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Hell House survivor Corporal Ryan Weemer held in contempt and imprisoned.

On November 13, 2004 twenty one year old Lance Corporal Ryan Weemer fought room to room in the deadly fight of *Hell House* to save the lives of his fellow Marines on day four of the now historic battle of Fallujah.

By the end of the day he and his squad saved the life of Sgt. Major Kasal who was later awarded the Navy Cross in this same *Hell House* fight. By morning's end though Weemer was dragged half alive from the building after being cut down by an insurgent's AK 47 fire.

Nearly four years later Weemer is still fighting for his life as he sits in a California prison cell at the direction of Federal Judge Stephen Larson who ordered Weemer held in contempt of court as part of the prosecution of another Marine, Sergeant Jose Nazario who is charged with killing an insurgent on day one of the battle of Fallujah.

Weemer is also charged with killing a confirmed insurgent on the first day of the battle of Fallujah. Despite Weemer's initial cooperation with investigators and his willingness to

make a sworn statement to federal authorities as part of their investigation, he has been charged with murder of an insurgent in Fallujah and forced to rely on his Constitutional privilege to remain silent.

After Weemer was charged, Federal Judge Stephen Larson ordered Weemer to testify at the Grand Jury responsible for considering additional charges against Nazario. Despite Weemer's prior cooperation and testimony he was ordered held in contempt and sent to prison for an undetermined amount of time. All this despite the fact that Weemer had already testified regarding the matter and the testimony given to the federal prosecutors and the Grand Jury.

Weemer, who was recalled to active duty in 2008 by the Marine Corps to be prosecuted now sits in a federal prison cell contemplating his fate and his short life; escaping death in Fallujah only to be prosecuted for the act of surviving.

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