

WANTED...“FREE TOMMY CHONG” DOO DAH PARADERS!

Join the “FREE TOMMY” Doo Dah Parade Brigade! Wear your hand-made FREE TOMMY t-shirt...bring your protest sign...and your best Tommy Chong “look” to the corner of Raymond and Walnut Street in Pasadena at 10:00 am for a wake and bake pre-march gathering on Sunday, November 23 plus ten bucks parade entry fee to march. This salute to Tommy Chong will be a historical event filled with many laughs. We look forward to having you join us. Feel free to drop an rsvp note to spacedearthling@trafficking.com ...or just show up in Pasadena at ten bells for the 11:30 am parade. For more parade information, check out <http://www.pasadenadoodahparade.com/>



You know the story. If not, here is the latest...

Actor-comedian Tommy Chong to stay in prison while awaiting appeal

The Associated Press

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PITTSBURGH - A federal judge ruled that actor-comedian Tommy Chong's prison sentence for conspiracy to sell drug paraphanelia would likely stand and refused to release him from jail pending an appeal. The ruling by U.S. District Judge Arthur Schwab was dated Thursday. Chong, 65, best-known for his portrayal of a drug-addled ne'er-do-well on screen, pleaded guilty to conspiracy last spring in federal court and was sentenced to nine months in prison.

He reported to prison on Oct. 8 to begin serving his term.

Prosecutors said Chong grew wealthy by glamorizing drug use and trivializing law enforcement in his films. He used his celebrity to promote his business with mail orders for bongos and other drug paraphernalia, prosecutors said.

Agents seized thousands of bongos and pipes when they raided his business, Nice Dreams Enterprises, Inc.

Tommy Speaks 10.23.2003

(Excerpt from www.cheechandchong.com)

News Channel 23's Emily Valdez presented Tommy's first prison interview yesterday. During the interview, he had this to say:

"They really arrested my character...the stoner musician was just a character...they [the feds] told me if I didn't plead guilty, they would indict my wife and son...they said if I plead guilty, nothing [would] happen."

In other words, the feds lied.

Show your support and write Tommy....

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If you are as outraged as we are, write your U.S. Congress Representative

The following letter has been drafted by The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

I am writing today to express my outrage with the Justice Department investigations, "Operation Pipe Dreams" and "Operation Headhunter," which recently resulted in a sentence of nine months in prison for actor and comedian Tommy Chong.

As your constituent, I ask you to please work for the repeal of unfair federal paraphernalia laws, at least those pertaining to marijuana pipes and rolling papers. At the very least, I implore you to halt Justice Department funding for Operation Pipe Dreams and Operation Headhunter, and to send a letter of protest to Attorney General Ashcroft asking for Tommy Chong's release.

At a time when the threat of terrorism is real, wasting law enforcement resources (it costs approximately \$25,000 per year to keep one person in prison) prosecuting and imprisoning a nonviolent seller of pipes represents a misguided set of priorities. This is money that should be used fighting violent crime, including terrorism, instead of fighting cultural wars left over from the 1970s.

The basic purpose of any criminal law is to protect public safety and to discourage conduct that is dangerous or harmful to the rest of us. Can anyone in America honestly say they feel safer today because Tommy Chong, a comedian and actor, has been sentenced to 9 months in prison for selling pipes on the internet? Of course not. These laws do nothing except make criminals out of otherwise law abiding businessmen. I demand the repeal of unfair federal paraphernalia laws, at least those pertaining to marijuana pipes and rolling papers, the termination of funding for Operation Pipe Dreams and Operation Headhunter and the immediate release of Tommy Chong from prison.

STOP ARRESTING RESPONSIBLE MARIJUANA USERS.