

To : Judge Tina Nadeau
Re : Chad Evans

Your Honor,

I'm not sure where to start this letter , however , since you don't know me , perhaps I should start with an introduction. My name is Tim Knowles. I was born and raised in Maine, way up in Aroostook County (potato country) . I was transferred to New Hampshire by the grocery chain I worked for in 1980. Since that time I have married , raised my family and started my own business. I have come to love New Hampshire as much as if I were a native. Our family run business is celebrating it's 20th anniversary this year. To accomplish what I have , I have relied almost entirely upon my instincts and my ability to judge the strengths and weaknesses of others character.

This brings me to Chad Evans . Few people that I have met since coming to this state have impressed me with their honest sincerity and strength of character as Chad has. I had first met Chad as a customer in my store about twelve years ago. He was very mature for his age, had set goals for himself, and knew where he wanted to be in five years , ten years and so on. Through the last twelve years I have watched him achieve many of those goals through hard work , because Chad is a hard working , dedicated individual . I have also seen some of his disappointments and how he handled them. I never saw him take any defeat to heart. I always admired the sheer power of his optimism. This last blow, being found guilty of this terrible crime , if it were me in his place I would wither away and die , but he is still upbeat and hopeful that the truth will somehow come out and clear him. I wish I had his strength and faith in our court system .

Doing business with Chad and knowing him on a personal basis over the years has given me some insight into what kind of person Chad is inside. Without exception , I have found him to be honest , trustworthy , truthful and faithful even if it came at some cost to him personally. He would pay the price rather than sacrifice his integrity. That is why I know that he didn't do this. If he had he would have admitted it outright. When I witnessed his shock at the death of the baby, there was no guilt. When he was charged , there was only shock and disbelief. Even then he was sure that the police and the courts would find out the truth and vindicate him . I fear for his innocence while admiring his strength . Here, I think , is a young man with a lot of potential that will never be realized. If you , Your Honor , have had a chance to spend any time with Chad , to take his measure as a human being then perhaps you would understand that the spark of life, that literally shines from this young man , would be extinguished with a lengthy incarceration in the penal system . Prison life only strips away a persons dignity , self-respect and humanity . I see no gains for our society to lock Chad Evans away for the most productive years of his life , but I can see many losses . That you will be fair and impartial in your judgement , I have no doubt . That your decision will not be colored by

the media barrage that portrayed Chad guilty before his trial , I am certain . My only hope is that the law, as you see it, can be compassionate as well .

I felt compelled to write this letter to you because I strongly believe in Chads complete inability to have committed this crime with malice of forethought , and had some accident occurred to have caused this injury Chad would have been the first to step up and shoulder any responsibility . This is the kind of person I think Chad Evans is.

Thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedule to read this letter. My family and I are praying for a compassionate resolution for Chad .

Respectfully yours ,



Timothy A. Knowles