

Honorable Michael Wachs,

I want Donald Brunstetter put away for a very long time.

My mother tells me stories of a younger Lauren, a person I can't find anymore. If Donnie had never done what he did, things might be different. I watched my mother's heart break when she learned what he had done to me and believed she should somehow have known about it and made it stop.

Because of what Donnie did to me I have had a lot of problems to deal with. I have countless emotional, mental and physical scars. I have experienced things that no innocent child should have to deal with. I am not a kid anymore, and I haven't been in a long, long time. I was introduced to adult experiences I did not understand in a way that was absolutely wrong.

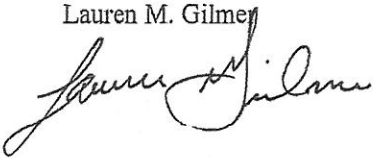
I am suspicious of people who try to befriend me. I don't know who I can trust. And I feel like everyone who meets me can tell I am different, and thinks less of me as a result.

The things that happened to me when I was 8, 9 and 10 years old were things I was powerless to stop. I now see that Donnie didn't love my mom and he didn't love me. He was using my mom to get to me, and using me to satisfy his perverted desires. None of this was my fault, or my mom's fault, and it's time for Donnie to pay for all the suffering he has put us through.

That is why I agreed to speak up at Donnie's trial. That is why I agreed to put myself in the same room with the man who has become a monster to me. I want Donnie Brunstetter to be in a place where he can't hurt anyone else.

Sincerely,

Lauren M. Gilmer

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lauren M. Gilmer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.