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Re: **Kent Johnson's potential early release in *State v. Johnson*, Ottawa County Case No. 024-CR-I 165, Visiting Judge Robert Christiansen**

Dear Prosecutor Howe-Gerbers:

Our client Rebekah Huskey-Archaki recently became aware that her abuser, Defendant Kent Johnson is seeking early release from incarceration. No one reached out to her to ask her view, consistent with Marsy's Law. I am writing you on her behalf, and copying the Court, to express that she strongly opposes any potential early release. She also asks that you oppose this with the Court in the strongest possible terms. Please ensure the Court receives this before any decision is made.

On October 3, 2025, Johnson's criminal counsel, Mark Smith, filed a Motion for Early Release with the Court. In it, Smith wrote that you indicated that you would not oppose his motion. Ms. Huskey-Archaki deserved to be consulted and heard because your position deprives her of some of the fractional justice she received. She strongly urges you to file an opposition with the Court to ensure Johnson serves the entirety of his meager sentence. It is incomprehensible to her that you would have told Johnson you don't oppose the motion without consulting the victim. Why?

In the motion, Johnson's counsel falsely claims the assault was nonviolent. As you know, though they don't always leave a physical mark, sexual crimes like assault are inherently violent crimes, and Ms. Huskey-Archaki will have to live for the rest of her life with the psychological toll Johnson's assaults took on her. She said that during Johnson's sentencing hearing. She talked about how much physical pain he caused her, including pressing her surgery scar.

How could you let Johnson's counsel represent to the Court that his crimes were non-violent without objection?

Ms. Huskey asks you to listen to her sentencing statement again and to take her words to heart.

Smith's attempt to play down Johnson's assaults is wrong, demoralizing, and disgusting. It's the latest insult to Ms. Huskey-Archaki, and just goes to show that Johnson fails to grasp the seriousness of what he has perpetrated. Going behind Ms. Huskey-Archaki's back in a secret deal

is even less fair. And to Ms. Huskey-Archaki, it compounds the injustice of the previous secret deal to let Johnson plead no contest rather than accept responsibility for what he perpetrated on her.

Johnson has not learned his lesson. He should not be permitted to evade the full—albeit short-lived—consequences of his actions. He should have to serve *every day in jail that the Court ordered*. That time wasn't wasn't enough to begin with, given what he actually did, and how he was permitted to avoid accepting responsibility.

Smith also restates many of the arguments the Court heard and apparently rejected at sentencing about Johnson's health. The Court already took this into account when it sentenced Johnson to jail time, yet still thought that 180 days was an appropriate sentence. Nothing has changed drastically enough to warrant Johnson's early release.

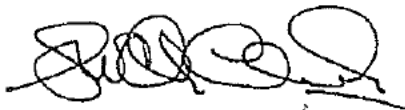
Ms. Huskey-Archaki already feels that her wishes have been cast aside throughout this process. She did not agree to allowing Johnson to plead no contest to the crimes against her. She was also not pleased with the charges to which he eventually pleaded no contest while being permitted to escape more serious ones. She felt that Johnson's ultimate punishment did not represent the severity and persistence of what he did to her. She hopes that you do not let her down again, after she got such a small modicum of justice to begin with.

A 180-day sentence was not enough, and a 90-day sentence is grossly deficient. Ms. Huskey-Archaki cannot overstate how strongly she opposes this and her desire for you to act as a voice for the victim rather than going along.

If you would like to discuss this further or meet with Ms. Huskey-Archaki to hear her out, you can reach me at [REDACTED].

In the meantime, Ms Huskey-Archaki hopes Judge Christiansen receives this letter and takes Ms. Huskey-Archaki's feelings to heart.

Sincerely,



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