Trust Police & Politicians

- Police follow training that politicians mandate
- Cops told me these lies:
 - 1) We just want to talk to you real quick
 - 2) Mandatory arrest for violating a no contact order
 - 3) We have to arrest you or we would get fired
 - 4) You can file charges at the jail because a superior will be there

Right To Remain Silent

- City and county do not respect right against self-incrimination
- Arresting cops ignored my 5 tries to remain silent or leave
- Guards try to force self-incrimination regarding illegal drugs
- Never read me my Miranda rights
- Cops and politicians swear to uphold our Constitution but then violate rights

Jail Problems

- Sleep deprivation in max security via bright light
- Sleep deprivation via banging noisy metal doors
- Unsafe bunks with unpadded rails and no ladders
- Unhealthy fattening food without fruit, vegetables
- Unconstitutionally cruel
- It's all approved by politicians
- Mostly a county issue, but city has “accomplice liability” under SD law § 22-3-5

More Jail Problems

- Prison guards tell you almost nothing
- Can't get written charges until weeks after arrest
- Can't research your case in jail
- Required to sign documents you don't receive
- Mostly people of color in jail
- Mostly alcohol and drug-related crimes
- Drug laws used for racial and economic dominance₁
- Drug and police policy should be revised

More Cruelty

- Prison frisks bang into genitals
- People are released from jail with only the clothes they were arrested in
- County does not provide a ride home, a meal, a phone call, nor a motel room
- That's just mean
- Part of a deliberately traumatizing experience
- Trauma encourages addiction, crime, incarceration, poverty, struggle, over policing

Psychological Damage

- I grew up Catholic, Eagle Scout, America!
- I was a wreck for a month, got sick too
- My faith in American government has been betrayed, incident by incident
- Every betrayal is another stab, another cut to both my love of America and to our democracy
- People don't see the gradual destruction of democracy that promotes greed of the few

Enjoy Nature



Addendum:

Ideas which did not fit
into the time-
constrained presentation
to city council

Damage From Arrest

- Physical injury – bruised via handcuffs, bored, stuck in a cage
- Financial loss – legal fees, can't work while in jail, job loss, difficulty regaining employment
- Emotional stress – worrying for months, mistreated by mean cops and guards
- Legal damage – time and money for endless hearings and legal consultations
- Reputation – attacked on social media, bad press
- Psychological – liberty and justice for all is a lie

Alcohol Problems

- Alcohol encourages reckless destructive behavior including filing bogus charges
- Most dangerous recreational drug per "Drug harms in the UK" in The Lancet, a prestigious journal
- Causes 5.8% of global cancer deaths, see <https://cancercontrol.cancer.gov/brp/hbrb/alcohol-and-cancer>
- Drunks are dangerous drivers
- Fetal alcohol syndrome causes birth defects
- Overdose deaths, cirrhosis, heart failure, ...

More Alcohol Problems

- Alcohol is protected by government
- Alcoholism treatment is underfunded
- No treatment at the jail
- Detox is not treatment; 3 days at the Link not near enough; 3 years are necessary
- Police need training in addiction and mental health
- Alcohol is good for business, bad for people and community

Recommendations

- I need to find an inspiring way to express these ideas so people don't ignore me but get excited instead
- Don't call police – so you don't get arrested
- Don't talk to police – they lie and push self-incrimination
- Don't trust police, prosecutors, judges, politicians, plutocrats – they promote the system, and don't work for voters
- Be wary of news, entertainment, and social media – configured by the rich man's club to promote the club
- Work for reform – vote for rare honest politicians

October 5, 2024 Update

- My girlfriend's recovery has come a very long way
- Now works through life challenges without alcohol
- Outpatient aftercare provides great benefit
- My support makes a world of difference
- Now she's the sweetest thing ever!