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Re: David Malave

To the Sentencing Judge & Appeals Court,

I am writing this in regards to my son David Malave. I didn't get a chance to speak in court that day David stood in front of you Your Honor and I would have liked to. I understand David has done wrong and I agree David needs to be punished, but please I full heartedly implore you to reconsider his type and length of punishment. I am asking to please reconsider him for the maximum sentence that can be given for the YOA program.

David has a major problem that has had a big impact on his behavior over the last several years. It took me 2 years to come to terms with the fact that my son is a drug addict, his choice of drug is methamphetamine. David started his use of this drug 3 1/2 years ago, introduced to him by his daughters mother Tiffany Bartley who herself was using and when she found out she was pregnant stopped using the drug, unfortunately David couldn't. He understands this and knows he is in need of professional help to overcome his addiction. He was in the process of getting that help with the assistance of Aiken Center. He was attending classes there 3 nights a week while waiting for a bed to open up at Morris Village where he was accepted and told he was next on the list for a bed. David is not a bad person, he has a big heart and willingness to do anything for others in need of help. When David is clean and off the drugs he is a hard worker, very loving and tentative father, and a young man who is very much in-love with his fiancé, he is a great support for his 8 year old nephew who I have custody of and just idolizes him. David will go out of his way to lend a hand to anyone who asks him for help. I have included with my letter several character reference letters from people who know David and pictures where you can see his love for his daughter, fiancé, and nephew.

David has worked for Coleman American Moving in the past as one of the top Drivers. He ran his own crew who went into customer's and service member's homes to pack up all their house hold goods and belongings, then load them into crates to be shipped overseas or into a truck to be delivered within a 500 mile radius of Augusta, Ga. David worked for Coleman for two years when he lost his job due to his drug use. The General Manager, Eric Mann knows David's outstanding work ethics and when David was clean, Mr. Mann would use him occasionally for casual labor, only as long as he was clean of drugs.

When David was off the drugs and was working he gave money to Tiffany Bartley for their daughter Mary Grace as well as purchased things first hand for her. This I know to be true because I was the one he gave the money to and I got the money order and gave to Tiffany Bartley and took David to buy things for Mary Grace. He was not allowed to have Mary without me or her other grandmother being present due to court orders. That was a hindrance for him taking her overnight since I work 6 days a week. When David was off the drugs and we did have Mary he was the idol daddy, he would sit and read to her, color with her, took her to the park, and even painted her finger and toe nails. He would get her food for her meals, bathe her at night and get her ready for bed, snuggle with her and rub her back while she went to sleep at night. David loves his daughter with all his heart and soul and she absolutely loves and adores her daddy.

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Mary Grace continued to visit her daddy even though he is in jail. She believes him to be sick and in the hospital, that he is getting help and will be home soon.

When David wasn't using he would spend time with his nephew Masen. He would help him with his homework when we got home from work as I cooked dinner. He would take the time to sit with him and listen to Masen read (he loves to read), he would play video games with him, take him to the park to fly their helicopters or kites. David would on occasion take Masen fishing, Masen simply loves to "Hang Out" as he puts it with his Uncle David.

David met a great, down to earth, stable, educated, well rounded young lady, her name is Jamie Sanders. They met in the beginning of this year, during that time David wasn't using. They got engaged to be married in March and were going to be married sometime next year 2020. During their time together she had learned about his addiction when he relapsed. Jamie has and will continue to stand by David. She understands the disease that has taken control of him and believes in him getting the help he needs. Jamie has seen and knows the loving, caring, tender hearted young man David is inside. I truly believe she is the stabilizer in David's life to conquer his addiction. I could not ask for a better daughter-in-law and look forward to the day they are husband and wife.

David had realized he needed help, he couldn't quit on his own after several relapses. He reached out to Aiken Center to help him with his addiction. With David's permission I was allowed to sit in during his intake interview with the counselor. It broke my heart to listen to him give detailed events of his addiction from the first day he started. He cried and kept telling me he was so sorry for hurting me and letting me down. That he wanted help to stop using and to be the man he used to be, the father, husband, uncle and son he used to be before the drugs took control. They agreed to help David get into an inpatient rehab and implemented an outpatient program for him to attend while applying to different facilities. He was accepted into Morris Village and was next on the list awaiting a bed to open. Morris Village was his second step into getting help (Aiken CTR being the 1st), there he would detox and apply for a long term 1 to 2 year inpatient rehab to continue his recovery.

David's bad choice of decisions made while under the influence of the drug and the bad choice in the people he chose to associate himself with when using the drug have gotten him where he is now.

You Honor, I fully understand and agree that David needs to be held accountable for his actions. I also agree he needs to be punished for what he has done. I am pleading with you to please take all that you have read and all that you have seen into account and please reconsider David's sentencing, allowing him into the YOA program or similar if one, with the maximum 5 years the program holds. Your Honor please if you need to speak to me or anyone in making your decision please let me know, my number is 803-474-0089

I so sincerely thank you for taking the time to revisit this case and pray for a favorable outcome.

Sincerely,

Donna Malave