

Dear Judge Elmore,

I am writing as a concerned parent regarding the upcoming sentencing of Mark Robertson. His victim Abigail Collier has been dating my son since 2016. She is like my daughter. I have loved her like my own as her own mother wouldn't. Abby tried to tell everyone years ago what was happening and yet she was not believed. This is about the time she came into my life as a broken teenager. Not only did he get away with grooming her and trying things on her he also totally had her own mother believing it was normal what was going on at their house or she just choose to ignore it.

Yet having gone through all this turmoil she has grown into a remarkable 24-year-old young lady. I love her as my own daughter and hope she marries my son one day. I would like to add that even though it's been so hard on her she is one of the most honest and sweetest people I have the pleasure to know. I heard wants plea deal of four years and his retirement? He doesn't deserve a dime. That money should go to help victims of abuse. It should at least be as long as her pain has been. about 12 years and counting.

Please your Honor do what you can to make sure he feels this punishment like Abby has felt pain for all these years and for all the other girls that have and have Not come forward. Please at least give him the max you can. 4 years is a slap on the wrist. He will do it again; he doesn't even show remorse.

I no longer live in Lake City but. I come back often and I love that little town. Please send a message with a harsh sentence that this won't be tolerated in our small community.

I respectfully ask the Court to consider the full seriousness of this case and to impose a strong sentence that reflects the harm caused and protects the community from him in the future.

Respectfully,

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