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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JORDAN LINN GRAHAM,

Defendant.

CR 13-37-M-DWM

**NOTICE OF FILING
SENTENCING LETTERS**

JORDAN LINN GRAHAM, the above-named Defendant, by and through her counsel of record, ANDREW J. NELSON, MICHAEL DONAHOE and the FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF MONTANA, hereby submits the attached letters in aid of sentencing.

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DATED this 18th day of March, 2014.

JORDAN LINN GRAHAM

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3-10-14

Honorable Donald Molloy,

I was requested to write this on behalf of Jordan Graham.

My name is Svetlana Alexander. I have lived in Kalispell for 10 years and have known Jordan for 9 of those years.

I first met Jordan when I started looking for daycare for my son G [REDACTED] when he was just over a year old.

I was lucky to find "Blessed Beginnings DayCare". There on my first day of touring the facility I was introduced to Jordan. Very quiet, beautiful girl who gave a nervous mother a very comforting smile.

G [REDACTED] started at the Daycare the next week and as the name says I was Blessed.

I would drop G [REDACTED] 2-3 days a week and Jordan would always be there with a Baber in

down lap, or several climbing on her as she sat on the floor with them letting them climb all over her.

As G [redacted] grew and was so happy there, He named Jordan "George" from that day I heard him say "Babe George" and was so proud, She [redacted] Sprite came over Jordan, well she was George from that day on. Jordan took care of G [redacted] at Blessed Beginnings until he went to kindergarten, we had a wonderful experience with Daycare.

Outside of Daycare, Jordan spent time whenever I needed a babysitter. Always G [redacted] first request, as mine, it was Always "Mom call George" I would always call Jordan first.

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God Bless you George.
We love you.

Justine Sherman

3-10-14

Honorable Donald Molloy,

I was requested to write this on behalf of Jordan Graham.

My name is Gretchen Alexander. I have lived in Kalispell for 10 years and have know Jordan for 9 of those years.

I first met Jordan when I started looking for daycare for my son G.A. when he was just over a year old.

I was lucky to find "Blessed Beginnings Day Care." There on my first day of touring the facility I was introduced to Jordan. Very quite, beautiful girl who gave a nervous mother a very comforting smile.

G.A. started at the Daycare the next week and as the name says I was blessed.

I would drop G.A. off 2-3 days a week and Jordan would always be there with a baby in her lap, or several climbing on her as she sat on the floor with them letting them climb all over her.

As G.A. grew and was so happy there, he named Jordan "George" from that day I heard him say "Bye George" and this proud, shy, sweetest smile came over Jordan, well she was George from that day on. Jordan took care of G.A. at Blessed Beginnings until he went to Kindergarten, we had a wonderful experience with our Daycare.

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God Bless you George.

We love you.

Gretchen Alexander

Honorable Donald W. Molloy
Your Honor:

I am writing to you on behalf of Jordan Graham. My name is Gary Jacobs, I am a retired USAF veteran with 20yrs of service and a member of Rocky Mountain Baptist Church in Kalispell, Mt.

I first met Jordan when she was 3 to 4 years old and her mother, Lindy (Grob) Rutledge, began attending RMBC. Lindy was a single mother and very protective of her little girl. Jordan was a beautiful child, compliant, and very shy.

When she entered 1st. grade, she began to attend our junior church group service that my wife and I led twice a month. When she entered the 4th grade she joined our weekely Sunday school class and was a faithful member for 2½yrs. As with all the children we taught, we came to love Jordan very much.

Approximately 2-3yrs after she joined our church, Steve Rutledge came into fellowship of our church and he and Lindy began to keep company and their relationship grew into a marriage. Within a year their son [REDACTED] was born. Steve and Jordans relationship bloomed and he took her as his own, and she called him dad. Jordan and her brother have always been real close.

