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WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURT

Aug 3, 2018

Honorable Judge Warhit

My name is John Reich. I recently accepted a plea & will be sentenced August 15, 2018 for murder of my wife Robin Goldman.

I want to discuss my background. I was born in Brooklyn & grew up mostly on Coney Island & the Flat Bush. I have 2 sisters. My father was a Holocaust survivor. My parents taught us well & were good parents. I went to yeshiva school until I ~~also~~ went to Brooklyn College & then law school. I also received a LL.M. as a post law school degree. I took a job at Primatech/Coopers. I made partner & was a successful partner. I worked there most of my career for 35 years. I worked hard & had a good reputation. I retired at 60 & took a job at another firm for year & half until this tragic incident occurred, Jan 20, 2016.

My family life started when I married my wife in 1982. We had 3 children, we were happy & raised 3 well adjusted, bright & highly educated children. We moved to Scarsdale in 1987 & lived in one house for 25 years. (first house 5 years). My marriage was a good marriage. Never had a domestic issue other than the usual

non violent journals on occasions, I never hit anyone in my entire life. I was a calm mild mannered adult. Never raised a hand to my children & did not raise my voice. Typically, we vacationed as a family often. I taught my children to ride bikes, drive cars, play ball, swim etc, we were a good family unit.

We ~~had~~ belonged to the "Y" & the Scarsdale Temple. We were active members in the temple & family was raised in orthodox tradition. We had many neighborhood friends & went to many religious parties (Bar & Bat Mitzvahs) & weddings as well as birthday parties etc (and school outings).

Both Robin & I attended all parent teacher nights & aided our kids with homework etc.

As time went on & about a year before this incident, we began ~~having~~ <sup>having</sup> some marital issues & it lead to my ~~initial~~ initiating a divorce process. We were at early stages before any significant topics came up & before our lawyers had discussions. ~~It~~ It was not contentious.

The tragic events occurred Jan 20, 2016. I had been under stress at ~~work~~ work & at home with divorce & my mother became ill. I took a heavy dose of medication <sup>that morning</sup> & the incident occurred in morning. I don't want to get into details ~~at~~ since I accept full

responsibility for this tragedy, never on my  
~~was~~ worst nightmares could I envision hurting  
 anyone, especially my wife or family. I have always  
 been peaceful. Nonetheless, I am deeply sorry  
 & remorseful of all the pain this has caused.  
 My whole family will live with this tragedy  
 the rest of our lives.

I miss my children with all my heart & hope  
 they stay strong & resilient & be as happy as possible.

As I believe you know I am 64 years old  
 & I have accepted a sentence of 20 years. Despite  
 this, I want to ask for mercy as I don't die  
 in jail. My <sup>father</sup> passed away when he was 70 years old.

My sisters visit me almost every week. Other  
 friends have visited. They know the action &  
 behavior was a total alteration of my true personality.  
 They know that I am a different person than  
 the one that caused this horrible tragedy & horrible event.

Judge Washit

If its possible I beg for a reduction in my  
 sentence since this sentence leaves me over 80 years  
 old. I have not had an incident or flare-up  
 since I came to the prison. I have mentored  
 others in the mental health program I am in.  
 I pray that I be given time to get back to  
 society outside jail. Again please alter my  
 sentence based on my jail history, no prior arrests,  
 no violent behavior

Thank You →

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Respectfully,  
Julius Reich