

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Leidermann

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**Comments for Public Posting:** (My name is Karly Cramer. Max is in jail so I am posting this for him. I check the email I am using for this. Thank you in advance for all your help.) My name is David Max Leidermann. I am a Los Angeles resident currently being held in federal pre-trial detention. I have been detained for 3 years without a jury trial and am being held without bond, far away from my home and community. I am writing to ask that the length and conditions of my pre-trial detention be noted and paid attention to. I have not been convicted of a crime, and my case is non violent. Prolonged detention under these circumstances has had a significant personal impact. I also have ongoing health issues that are difficult to manage while detained. I am not asking this body to intervene in my legal case. I am only asking that attention be given to situations where individuals remain incarcerated for extended periods of time without a verdict. Thank you for allowing this comment to be entered into public record. David Max Leidermann Cats County Jail 303 A Avenue Plattsmouth, NE 68048



# DAVID "MAX" LEIDERMANN

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## NON-VIOLENT FEDERAL CANNABIS DEFENDANT

Held in federal custody for three years without trial

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### CASE OVERVIEW

David "Max" Leidermann is a California resident who has been held in federal custody for three years awaiting trial on non-violent cannabis conspiracy charges. Despite having no personal or residential ties to Nebraska, he was transferred there for prosecution and remains detained far from his family and community. Max has no prior criminal convictions and no history of violence. His continued pretrial detention raises serious concerns regarding due process, proportional enforcement, and access to a fair defense.

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### KEY CONCERNS

- Prolonged pretrial detention without a trial date
- Prosecution in a distant venue with no personal nexus
- Barriers to effective defense preparation and discovery access
- Parallel civil asset forfeiture proceedings limiting access to retained counsel and impairing the ability to mount an effective defense
- Limited access to adequate medical care while in pretrial detention

### FAST FACTS

Age: 51  
Home State: California  
First-Time Offender: Yes  
Allegations of Violence: None  
Current Status: Federal pretrial detention  
Bail Status: Detained pretrial without bail  
Time Detained Pretrial: 3 years  
Venue: Prosecuted in Nebraska despite no personal ties

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### WHY THIS MATTERS

Extended pretrial detention exerts significant pressure on defendants to forgo their right to trial, particularly when cases are prosecuted far from home. In non-violent cannabis cases, such practices raise broader questions about fairness, federal overreach, and the appropriate use of prosecutorial power.

In addition, Max faces extraordinary sentencing exposure- including the possibility of a life sentence- under antiquated federal drug laws and sentencing frameworks.

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### REQUEST FOR REVIEW

- The use of prolonged pretrial detention in non-violent cases
- Venue selection practices that separate defendants from their communities
- The cumulative due-process impact of parallel criminal and civil proceedings

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