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I would like to say that I am sincerely remorseful for the emotional pain I have caused John Doe. I had sought to provide him a safe haven by inviting him into our home, in recognition of the difficulties we had observed in his family life. While that remained a sincere aspiration, my behavior--the inappropriate sexual acts--no doubt undercut whatever security we offered. I fully understand the grave nature of my transgressions and live constantly with the knowledge of the hurt I have inflicted.

I can say with complete honesty however, that this was an isolated case and I did not continue to explore or expand this deviance. I was mortified by my actions, and accept the consequences that society has intended perpetrators should suffer.

In contemplation of the line I had crossed it was clear to me that I needed serious psycho-sexual therapy and accordingly, I voluntarily committed myself into a facility in Texas to seek the counseling that was clearly required. Through several therapy techniques, including the processing of buried memories and the use of EMDR I was able to confront some very dark issues. Not the least of which was my own molestation at the hands of a neighbor as a very young child that went well beyond what I visited upon John Doe.

The Texas facility was an in-patient program and I was under the constant supervision of a clinical psychologist. I stayed seven weeks and maximized the benefits of the therapeutic opportunities. I continued with marriage, personal and group counseling for another six years and have continued in a twelve-step program to this day. Since my arrest in this matter I have been back in therapy weekly, for personal mental health treatment and to help me maintain some standard of stability in what is now an uncertain future.

Over the last 32 years I have been clean and sober. I owe that continuity in large part to the Betty Ford Center where I learned the twelve-step program, something I participate in to this day, both personally and as a sponsor. Without the support of the twelve step program I would certainly be floundering. However, with the strength of commitment flowing from lessons learned in that program, I have managed to maintain my marriage, raise 4 children, and start and grow my business that now employs 25 people. I volunteer with a number of community programs, organizations and schools. I received a business leader award in 2010, an award achieved through the voting of peers. I have no criminal history during the last 20 years except for various traffic tickets.

I provide this information to the court so that it can have a better idea of who I am now, years after committing the acts which have brought me before it. I hope that the court can understand that I am fully aware that I am going to prison to pay penance for my crime, which can never be forgiven or forgotten. However, I would like the court to see me as a salvageable person, and worthy of the lower of the two terms it must choose from. I respectfully ask the court to view my ample remorse for John Doe as sincere, and distinguish it from my request to be returned to my family and community at the earliest opportunity. I have tried on every level to seek personal redemption, and now face incarceration as part of that path. I can assure the court that should it grant the lower of the two terms I will continue to pursue the goals the court would expect from a genuinely humbled man.