

Dear Judge Nadeau,

I am writing to you in regard to the sentencing of Chad Evans. I wanted to try and give a little insight into the person that he is and the way that he lives his life. I am his brother in law, while I have only known him for several years he has made quite an impression. When I first met him I was surprised at how far he had already made it in life, he seemed to be ten years ahead of himself. He put a lot of ambition into his job in order to provide for his family. He had retirement accounts set up for him and his wife, college funds going for both Kyle and Brent, and he was putting his wife through school all at the same time. He did not have any hobbies of his own, no sports car, snowmobile, or boat. He was dedicated to his family 100%. It is not that he couldn't take the time off or afford to buy some recreational toys, he did work long hours for McDonalds, but rather spent the time that he could get off with his family and spent or saved whatever he could to better his family.

When Nicole and I got married Chad started an IRA for both of us. Instead of starting us a joint one he started two individual ones because just incase something did happen we would both still have one. While I do have several retirement plans going we do have a new car and a new snowmobile so Chad is always stressing how important it is to save for the future. He is always giving us information on "if you save x amount of dollars a month now for ten years how much it will be when you retire". Even now as he sits in Stratford County about once a week he sends me newspaper clippings on financial advice with a letter explaining them.

On a Sunday a few days before Cassidy died I did have an opportunity to see Chad with Cassidy. We were working on our house (that is all I did weekends and evenings for about a year, fixer upper) Chad had told us he wanted to help us and come up and see us. When he got here he had Cassidy with him, he said Amanda had gotten a job cleaning a house so he was watching her for the day. She spent most of the day in the other part of the house with Nicole (we

had a temporary wall up dividing off the half we were working on at the time) but at least once an hour if not more Chad would go out to check on her. She seemed very attached to him she would go over and sit on his lap while he fed her a banana or gave her a drink. He would talk to her and she was doing her best to talk back. I was somewhat surprised that they already had such a bond knowing that Cassidy had lived with her Grandmother the majority of the time Chad and Amanda were together. My Grandfather who was also there that Sunday thought that Cassidy was Chad's kid because of the way that they were interacting. Chad had been working with her on counting and both of them were excited to demonstrate her progress especially to Nicole who at the time was teaching a preschool class.

Chad was in my viewpoint an excellent father. The amount of energy and thought that he devoted to Kyle and Brent was incredible at times. He bought them a huge out door trampoline trying to encourage them to go out side and play rather than stay inside and play video games. He was always discussing "smart toys" with Nicole, stuff so that they would use their minds and bodies. This is a contrast today when you see so many children spending the majority of their free time watching TV or playing video games. It is very hard on Chad right now worrying so much about how Kyle and Brent are being raised, knowing they are getting shuffled around from babysitter to Tristan's mom while she is more interested in her new boyfriend than in her children and at best all he can do is talk to them once a week on the phone. I have already noticed changes in Kyle's behavior. He will not listen to you nearly as well as he would a year ago and he gets very upset when he does not get his way. He threw a fit last time he was at our house not wanting to leave. There are definite negative changes that are visible since Chad has not been a part of Kyle's day-to-day life.

One of Chad's biggest concerns is Amanda he is constantly worried about her and expresses that to everyone. He is particularly worried about her emotionally, she lost her child, he is very concerned that she does not have anyone. She does not get along with her family, and from what she has told me about them I don't think they could be there for her emotionally even

if they did get along, it sounds like they have way to many problems of there own that they can't deal with never mind hers. He also worries about her surviving financially on her own, she doesn't have the best money management skills. He is very worried about his children and Amanda, what will happen to them with him not being there for them as they go through life.

As a friend to so many Chad is the type of person who will go twice the extra mile to help out some one who needs the help. He has an amazing number of close friends and they are willing to go the extra mile for him because he has helped so many people and gone well out of his way for them. I don't know many people who are willing to go as far out of their way to help someone as Chad is and not looking for, or expecting anything in return. It is rare today to see someone with as many high values as Chad.

I hope that this letter has been helpful in giving some insight into the person that Chad is. While I don't agree with the outcome of the case I do respect the decision of the jury, I don't think that the legal system is perfect, however I do think that it is the best one out there. I am asking you to please be lenient on sentencing because of all the good things that he does and has to offer to all of those around him.

Thank you for your time

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