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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TYE LEIF PETERSEN,

Defendant.

NO. 1:13-cr-00011-TMB-LCL

NOTICE OF FILING LETTER

Defendant Tye Petersen, through counsel, Cara McNamara, Assistant Federal Defender, hereby files his attached letter to the court (Exhibit A) in support of sentencing scheduled for January 7, 2015.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 6th day of January 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Cara McNamara _____

Your Honor —

My name is Tye Petersen and you will be sentencing me for my crimes on November 14th, 2014. I take full responsibility for my crimes and I am deeply sorry for all the problems I have created for my family and everyone involved. I failed to fully understand how my actions would effect those around me.

Now that the damage is done, I am ready to start repairing my relationships and to work through my problems. I have been self-sufficient my whole adult life and I am eager to start making my own way again. I know that when I am able to live free again, I will not re-commit my crimes, nor any new ones. If need be I can achieve this on my own with nothing more than the motivation of not going back to jail and the desire to help my family. I will seek professional help while incarcerated and maintain that help after my release. I'm sure that this and the other restrictions imposed on me by the terms of my probation will doubly insure that my rehabilitation is maintained.

I am now 46 years of age and facing the hardest times of my life. I have never been to prison before and it is truly a humbling experience. I know that life after prison as an ex-felon and a registered sex offender will present a lot of problems that I have not faced before, but I will do whatever it takes to regain some of the trust

and relationships that I have lost during this whole ordeal.

My wife Kari and I have been married for 16 years and we have 2 boys ages 18 and 7. My actions have affected them greatest of all. I had a well paying job which provided my wife with the opportunity to spend time with our boys as they were growing up. Since my arrest, my wife was forced to take a full time job in order to provide for them and keep the health care coverage that is needed. [REDACTED], our oldest boy, has been diagnosed with Autism. He is in the higher functioning range but he still struggles daily with academic and social issues. He is still attending high school and is on track to achieve enough credits to graduate when he is 20. My wife and I had planned to maintain custody of him beyond 18 years of age until we felt that he was ready for more freedoms. He turned 18 when I was in jail and my wife went through the process and now she has sole custody of him.

The emotional strain that all of this has had on Kari is tremendous. She has not felt that she would be able to talk to me on the phone yet, and what little communication we have had has been by letters. Most of that has involved business related activities, papers being signed and taxes filed etc.

[REDACTED] our 7 year old has written me a few letters and I regularly write him. He

of course does not fully grasp what is going on, but he is very smart and knows enough to realize that things are not right. I have yet to get a letter from [REDACTED] but I have written to him as well and Mari has informed me that he does read my letters.

I have had strong family support with my sisters and parents showing nothing but love and support throughout my troubles, even though this came as a big shock to them and they have a hard time understanding the whole ordeal. My sister Traci has made the trip from Washington state to come and visit me four times since my arrest. Two times my parents have made the trip with her. I unfortunately lost my father in July of this year due to complications of a heart valve replacement surgery. This tragedy has given me new cause to come out of this a better person and to try and make it up to my mother for not being there for her during that emotional time.

Again, I now understand the pain and suffering that my actions have caused and truly regret what I have done and will repay my debt to society as you see fit. I feel I will still be able to contribute to the work force and society upon my release and wish to have that opportunity to show that I have changed.

Respectfully yours.

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