

## **Van Kessel lawyer longer in jail, not present at trial of Bill Gates and Mark Rutte**



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Image: Attorney Arno van Kessel

**Dean of bar association initiates suspension proceedings against van Kessel**

**Arno van Kessel is being detained for 90 more days as the Public Prosecutor continues to designate him as a "suspect in an investigation into a criminal network," as yet without producing any evidence. This means that the Leeuwarden lawyer will definitely not be at the July 9 public hearing at the Leeuwarden District Court, where the first substantive hearing of the internationally notorious court case against the State of the Netherlands, Mark Rutte and Bill Gates, among others, is scheduled. His associate Peter Stassen is on his own, but says he will "appear equipped for the day."**

In early June, this newspaper reported that there was finally some progress in the internationally notorious lawsuit filed by Leeuwarden lawyer Arno van Kessel (<https://deanderekrant.nl/nieuw-hoofdstuk-in-rechtszaak-tegen-bill-gates-en-mark-rutte/>) and his Eindhoven colleague Peter Stassen. The lawyer duo announced in 2023 ground proceedings against Bill Gates, Mark Rutte and the State of the Netherlands, among others. On behalf of clients, they want to force the court to give a clear ruling on the question: was the covid-19 mRNA injection a vaccine for the benefit of the health of the population, or a bioweapon? Van Kessel commented, "It's one or the other and there's nothing in between."

The Northern Netherlands District Court, Leeuwarden location, reported in early June 2025 – finally – that the first substantive hearing of the case is scheduled for July 9. On Wednesday morning, June 11, there was a completely unexpected turn of events. Arno van Kessel was dragged from his bed in the early morning with a great show of force by a special intervention team. The lawyer, his daughter and wife were even held at gunpoint for a while. The police released a message a day later via the website politie.nl in which Van Kessel is linked to “a criminal network”. According to a press release drawn up by the Public Prosecution Service, eight people were arrested that morning who “adhere to anti-institutional ideology and may have the intention to use violence”. One of them was released quickly, the other seven were held ‘in restriction’ for two weeks, which means that the suspects were not allowed to have any contact with the outside world. Van Kessel – as was announced last week – was locked up in a cell in Vught.

In the past few weeks, various stories have appeared in the regular media about a network of so-called sovereigns. These ‘anti-institutionalists’ may have been planning something around the NATO summit. Weapons and explosives may have been found, but any form of hard evidence or substantiation is still lacking to this day. The suggestion that Van Kessel is also part of a deadly criminal group has been raised in the meantime. The accusations have now been partly withdrawn. The AD reported last week that the Public Prosecution Service has not been able to substantiate that there would be a plan to disrupt the NATO summit. “We have investigated whether there is an acute threat. This has not been proven at this time.”

On Thursday, 26 June, the Public Prosecution Service released more news after a long silence. One suspect has been released, but “six suspects in the investigation into a criminal network, in which a large number of the arrested suspects adhere to anti-institutional ideology and may have the intention to use violence, will remain in custody for an additional 90 days,” the Public Prosecution Service announced. Van Kessel is one of those suspects who will be held in custody for another 90 days. The Public Prosecution Service says it needs more time for the investigation and “given the state of the investigation, it is not possible to respond to questions about the progress, suspicions and findings in detail,” according to the Public Prosecution Service.

It is remarkable that the mainstream media continues to use the sovereign frame. While it became clear in the first days after the arrest that Van Kessel is not a sovereign. As a lawyer, he is following the path of institutions with his lawsuit. Van Kessel is also not known as violent. He openly and without hesitation proclaims his faith in Jesus Christ everywhere, which means that he is against committing violence. The media writes nothing about this. They also ignore the story of Van Kessel's partner (see box).

Peter Stassen - who is temporarily acting as the manager of Van Kessel's law firm - tells De Andere Krant that he too has not had any contact with his partner since 11 June. According to Stassen, placing a suspect in confinement is one of the most severe measures that the Public Prosecution Service has at its disposal, "so they have to come up with very strong evidence". To date, he has seen nothing. The Public Prosecution Service told this newspaper that "the Public Prosecution Service realises that this is an instrument that is very heavy and should not be used lightly", but refuses to comment further on the substance of the case.

The Eindhoven lawyer has now been informed by the dean of the Dutch Bar Association, the body charged with supervising the legal profession, that a suspension procedure has been initiated against Van Kessel. One way or another, it is therefore certain that Van Kessel will not be there on 9 July. Stassen did make it very clear that despite the lack of preparation, he will "come out fully equipped". Stassen will also give a lecture in Groningen on 1 July about the latest state of affairs. "That will continue as usual. I will explain a lot in it, including the State's defence, in which it very clearly places personal attacks on the experts we want to give a voice", says Stassen. More information about this on [Rechttoprecht.online](http://Rechttoprecht.online).

Many suspect that lawyer Van Kessel has come too close to the truth in the corona dossier. The case thus evokes associations with the prosecution of the German lawyer Reiner Fuellmich. In the next edition of De Andere Krant we will discuss the contents of the case in more detail.

**Partner Van Kessel: "Things are going well with Arno considering the circumstances"**

**Helena de Vries, Arno van Kessel's partner, announced on June 26 that she had been in contact with him again more than two weeks after his arrest. She made the following announcement:**

*Dear all,*

*Arno's lawyer visited our home this afternoon. He fully informed me about Arno's situation. Arno is in Vught and the full restrictions have been lifted since today (June 26) 12:00. That is the good news. The bad news is that they have extended Arno's detention by 90 days for the time being. This is because a lot of material still needs to be investigated. They are trying to find the connection with the other detainees (they apparently could not find them in the first 2 weeks).*

*Now that the restrictions are lifted, Arno has been given a bit more freedom of movement. He is now also allowed to have contact with other detainees. Not that I think he needs that much, but at least he no longer has to sit in his cell all day. Arno is doing okay under the circumstances; he is coping well psychologically with the situation. He has a very good connection with his lawyer.*

*Arno now also sees an advantage of being in prison, because he has finally managed to lose some weight. He has no interest in "junk" from the supermarket (cigarettes, alcohol, chips, candy, etc.), so I didn't have to send him any money.*

*It's great that he can change his mind! Arno has indicated that he doesn't want to receive visitors yet, so we'll just have to respect that. I can't say anything more about the case, because that's not in Arno's interest. I would like to thank everyone for the many cards, letters, flowers, messages and personal visits. It's nice to feel that we're not alone.*

*Kind regards,*

*Helena*

A week earlier she shared the message below:

***Keep Arno in your thoughts and prayers***

*This morning I had a phone call with the Public Prosecution Service. When the woman asked who it was, and I dutifully gave Arno's name and date of birth, she said that name "did not appear in their system" (...). Apparently they are behind with the administration. I should just call the PI in Leeuwarden, Population Administration Department. That didn't seem useful to me (I got a feeling of being stuck in a rut), so I just drove back to the police station myself. When I asked if I could bring Arno some clean clothes again, she replied: "If he is in solitary confinement, he may have been transferred. But you don't have to worry about his personal hygiene. Everything is there: socks, underwear, jogging suits, toothbrush, shampoo, medication, etc." She couldn't say anything else - of course. Summary: we didn't know anything, we don't know anything and we still won't know anything in the next 2 weeks. On 1 July the 2 extension weeks will be over and I will contact Arno's lawyer again. This is very frustrating. Please keep Arno in your thoughts (and for Christians among us: your prayers). Lots of love, Helena*