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On June 30th, Krystal was charged with conspiracy & obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder, & released on pre-trial probation. Peppy was charged with the same, plus use of explosive to commit a federal felony. He was detained & has been incarcerated ever since. Peppy has fought this case while locked up, after being denied bail multiple times.

Facing what could have exceeded 10 years in prison each, & considering all the risks of going to trial & the larger political context surrounding the case, in September of 2024 Peppy & Krystal accepted a non-cooperation deal. Peppy pled guilty to conspiracy & obstruction of law enforcement during a civil disorder. The "use of explosive to commit a federal felony" charge, carrying a 10-year mandatory minimum, was dropped. On January 6th, 2025, Krystal was sentenced to 3 years of probation, avoiding jail time. By statute, Peppy's plea carries a 60-month sentence.

They were also given a deadline to jointly pay restitution to the University of Pittsburgh in the amount of \$1,400, along with \$47,284 to a University of Pittsburgh police officer for alleged financial damages.

There is still a long road ahead, & both Peppy & Krystal need our support. Check out freepeppy.org, find us on social media, donate, spread the word, & write Peppy letters of support and solidarity:

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