

FREE POLITICAL PRISONER JEFF 'FREE' LUERS



Statement Made to the Court Upon Sentencing by Jeffrey Luers June 11, 2001

I want to make clear why I set a fire at Romania Chevrolet. I'm not going to offer excuses. I want this opportunity to explain my actions so that they are not misunderstood or misinterpreted. I didn't do this for anarchy or because I'm anti-government. And I didn't do this because I enjoy property destruction. I don't. I did this because I'm frustrated that we are doing irreversible damage to our planet, our home.

It is not an exaggeration to say that right now we are experiencing a period of extinction equal to that of the dinosaurs. Forty thousand species are going extinct each year. Yet we continue to pollute and exploit the natural world. I'm not going to justify my actions. I can't do that anymore than one can justify the destruction of the environment for profit. They are both wrong. I take responsibility for what I've done. You can judge my actions, but you can't judge my heart. It can not be said that I am unfeeling and uncaring. My heart is filled with love and compassion.

I fight to protect life, all life, not to take it. I took every precaution to insure that no one would be injured by this fire. If I thought for any reason that anyone- be it Mr. Kelly or any responding firefighter or police officers- would be injured, I never would have set this fire. It was not my intention to hurt anyone or place anyone at risk.

I'm not going to ask the court to grant me leniency. All that I ask is that you believe the sincerity of my words. that you believe that my actions, whether or not you consider them to be misguided, stem from the love I have in my heart.

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