

Center. "By calling it a grand jury investigation, there is some legitimacy to dragging law abiding citizens into court like McCarthy-era inquisitions to give up information on their neighbors or their political associates."

"If it's secret and government power is unlimited, there are no checks and balances; they're able to get away with a lot of abuses of our civil liberties," she says.

Government investigators turn to grand juries, activists charge, to compel testimony when traditional, informal questioning is rebuffed. And often, Regan explains, the questions asked in secrecy are very general, having little to do with the crime ostensibly being investigated.

"Sometimes they really are as broad as 'do you know this person,'" she says. That "puts the person who is subpoenaed in just a terrible position. You then have to give up personal information about someone who is potentially a friend of yours without knowing what they're getting at, why they're asking for information about that person."

And, she adds, the witness "has no right whatsoever not to answer."

That's what Woodruff faces in upcoming weeks. "It's just a crappy decision to have to make," whether to comply or face jail, she says.

At one point, she and two other women who'd been called to appear were offered a deal: an informal interview in which each could have her lawyer in the room, after which she'd sign an affidavit about her testimony.

Woodruff says she was so scared that she initially agreed. "That was the first time I cried," she explains, "when I said yes. I bawled for giving in. It felt really wrong in my gut. So in the morning I said called my lawyer and I said no. It's kind of like, if someone's going to screw you, you're not going to volunteer to let them screw you."

In the end, Woodruff says, the woman who agreed to the informal interview had to appear before the grand jury anyway, where she was asked not only to confirm her affidavit but also questioned "quite a bit" further.

"They tried to fool us," she concludes.

"If you watch the behavior of a predator like a shark, that's kind of how they behave," she says. "They come in and they circle you, and then they nudge you and see how you react. Then they retreat, and then they come in for the kill. They subpoena you and they drive by your house at least once a week with all your friends around, listen in on your phone conversations."

Woodruff says she hasn't fully decided what she'll do when she gets a final date to appear before the grand jury. She says she has community support for her son should she end up jailed for refusing to comply. And while she prefers to think as little as possible about the coming ordeal, she remains philosophical about it.

"As Americans, as resisters to anything, the biggest thing we have to worry about is incarceration, and granted that's a horrible experience." But, she adds, jail "is nothing in comparison to what people are having to deal with in Iraq right now, and many other places. The human rights violations that happen in other countries are devastating. And all we have to worry about, really, is getting locked up."

U.S. Attorney Kirk Engdall did not respond to an interview request for this story. **EW**

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