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Jeremy Fights a Grand Jury

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Jeremy has no intention of cooperating with this, or any other grand jury he may be called in front of. Simply by calling him in front of this grand jury, the government has already added a minimum of nine months to his sentence by removing him from a program he was participating in at the federal prison he was serving his sentence at. He faces up to an additional 18 months in prison for contempt if he refuses to cooperate with the grand jury.

How Can I Help?

There are many ways you can help Jeremy.

The most important is writing to him. His address is:

**Jeremy Hammond, A0182888
William G. Truesdale Adult Detention Center
2001 Mill Road
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Please see bit.ly/5easyactions for all the information you need about writing to Jeremy, including rules of what is and isn't acceptable to send through the mail.

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