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Dear, Mrs. Kitchens

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Hi, my name is Quadarrius R. Holt. I'm writing you at this time cause I was informed by the judge and my legal counsel that I would be able to appeal the sentence at that time for the lesser sentence in the plea deal. On Feb 21, 2017 I appeared in court and was asked by the judge do I feel that my counsel represented me the right way. to his best ability I stated no I do not. Prior to the court date James C. Galmore was just assigned my case in Dec 2016 just 2-months earlier. Due to the short time in between dates I had only met with Mr. Galmore on 2 attorney visits at that time I had been incarcerated at J. Reuben Long for 9 months. which during that time I had recieved letters and interviews from programs that my first legal aid Mr. Buddy Long set up before the re-assigned defender. Being that this was my first offense and my drug use 3 programs wanted to help and assist me in changing my life.

Mrs. Kitchens on Feb 13, 2017 I recieved legal mail stating due to the fact that the plaintiff was moving to Oregon they wanted to get me in court the week of Feb 20<sup>th</sup>. On tuesday Feb 21st on my 30<sup>th</sup> birthday Mr. Galmore presented to me 3 options a plea for 15 years, an open plea for 10-30 years or he stated we're going to trial being that this was my first time in trouble I was scared; I stated to Mr. Galmore that we had not discussed any of these options. With my mother, grandmother, and the rest of my family in court supporting me at that time I was scared and did not know what to do as I told Mr. Galmore upon my arrest there was no firearm recovered on my behalf I asked could the charge be

dropped and reduced to a lesser charge at that time and I stated that this did not feel right and I felt that I was being bullied, rushed and forced into making a decision. I was told that at that time if I didn't choose to sign either one of the pleas at that time there would be 12 people appointed to a jury trial and I plus my counsel was not ready for a trial at that time. I was scared.

Mrs. Kitchens I'm not perfect and I'm not a bad person I had one bad night and feel that I could've been helped more then I was helped on the day in question. Mrs Kitchens I would like to thank you at this time for giving me the chance to express how I felt on that day. Thank you for taking time out your day to allow my voice to be heard I would like a fair chance, and a fair sentence for another chance at life. Mrs Kitchens I pray that God sees me through this situation at this time, and may God continue to bless you.

Thank you so much

Sincerely: Quadarius Holt

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