Over the years we had opportunity to spend a great deal of time with her; not only at church class time but social events, hikes, SSchool picnics, some at our home. Many times I observed Jordan being confronted, as often happens, with kids at play, by an angry or challenging child. In all these events I never saw her respond with any show of anger. She was the most gentle and easy going kid we have ever had, on these occasions all she ever did was walk away from the situation.

The Rutledges left our church early in the 2003.

In July 2013 Jordan began to attend our church again. As she was as a child, she was faithful in every service and for my wife and I it was a great blessing to see our former Sunday school kid again.

Jordan has been a faithful church goer her entire life. She has no record of any of the teen problems so prevalent in our society, and she has never had any involvement with drugs of any kind.

It is my fervent hope and prayer for Jordan that a day will come when she can have a happy and productive life. I truly believe that she has within her the qualities that can make her a valuable, contributing member of society.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Z. Jacobs". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Gary Z. Jacobs

2-10-14

The Honorable Donald W Molloy,

My name is Catherine Alton. I have known Jordan Graham for 5 ½ years, since September 2008, when I went to work at Blessed Beginnings Learning Center where I worked with Jordan and her Mom, Lindy Rutledge.

Jordan always came to work with a smile on her face and a warm greeting for everyone. She was a hard worker and never complained about anything we asked her to do. She was very good with all the children and never minded holding a baby or changing a diaper. She interacted well with all age groups of the children and they all loved being with her.

I also went to functions outside of work with the Rutledge family. My husband and I visited their church, I went to a Mother-Daughter dinner there and I went to one of M [REDACTED]'s band performances. Jordan was always polite and respectful to me and to her parents. She seemed genuinely happy to see me and to spend time with me outside of work.

I worked with her until I moved to California in June 2009. I have kept in touch with the family since we moved back. When Jordan and M [REDACTED] came to California in April 2013, we spent a day together. She was very happy about getting married and told me they might like to move to California someday in the future after she and Cody got married. She was very excited about recording the song that was custom made for Cody.

I know you have a very tough decision to make in deciding how long to send Jordan to prison for and to which prison. I am praying for you to make the fairest decision possible for all the people affected by this tragedy.


2/10/14

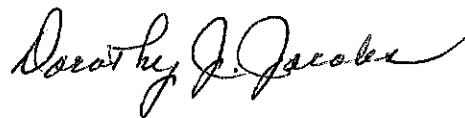
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Honorable Donald W. Molloy

I have known Jordan Graham since she was 3yrs. old. She attended our church till she was in the 6th grade. She was in little junor church class, that I taught once a month,; then was in big junor church till they left; which I helped teach 2-3 times a month. She was in the sunday school class that my husband and I taught weekly for her 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. She was always a quiet child;obedient, memorized her bible verses, and never caused any trouble in any of the classes. Having been in her home, attended basketball games, and track meets,that she participated in; she always showed good sportsmanship qualities. She has been to our home for picnics; and attended all church activities. She has gone on church visitation^{with me} and was always respectful and never complained.

She started attending our church again in July and has been faithful in every service; Sundays and Wednesday night services. As her elderly teacher I still got my hugs. I have been in her home since July; and she is still quiet, friendly, respectful without complaints, gossip, or accusations.

The Jordan the media is protraying is not the Jordan I love and respect.



Dorothy J. Jacobs

February 3, 2014

Marie Benson
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

March 10, 2014

Honorable Judge Donald Molloy;

I am writing this letter on behalf of Jordan Graham. I have known Jordan for the past 4 years in that time we worked together and developed a very close friendship. Upon first meeting Jordan, she is quiet and reserved. Once you get to know her she opens up and the fun energetic side of her comes out.

When I think of Jordan; I think of a fun, loving, full of life young woman. Jordan is one of my best friends, we've spent many hours talking, laughing, enjoying each other's company and having fun. We've talked about what we want to do with our lives, how we want to get married and start families. Planning on trips which we would love to take and dreaming about all the fun activities to do with our time.

