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RE: CASE #02-K-07-001889

To whom it may concern:

In August 2008, my former husband was convicted of molesting my daughter (his stepdaughter) throughout the duration of our 2-year marriage, beginning when she was just 8 years old. He was sentenced to more than 50 years on a variety of related charges. The majority of the time was either suspended or arranged to be served concurrently as opposed to consecutively, the upshot being that he was left with 15 years to serve, and was eligible for parole after just a few years.

I have done my best to keep tabs on his activities since that time, attending two parole hearings (along with my daughter, who is now in her 20s) to ensure that he would not be released any sooner than the law required. After the last hearing, although he was again denied parole, we were advised that he will not have another parole hearing, and will be automatically released as early as next summer, due to a provision that reduces his sentence by a day for every two he serves.

Had his crimes been committed just a few years later (but prior to his trial date), he would not have been eligible for the reductions in his sentence, as Child Sex Abuse was reclassified as a violent crime in the time that passed between his offenses and my daughter's disclosure of them in counseling. Unfortunately, there is nothing more that can be done about that, but my daughter and I have been keeping a notebook with every available document about this case. Keeping the book current gives her peace of mind, as it reassures her that she did the right thing in testifying against him, although she was suffering in her daily life at that time and continues to struggle with things most girls her age find easy.

It has been nearly a year since we last came to the courthouse to pick up copies of additions to his file, and the Maryland Judiciary Case Search shows several incidents of correspondence and subsequent rulings since that time. I am attaching a copy of the relevant updates to the file, and would like to see if it is possible to request that copies of these records be sent to me by mail. If there is a fee for providing the

copies, I will gladly send a check, cash, or provide a credit/debit card to pay it. I can be reached at 410-739-7875.

While I ordinarily come in person, my supervisor at work has been out of work on unplanned medical leave since May, and is not expected back for several months, if at all. In the interim, I am covering both of our responsibilities, making it difficult to get a day off work to drive out, although I will do so if absolutely necessary.

One of our concerns is that he may manage to have himself released to a mental health facility to finish his sentence, as he has requested on at least two prior occasions. It is important to us to know where he is and when he will be out on the streets, as we will both need to watch our backs and address our fears in counseling to help deal with the PTSD and anxiety issues stemming from the marriage, the abuse, and the knowledge that he is likely to want "revenge." We are also curious about the terms of his probation, as we strongly believe that he will probably return to his prior lifestyle of drug abuse, financial fraud, promiscuity, and seeking out of women with small children for romantic relationships which will allow him access to their kids.

I am also interested to learn if he can be held in civil confinement in a mental facility upon his release from prison. I'd like to explore any option that would help keep him off the street and away from children as long as possible, although I do not know how effective mental health facilities are in dealing with pedophilia. As he has requested a mental health evaluation on his own several times, in the hope it would get him transferred out of the prison environment, it seems he's the one who opened this door, whether or not he was aware that Maryland is one of the few states that has Civil Commitment statutes to hold offenders after their sentence has been served.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa K. Banks