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Re: Case #3PA-09-2996 CR, State of Alaska vs. Clayton Allison

To Whom It May Concern:

I write in regards to a very good friend of mine, Clayton Allison, whom I believe as with many others, has been wrongfully convicted as of February 13, 2015 of Murder 2, Manslaughter, and Criminally Negligent Homicide for the death of his daughter Jocelynn. Aside from knowing Clayton, his wife Christiane, and Jocelynn, for many years I never would've imagined having to write a letter such as this on behalf of such a very kind, supportive, and loving friend and a father. With that being said I can honestly say the image that has been painted of Clay is grossly inaccurate. When you meet Clay for the first time prior to experiencing the greatest tragedy that any parent could experience, you'd be greeted with a warm smile and it wouldn't be uncommon to receive a hug. Clay is always willing to lend a helping hand, when visited would often be found playing with the kids, and would remain positive no matter how frustrating the situation would be. The very idea that this man could commit such a horrendous act of taking his own daughter's life by what the state's District Attorney's Office believes is a case of Shaken Baby Syndrome, would lead me to believe that you are talking about someone else altogether. The harsh reality is now we are six and a half years since the day that we all lost Jocelynn to a situation that I can honestly say without any reasonable doubt was out of his control. To make matters worse a major injustice is happening right now and an innocent man has been convicted of a crime I'm certain he did not commit and a family in which I care deeply about is left unable to find closure.

I'm not about to blame the system for the situation that the Allison family is undergoing, because the truth is it's a necessity for giving a voice to those who no longer have one. But I will say this, in a situation with someone such as Clay who has no prior convictions, has been compliant with the court in every way, whom no one who knows him would ever in any way harm is own daughter, would the court choose to omit and disregard any potential evidence that could prove his innocence!? This family and anyone associated to Clay has been subjected to all kinds of mistreatment from starting from the initial investigation and how law enforcement played mental warfare with Clay and his family, taking forever to forge a case against him thus prolonging any chance of grieving, to hatred from strangers due to inaccurate media depiction, and now wrongful conviction subject to sentencing. I'd like to expand on the media aspect, I cannot express my dissatisfaction enough to how those articles were written and thanks to social media lead to a great deal of

hatred from people that have never even met this family. It's understandable in some sense, since everyone wants to seek justice for the loss of a little girl, but aside from Clay's name being in the article I still to this day don't think they were talking about same person that I know. Why do we apparently live in a society that people are more accepting of a father murdering his own children even over any other possible alternative? If this is people's perception of the way things are, then Clay was doomed even before the trial began. The time to finally reach a verdict hasn't done him any favors as well, every time I went for a visit it was the same story. Limitations due to court compliance made it pretty much impossible to even pretend to live any sort of normal life after dealing with the loss of Jocelynn.

Although I do not fully comprehend how anyone could rightfully believe that Clay would commit such an act and that the proceedings that followed would have been handled the way that they were, but if these letters amount to anything it's that Clay doesn't belong in prison. As little as I care to admit I am not unfamiliar with the experience of having friend or family member subject to incarceration prior to Clay. The difference between them and Clay is that we knew and they knew what they had done to end up in prison. With that I feel that there has been a major disservice to baby Jocelynn, her mother Christiane, and her father Clayton Allison and ask that you take what I have said into consideration and dismiss the wrongful convictions against Clay or at the very least a reduced sentence. It pains me to see anyone have to wait as long as these guys have to find closure that they have long awaited for and any real chance to grieve. Even now as Clay awaits final sentencing any length of time he spends away from his family will only further prolong the time for he, his wife, and the rest of us friends and family the time needed to heal properly.

Sincerely,



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