I have never felt threatened or that Jordan would ever harm me in anyway. I know that she realizes that she made a mistake, and that there are consequences for those choices. She has not had any other issues with the law. I hope that you would take that into consideration with Jordan's sentencing. She is a young woman with so much potential in life.

Respectfully submitted,



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
March 12, 2014

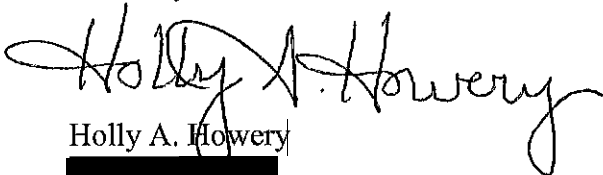
The Honorable Donald W. Molloy,

I met Jordan Graham when she was a young girl of six. She was shy and timid as many children are when they are around adults, till they get to know them. Her manner never changed toward me. I saw her three times a week for four years, and she was the same quiet girl.

The girl that now has become a woman has continued her reserved demeanor. She speaks when spoken to, has a difficult time making eye contact, in groups or one on one, Jordan would observe and wouldn't add to the conversation.

She offered friendship to my seventeen year old daughter. She is a good listener and gave directing advice to her when asked. When asked a question she would politely answer. I would consider her a good role model. She attends church faithfully and is subject to her parents.

Sincerely,


Holly A. Howery
[REDACTED]

2-25-2014

To the Honorable Judge John Mollay:

My name is Linda Rickard and I am Jordan Grahame grandmother.

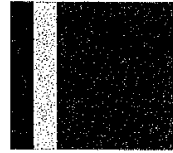
Jordan was raised in a Christian Family home. She was a loving, caring granddaughter and gave me years of fun, loving times.

She would come over and was always asking how I was and caring for me when I was sick! Everyday she would tell me she loves me.

Jordan is very remorseful as she tells me all of the time. Thank you!

Linda Rickard

M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



March 12, 2014

To the Honorable Donald W. Molloy,

This is M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED], Jordan Graham's brother, writing this letter concerning the character of Jordan Graham. As previously mentioned, I am her brother and therefore am indubitably familiar with her character in an assortment of life situations. Jordan's best attributes include her ability to show and offer a compassionate hand when anyone is in need, and I have seen the substantiation of this all throughout her foregoing job of being a caretaker for 3 children. Nonetheless, her superlative attributes do not discontinue there by any means; she is irrefutably a magnanimous person. When any individual does something malicious to her, she does not use a manner of retribution, rather, a pardoning, empathetic, and longsuffering attitude toward their comportment thus showing no sign of holding any grudge of any kind. This is why I take great pride when I am allowed the opportunity to say that she is my sister.

Jordan has done so much for me to be proud of and has accomplished copious noteworthy accomplishments. Her goals are far reaching as she had wished to attend college, or a higher level learning institution, and have a bright future. Furthermore, giving Jordan leniency would permit her not a seamless opening, but perhaps a slight chance for her to accomplish at least some of her objectives. I know she would want this because she has personally indicated to me that she wishes she could take it all back and that she regrets the entirety of all that happened, and is now sitting in jail with compunction. She apologized with a contrite heart that she won't be able to see me for an enormous extent of time.

Without leniency, other communal residents will most likely view the law as imperious or unwarranted in their engagements. Nevertheless, on the constructive side, leniency would also cause a preferment for other people's veneration for the law and would mirror the weightiness of Jordan's offenses.

Therefore, I know Jordan in a multiplicity of life circumstances and have seen her cordial actions play out time and time again throughout her lifetime. Simply this letter is to motivate you that she is remorseful for the crimes that she has committed and that leniency is not sought after, but an indispensable element in order to make the law enhanced in others' eyes.

M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. R. A.' with a stylized flourish.



To the Honorable Donald W. Molloy,

My name is Lindele Rutledge and Jordan Linn Graham is my daughter. I am currently employed cleaning houses.

