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Judge Brimmer;

I am writing concerning the fate of my younger brother, Nathaniel Ethan Solon (Ned). I would like to write my feelings about the travesty of justice that surrounds this case, the character of Ned Solon, and the frustration I feel for the staggering waste of tax payers money to pursue this incarceration.

“Guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.” Those are the words that our judicial system is based on. Those are the words that should drive any verdict that is handed down by a partial jury. In this case those words were not served. When the computer expert hired by the prosecution states under oath that it is possible that Ned didn’t even have knowledge that these files existed on his computer, then that in itself is enough reasonable doubt to not convict. Ned had no other child pornography in his possession outside of these computer files and even they were only partial files and difficult to access. The files that were shown to the jury were from the states own collection and not the files extracted from Ned’s computer. It seems odd that the government that is entrusted with protecting minors from sexual abuse would open these files to offer for viewing to numerous people. Did the parents of the children pictured in these files sign a release for the government to degrade their children again? It seems that the office of the prosecution should be charged with distribution of child pornography for making these images available for viewing. These files were used to incite the jury and make them hungry for “blood” no matter what the evidence. In their minds what they observed was exactly what Ned was able to observe and that is not true. Child pornographers usually have mass amounts of material related to their fetish. This is not the case with Ned and that causes reasonable doubt.

I know a man who owns a construction business that I do consulting for. He called me one day to tell me that his computer has been infected and asked me to come over to see what I could do. He was getting messages that he had illegal child porn on his computer and the monitor kept displaying pornographic images. He did not want this on his computer, it had come on to his computer because his children had been downloading things off lime wire for their my space pages. His computer was completely frozen and he could not get rid of the pornography or even use his computer. We had to erase the entire hard drive to correct the problem. I do not believe that the federal government would spend a lot of time and money to prosecute this man because they would understand that it was not of his doing. Conversely, they have prosecuted Ned because he has a prior record and was on parole. Yet his history and past record illustrate nothing remotely close to “child pornographer”

Ned has always been a dedicated worker, family member, and friend. He has always been someone that a person can rely on, knowing he will accomplish his obligations. I have put him in charge of a store that I owned and never had any worries that the business would be run correctly. I could always rely on Ned to do a thorough and complete job with any task that I would entrust in him. If I had a choice I would pick Ned to be my coworker in any situation because I know that I can rely on him. I have left him in charge of my young daughters when he lived with me and never had to worry that my children would be harmed. He was a valued and respected employee on the day of his arrest. So much so that his employer has told him that he has a job waiting for him when he gets out of this mess. He was paying a mortgage, which generated property taxes. He was paying income taxes and even though he was on parole, he was never a sponge on the welfare system. Ned has always been an honest person. A trait that is lost in many individuals in the world today. Being honest about his innocence has even caused him to be charged with extra charges in this case.

As a taxpayer I am appalled that the government would expend so much time and effort to prosecute a man of such questionable guilt. We as a society will impose 2-year sentences on people who actually molest children but we are seeking to put a man away for 20 years for having computer files of which he had no knowledge. I find this highly offensive to the use of my hard earned money. We have paid for the incarceration of this man for 2 years and the expensive bill of a court procedure and now even the cost of a colonoscopy because of the political aspirations of a prosecuting attorney. Where is this justified? If we as a society choose to let this man go for the two years he has served, the disruption of life, and the lose of his home and livelihood, we will be better served with our tax money than keeping him incarcerated longer.

In summation I would like to say that Ned Solon has not been convicted beyond a reasonable doubt, he is a productive asset to our society, and it is a waste of taxpayer money to incarcerate this man for a longer period of time. I am appealing to you as a human being to search your heart and administer the right justice in this case.

Thank you:

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