

FREE KEVIN

Imagine being imprisoned for more than four years without a trial, without a bail hearing, and without being allowed to have any visitors outside of immediate family and legal staff. Imagine what kind of a crime you would have to commit to be eligible for this treatment. Murder? Bank robbery? Terrorism? The crime of the century, it seems, is computer hacking.

Kevin Mitnick has been in federal custody since February 15, 1995 and has never been accused of violence, causing any sort of physical damage, or stealing. Yet he has been treated far worse than any violent criminal. Even the Oklahoma City bombers had a bail hearing!

HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?



We live in an age where the brightest among us are often looked upon with fear and suspicion. The Kevin Mitnick case has been filled with inaccuracies and distortions from the very beginning. These are the facts, verifiable through court records. Kevin has not been charged with stealing, engaging in credit card fraud, causing damage to a computer system, or even breaking into a computer system. What he has been charged with is misrepresenting himself on the phone (saying he was somebody he wasn't) and coming into possession of software belonging to major cellular phone corporations. At no point has Kevin been accused of trying to sell or subvert this software - all indications are that he was simply curious how it worked and whether there were intentional privacy holes that could affect all cellular phone users. The cellular companies responded to this by claiming millions of dollars in undocumented damages when all Kevin did - even according to the prosecution - was look at the software.

THIS AFFECTS EVERYONE

On June 14, Kevin will be sentenced in a federal court in Los Angeles. The judge will have the choice of recommending more prison time or **IMMEDIATE RELEASE** to a halfway house. In addition, once Kevin's imprisonment has ended, the authorities want to impose draconian restrictions on him for an additional three years. These include not being allowed to work in any environment with computers (there are virtually no such environments left - he wouldn't even be able to work in a fast food restaurant), not being allowed to even look at a web site or receive e-mail, not being able to tell his side of the story, and not even being allowed to **talk about computers** with anyone! We think his suffering has gone on for too long. Help us convince the authorities to give Kevin his life back.

On Friday, June 4, simultaneous demonstrations will be held at federal courthouses across the country. For literature and links to up-to-date information on demonstrations being planned in your area, visit www.freekevin.com.

DEMONSTRATION INFO

To learn more about the Kevin Mitnick case and the Free Kevin movement, visit www.freekevin.com, read 2600 Magazine, and listen to "Off The Hook" every Tuesday evening at 8:00 pm ET on WBAI 99.5 FM or on the Internet at www.2600.com/offthehook