When Jordan was young she didn't share emotions very well. She didn't like to cry in front of others. The only time she would cry in front of others is when she would see a family member crying. She kept her emotions for when she was by herself. I saw her a few times crying in her room.

When Jordan was in high school she enjoyed going to school and received good grades. She struggled a little her junior year mostly because they were college courses she took and didn't realize it at the time. She did the best she could in those classes. She worked hard in those classes. Overall she was a good student. She enjoyed going to school and being a teacher's aide and an office aide.

Jordan started a job her Junior year of high school working at a daycare. She would go there every day after school. Her employer really liked her and the people she worked with liked her too. She was a hard worker and did great with the children as well as interacting with the parents on a daily basis. A lot of the parents liked her and used her on the weekends to watch their children.

Jordan truly cares about others and what they think of her. She was sought after to care for children all the time and tried to make the time to please all of the parents. She loved spending time with others and making them feel welcome and loved. She liked having barbeques and bonfires and inviting different people over if they didn't have plans and were alone. She liked to spend time with other kayaking, going swimming or whatever else they wanted to do. She was always trying to make others happy.

Jordan has attended church since she was a young child. She enjoyed going to church and interacting with all the other members. She was a Sunday School teacher and attended every week faithfully.

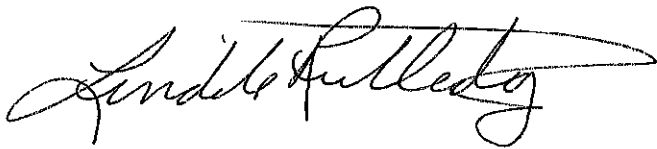
Whenever I needed help with a project she was willing to step in and help wherever she was needed. She would go out of her way to help others when they

needed help. She was there for others if they needed someone to talk to or a shoulder to lean on.

The time she has spent in jail has shown her that the utmost respect for the law is the most important thing. She doesn't ever want to do anything that would get her into trouble again. Jordan is truly remorseful for what she has done. She has stated that to me in letters, through our phone conversations, and during visitation times.

I don't feel by showing Jordan leniency she is a threat to the community. Jordan has never shown violent tendencies before. She never went out partying on a Friday or Saturday night most of the time she would go to a movie with a friend or care for children. She has never been in trouble with law. Her only record is a couple of speeding tickets. By showing her leniency she could get a college education and become a better and useful member of society.

Sincerely,



Lindele Rutledge

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To the Honorable Donald W. Molloy,

Jordan is a sweet young lady that no one would ever think that she would ever be in the situation she is in. Jordan has never shown any characteristics that would be even close to be endangering to others. I have been her father since her mother Lindele and I were married April 20, 1996. Jordan has never met her biological father. Jordan was four years old when Lindele and I were married. We dedicated ourselves to bringing her and her brother M [REDACTED] up in a Christian home, and church that follows the word of God. We have attended Church services every Sunday and Wednesday since she was about four. Jordan would often volunteer in the nursery there and care for the 0-3 year old children. She would also volunteer to help her mother in the junior Sunday school class to help teach the word of God to the 3-10 year old children.

During Jordan's school years she was reserved, quiet and didn't fall into peer pressure. She did her own thing and did very well in High school. Jordan never smoked cigarettes, did drugs, drank or even said a foul word. If she didn't want to do something nobody could talk her into it. She was also very careful as to what she said. She would not want to offend anyone. She would not talk trash about somebody else behind their backs. She was not one to gossip. She was an A student all through her school years. She graduated with honors and probably could have qualified for college scholarships, but she decided to pay for her own college expenses. She attended Flathead Valley Community College working on a degree in accounting. She worked at a day care

and later she went on to be a nannie for a couple of families in Kalispell. The Kids loved her very much and she enjoyed what she did for a earning her way through college. She is very good with kids, and understands them. I thought she would make a great elementary school teacher, but she wanted to be an accountant.

