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To: The Honorable Judge Hill

Dear Sir,

I would like to plead for mercy in the sentencing of Leslie Mason. I have known Leslie for over two years and he has been in my Sunday School class for the last year and a half. Based upon my observations of him over this time frame, I believe Leslie to be a man of good character. I see this being verified by Leslie's actions to prevent / minimize the impact to the young lady(s) and families involved during the various court proceeding (i.e., not calling for testimony during the preliminary hearing, not requiring the public reading of charges, etc.).

I believe that I am a good judge of character based upon my experiences with people. I am currently a Minister of Education and Young Adults at Fairfield First Baptist Church (1/2 time) and a Wal-mart Associate (1/2 time). Previously I served as house-parent for 18 juveniles at Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, Texas, and retired after 21 years as a Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force. As a Squadron Commander in the Air Force I dealt with people ranging from Saudi Arabian Royal Family and Ambassadors to individuals with very flawed personalities. Based upon my experiences I know that we all can and do make mistakes.

Leslie Mason made a mistake in judgment and I request your mercy and lenience.


Ronald G. Godfrey

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