

The Honorable Judge Hill:

My name is Ralph Demaret. I am a registered pharmacist currently working at Lovins' Pharmacy in Grayville, IL. I have resided in Fairfield for over thirty years. I am a member of Fairfield First Baptist church where I have served as a Sunday school teacher, church training instructor, and active deacon. I have been privileged to have Leslie in many of my classes. Those of us who have had the opportunity to work with him count ourselves fortunate to have been able to contribute to a life we all new would do great things in the field of Christian ministry. It is with a broken heart I view his current circumstances. More than the loss of a pastorate, is the reality that he will never be able to serve in that capacity again at any church. Certainly a promising career was destroyed before the first court date was set!

I believe in punishment, but I also believe in second chances and forgiveness. I admit it is difficult trying to be impartial when someone you care so deeply about is involved. However, I know of nobody who feels that Leslie is a "danger to society." Please take into account the many lives he has helped change for the better as you ponder his sentence.

I pray you consider the loss he has already suffered, his repentant spirit, and his decision to place himself in your hands for judgment. I ask for a merciful decision.

Respectfully yours,

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