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Dear Judge Brimmer:

Re: Ned Solon

I am having a difficult time writing this letter. This is my second attempt. My family thought my first letter made me sound like an Angry Mother. Personally, I did not think so. I thought it was analytical. However, in an effort to not aggravate Mr. Anderson further, I am writing a replacement. He tends to be excessively punitive when aggravated. I will print, sign and mail both letters to Tom Smith. I trust his judgment completely to select the one to be submitted. I am beginning this letter the same as the first.

I wish to thank you for providing Tom Smith and Tami Loehrs to assist in Ned's case.

Tom Smith has provided excellent assistance to Ned and to all of us. The best tribute I heard concerning Tom was from my oldest daughter, Cyndy Pryor: "He reminds me of Grandpa Brown." My father was a very honest, caring man. Those traits made my father an excellent attorney. Tom embodies those traits.

Tami Loehrs is simply the consummate expert. Her testimony was remarkable. Her Preliminary Examination Report was thorough and in close keeping with Department of Justice's guidelines for forensic examination. I had hoped to see the prosecution's forensic examination. I was disappointed that they did no examination

Mr. Anderson provided the best silent tribute to Tami possible. In the waning days of the defense testimony, he introduced his "newly hired" computer expert with advanced degrees in computer science. My notes indicate his name may have been Todd Coleman. Mr. Anderson said this gentleman would be testifying for the prosecution when Tami finished. Tami finished. The young man never opened his mouth. Obviously, this expert could not rebut Tami's testimony.

Ned was particularly grateful to see her Preliminary Report so he knew what had happened on his computer. Tami presented much reasonable doubt.

You are about to sentence an innocent man. That is what I know about Ned Solon. He is innocent and everyone who knows him understands this. To paraphrase Mr. Anderson when he degraded Tami Loehrs: "She's a hired gun. What would you expect her to say?" Well, I am Ned's mother. So, what would you expect me to say?

A lot of weight has been placed on the information gained during the search. In fact, I heard it repeated again and again. This pornography began downloading just after Ned admitted he had been home alone that night and was on Limewire. He has never denied that.

It is unbecoming to Mr. Anderson to degrade people. He did it to Ned while Ned was testifying. Granted, Ned is not well educated in the traditional sense. How did that go? I believe Mr. Anderson shoved something in his face and asked him to read it. Then he pulled it back quickly, looked at it and said, "You can read; can't you?" Yes, Ned can read. In fact, he is quite intelligent. Said in another way, he is NOT stupid. He understands the ways of the penal system.

Special Agents Huff and Balliett testified that Ned cooperated completely during the search. The depth of that cooperation would have been clearly understood by the Jury IF they had bothered to listen to it. Ned was in a state of disbelief about what the agents were saying. He offered access to everything in the house. He cooperated fully because he knew he had done nothing wrong!

Ned voluntarily accompanied the agents to his home. He was not under arrest. They reported that there was no need to read his Miranda Rights. I wonder if that was prudent since his words have been used against him extensively?


In conclusion, from my "training and experience" I can report WITHOUT QUALIFICATION that:

- (1) Ned is innocent of these charges;
- (2) Ned is not stupid;
- (3) Ned would have remained SILENT during the search and during the trial if he had been guilty.

I am not an Angry Mother; I am a Brokenhearted Mother. This is a very good man whose life has been ruined.

In questioning Agent Huff, Tom reiterated testimony that forensic examination of the computer revealed the only time there was illegal activity on Ned's computer was at the exact same time that law enforcement "just happened" to be looking at it. Tom also noted the examination of the computer showed that between August 11, 2006 (when agents last looked at Ned's computer in their online undercover operation) and September 20, 2006 (the night before the search), there was absolutely no illegal activity. Then on September 20, 2006, less than 24 hours before Ned's home was searched, illegal activity happened again. This very strange anomaly caused Tom to utter, "Ned must be the most unlucky man in the world!" Mr. Anderson objected and was overruled. Certainly these facts alone cause Reasonable Doubt!

Sincerely,


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