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Andy Cox

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End **LIFE SENTENCES** for Marijuana

Andy Cox, like most people serving LIFE for marijuana, got caught in a conspiracy charge. The conspiracy statute holds everyone involved in the conspiracy responsible for the crimes of everyone allegedly in on the conspiracy, and the last one to “cooperate” by implicating others ends up paying the steepest price while their co-defendants get off with little to no prison time.

Prosecutors contend that Andrew Cox was the mastermind behind a large marijuana grow on public lands in Georgia. Cox maintains his innocence and says he was not at all involved in the grow. He does, however, admit he owned the property where others were growing marijuana and he did have an acquaintance with one of the individuals involved.

To the best of Andy’s knowledge, all the marijuana growing activity took place on this private property, not on public lands, although he cannot say for sure as he was not really involved in the operation and never saw the garden. However, the jury was lead to believe this was a large scale grow on public lands.

Cox says the government was after him because they believed he was a marijuana smuggler. They used a court rule called 404b to say to the jury that because of his prior involvement with marijuana, he had knowledge of how to run a marijuana grow scheme, and was thus guilty of the conspiracy charges that earned him a life sentence.

Andy says the experience is a nightmare, with the government bringing in people, many he had never seen before and all of them trying to get out of trouble by saying that he was the one. One of his former employees, with whom he was no longer associated, got arrested for illegally ordering pills. Upon her first questioning with the DEA she said she knew nothing about Andy or his business dealings. Several months later, as this person was facing prison time, she suddenly “remembered” she had seen marijuana and counted money from it. Her pill case magically disappeared.

Andy currently has a 2255 motion filed and is hoping the courts realize the miscarriage of justice in sentencing a nonviolent marijuana offender to a life sentence. Failing that, Presidential clemency remains Andrew Cox’s best chance at experiencing freedom again.