

Dear Judge Dickerson,

Being 14 years older than Ryan, I remember his entire life. And, I was delighted when I was blessed with two brothers along with my two sisters. As siblings, sometimes we may not all see eye-to-eye, but I have noticed one thing about all of my Mother's children. They are all good people, and this includes Ryan. However, we each have our own best qualities. For example, my oldest sister was always good at academics, and Ryan is just perfect with children. He is patient, understanding and plays with children at their level. When I had my one and only daughter, there was never, (NEVER) a second guess that Ryan would be nothing but the best caregiver. He was entrusted to watch my daughter several times, and at no time did I ever worry. Ryan is a giver, a caring individual (as I am sure everyone knows based on testimony given). Ryan cares about kids, about people, about himself. Ryan did nothing wrong except to love and try and save a baby. As I have explained to every guard I have talked to, Ryan could not hurt a child anymore than a person could not change the color of their eyes, it is simply NOT IN HIS CHARACTER. For if Ryan had been a cold individual with no feelings, he would not be in this situation. He tried to save that child's life, he cared for that child. He was given an option at that point in time: Try to save the child and possibly be convicted and live in hell this life, or not save the child, thus saving himself, and live in hell for his afterlife. As he is a good man of honest conviction and good moral character, he chose, without hesitation, to HELP the child. Now this is how he is thanked for his efforts. What a shame. Now the wisdom of the court has the opportunity to show everyone, that if you help, and if you are convicted for helping, that the court does recognize that effort of good moral ethics and demonstrates that recognition with a minimal sentence.

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