Gyrocopter Pilot Who Landed on Capitol Lawn Could Face Four Years in Prison



Washington, April 17 (RHC)-- In the United States, a 61-year-old mailman who flew a gyrocopter onto the lawn of the U.S. Capitol in a call for campaign finance reform has been released pending federal charges.

Doug Hughes could face up to four years in prison on charges of violating national defense air space and operating an unregistered aircraft. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said Hughes literally flew below the radar, going undetected, before landing on the Capitol lawn.

Doug Hughes was carrying 535 letters to every member of Congress demanding they take action on campaign finance reform.

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