

October 5, 2025

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

RE: 2025-0000003635-FH

Your Honor,

I want to express my gratitude to you for taking the time to consider my statement today. The defendant has caused me lifelong emotional, physical, and mental damage. For over a decade, a day has not passed without flashbacks and lingering pain. The consequences the defendant faces today have only exacerbated the daily impact I endure. Since leaving the defendant's household, I've sought help from multiple therapists over the years. Precisely when I was finding the strength to forgive, I was deeply affected by the news of the defendant's current crimes. Since my case was not adjudicated, as it essentially came down to my word against his, this is my sole chance to express my sentiments to this Court.

The defendant sexually groomed me to the extent that my bedroom lacked walls and a doorknob for the bathroom. Despite this, I was labeled paranoid for questioning it.

The defendant sexually groomed me to the extent that I resorted to self-harm at the age of thirteen. Despite this, my mother remained unconcerned.

The defendant sexually groomed me to the extent of requiring emergency hospitalization. Despite my urgent plea for assistance, the social worker only managed to spend a few minutes with me before dismissing the case.

The defendant sexually groomed me to the extent that Lake City High School removed him after the counselor called me into her office for crying in class that day. Despite this, he was permitted to return to the same hallways I walked, where teachers treated me as if I were the one who committed a crime.

The defendant sexually groomed me to the extent that Child Protective Services became involved. Despite this, the case was dismissed, and I was forced to return home, where I was treated as if I were the one who committed a crime.

The defendant sexually groomed me to the extent that I fled home. Despite this, I was returned by the police to a house where I was subjected to further grooming.

In spite of all these circumstances, the defendant has been a special education teacher to kids, coached middle school girls, and managed to evade charges for grooming numerous innocent children during school hours.

Sallie Thomas, one of my therapists, taught me how to recognize my value and feel validated by my past experiences. Sallie provided love and a safe home that I never received. We have formed a strong bond, and I often visit her in this area. Unfortunately, I'm always looking over my shoulder, fearing that I'll encounter the defendant.

In view of the fact that all this was dismissed, I also soon began to dismiss myself and the harrowing trauma that took place under his hands. Now that this information is in your hands, I only hope you can help prevent your defendant from sexually abusing another child. I know I was not his first victim, and I will not be his last. I continue to struggle with anxiety, depression, and nightmares. I worry I'll have lifelong psychological issues, but I hope that your sentence will serve as a reflection of the pain the defendant has inflicted upon me and others.

The way he deceptively preys, manipulates, isolates, exploits his authority, tests and pushes boundaries, minimizes privacy, and coercively controls should be an inconceivable concern that he is an immense danger to children.

Thank you,

Abagail Collier