

## Injustice Comes to Asheville

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Dear friend of Freedom,

I never would have guessed that I would be writing to you with a two inch long pencil from a tiny cell in a maximum security jail in Charlotte, N.C.! On June 2, 2009, with no warning, I was arrested and then my hands, feet and waist were chained-up and I was whisked away, 130 miles from my family, friends and the community that I love. My alleged crime: trying to help small businesses by promoting the use of a local-acting, precious metals currency as the United States Constitution says the whole country should be using. The experience continues to be heart-rending. Something has gone terribly wrong!

From the beginning, in 2003, I have continuously received assurances from law enforcement, including Sheriff Von Duncan, that no law was being broken. Former Asheville Police chief, John Dankle, confirmed this in 2003 with the Secret Service who enforces these laws. To date, they have not received a single complaint. A Federal Reserve spokeswoman has stated that people "could use them in their own community" and a Treasury Department official told the media in 2006 that "merchants were free to accept them if they wished." How is the FBI serving and protecting the country by arresting me?

This gloomy, indoor jail has been my unsavory home for five months already and I could be here two years more awaiting trial. I am being punished as though guilty before I have had any opportunity to prove my innocence. The lack of sunshine, bad food, hostile guards and the overcrowding makes this dungeon more severe than most prisons. But, with the help of community, I could be released on bond until the trial.

My co-defendants are out on bond, but I am a Canadian who has yet to file for citizenship. The immigration issue would not by itself keep me here either, but with the two issues together they consider me a "flight risk". There is a good chance I can be released once my citizenship application has been accepted and an immigration bond has been paid. Here are a few ways you can help to rescue me from here:

- 1) Please write an affidavit as outlined on the sheet from Jordan Forsythe, my immigration lawyer (704) 522-6363. It is like a formal Letter of Recommendation. Keep one original.
- 2) Copy this letter and Jordan's outline and ask others who know me if they would like to do the same. The greater the number and persuasiveness of the letters, the greater the chance the application is accepted and that the bond is lower.

3) If you would like to help out or contribute to the bond fund-raising effort, please contact my wife: Julia Graunt (828) 582-9115 for details. Jordan says the judge may set the cash bond between \$5,000 and \$20,000. Only when Jordan has received enough good letters will she schedule a hearing with the judge and the bond amount will be determined at that time.

This whole situation is "history in the making"! Positive change is finally sprouting within people and through cracks formed because certain structures have become too rigid and have begun to wither and decay. Out of the old, new life is springing up and also a desire for a kinder way to share this beautiful planet. I have jumped into this struggle for positive change with both feet. You can say I'm now in over my head! This is my call for you to throw me a lifesaver.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope I can see you by the Holidays - in wonderful, warm sunshine!

Jail info:

Sincerely,

<http://www.charmeck.org/deptments/mc50/Detention/home.htm>

Kevin Innes

P.S. I love getting letters. Please

contact Janice for the "rules". 828-275-5360 <sup>if don't understand website</sup> MUST HAND write only envelope

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