Jordan didn't date until she was eighteen. We were fairly strict on the matter. She kind of dated one other young man before she and Cody began to date named Drew. She would not date anyone that had not made a profession of faith. If they were not saved she would just be friends with them. Drew never got saved, Drew lost interest and went on. Cody got saved a few months after he started going to church with Jordan. Soon Cody's mother Sherry came to the church as well. They both joined the church I believe at the same time. Jordan and Cody dated for about nine months until they were engaged. Cody took me to dinner one night and asked my permission to marry Jordan. I told him I'd approve for them to get married and would love to have him for my Son in law. Cody waited another three or so weeks before he actually popped the question. They spent the next six months preparing for the wedding. They wanted a traditional wedding and wanted to follow the traditional route. They never moved in together until the day they were married. They never spent a night together. I believe in my heart Jordan kept herself until she was married. It was just a promise I think she made to herself to be abstinent until the day she was married. The week during their marriage I saw no signs of unhappiness. As far as I could tell they were two very happily married people that had a wonderful love for each other. I was among the ten or so fellow church members that gathered at the local Dairy Queen in Kalispell after the evening Sunday church service before Cody's death. They sat at a table across and behind my wife and I. They sat with I believe Michael my son and someone else, which I can't recall. They left after eating and

went home. I saw nothing out of the ordinary. They said good night to everyone and left. The events that followed I still can't understand.

Jordan has always been a non-confrontational person. She would rather walk away and not want to argue. I'm sure that if someone were to forcefully bring her back after she walked away that she would resist and not want to talk until later. She did not like anyone talking loud or yelling. She would not yell back. Her only defense was to walk away. I've had her walk away when I had raised my voice to her.

I recall that one time she tried to plow our driveway with the four wheeler. She was trying to do a good thing, but broke the winch that lifts the blade on the four wheeler. I got angry and yelled at her, but she didn't feel she had done anything bad and walked away while I was still explaining in a louder than usual voice that if she didn't know how to run the plow not to try and plow snow. I later realized that she had only let the 50 ft. line out all the way and had spun it back on the spool backward. I felt really bad and apologized for accusing her of breaking the winch. She never drove the four wheeler again.

Jordan was a great role model for several younger girls. She was like a big sister to them. She volunteered her time in mentoring and guiding them in right living as a young Christian. She would take them shopping, take them to the park or just hang out and be their friend. One young lady was being a little rebellious toward her parents and Jordan was able to get that relationship between the parents and her back in order by encouraging her to follow the Bible and read what God's word states about the parent child relationship. Honor thy Father and Mother is one verse that sticks out in my mind. Today that same young lady has a different mindset and a better relationship with her parents and studies her bible. I have heard that next year she plans to attend a Bible college after she graduates high school.

Jordan wanted to settle down and just be a mother and a housewife after she and Cody were married. She quit school and wanted to devote her life to a new life as the wife of Cody Johnson. There is no way I would believe that the events that happened could be deliberate. I feel in my heart that Cody's death was an accident and maybe a case of self- defense that had horrible devastating consequences. People react in different ways when they fear for their own life. Why she decided to tell stories about the true events are unknown and unfortunate, but not a reason for long prison term.

I ask you to grant Jordan some leniency, and a chance at living her life as a Young Christian woman. She did break the law, but I feel in my heart she did not intentional harm anyone. I think she was so scared that she didn't know what to do. I can vouch for Jordan as a person that cares deeply for others. She has never shown any tendencies toward being a danger to anyone else or herself. I believe there is a life that she can still follow that can be a positive role model and even better person altogether through what she has already experienced. I love my daughter very much and still have a great belief in her love for others. I do pray and ask that you diligently consider all the facts and evidence of this case and rule accordingly. I trust that you will make the proper decisions concerning Jordan with her and others in mind. Thank you very much for you time.

Steven A. Rutledge

