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To whom it may concern;

My name is Ray Simmons, and I would like to ask for an appeal to get a reduced sentence. I am sorry for what I did. I did not know what I was doing or what was going on. I have been diagnosed as a schizophrenic with manic depression. I have had mental issues since I was little. These conditions are on record with Tri County Mental Health in Dillon. At the time of this offence, I had not had my medication for three days and had been using cocaine and bath salts. I did not know where I was or what I was doing. I did not have any idea that I had barged my way into the house or that I had grabbed the lady inside. I apologize for what I have done.

I know I have a drug problem and want help for it along with getting back on my treatments for the mental issues. When I was seeing my doctor and on my medications it was helping me. I could think clearly and could understand what was going on around me. I have been in special education classes all my life. When I accepted this deal, I was scared and confused. I did not realize this charge carried sex offender registry. I just wanted to put this terrible event behind me.

Getting help through a rehab program would have better results than spending 13 years in prison. When I was at home, I was the only one that was helping my mom with things. She has health issues and is in her late 60's. I am remorseful for scaring the lady. Please allow me the opportunity to get and continue with the mental health treatments and help me get into some kind of a drug treatment program. I know I can't do this all on my own or continue to not have my doctors and medications. I want to change my life. I want help so I can be a better person and be able to care for the ones I love.

Again, I am truly sorry and I am asking for a chance to be and do better.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ray Simmons

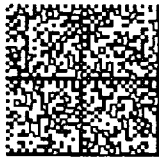
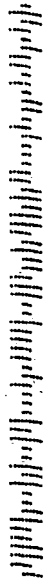
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