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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Hon. Jean Peters Baker
Prosecuting Attorney
Jackson County Courthouse
415 East 12th Street
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RE: State v. Matthew B. Barnett

Dear Jean:

It is my understanding that a plea agreement has been reached and has been fully discussed with my client, D [REDACTED] C [REDACTED], and her mother, Melinda Coleman. They agree with the proposed disposition that you have worked out in this case.

Melinda and D [REDACTED] will not be present for tomorrow's plea and sentencing nor will I.

I am requesting on my client's behalf that you read the following statements to the Court as part of their victim impact statement:

Statement by D [REDACTED] C [REDACTED]:

I want to thank everyone who supported me and my family during these past two years. Your support has meant so much to me. Today, I am grateful that the defendant took responsibility by pleading guilty to the charges. I am ready to move forward. To all those who supported me, I promise that what happened on January 8, 2012, will not define me forever.

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Statement by Melinda Coleman:

I wanted to be present today for this hearing but have chosen to be with my daughter. I hope that today's resolution of this criminal case brings some closure for my family, especially my children, and for the community. All of us need to come together in a more positive way.

These last two years have been extremely painful. But today I hope somehow, some way that something good will come from this.

Thank you, Jean, for your hard work and determination in this case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. O'Connor". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John P. O'Connor