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Honorable Douglas Wilkins
Lawrence Superior Court
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Your Honor,

I am writing today on behalf of my friend Leonard J. Degnan Jr. I have known Lenny for 38 years, we first met at North Andover Middle school, and have been life long friends. In that time, I have always known Lenny to be a man of honesty and integrity. Lenny is a man who stands by his word, his family and his friends. I am requesting that you show leniency to Lenny.

Lenny is a family man. He has been married for 28 years and has raised three wonderful children. Lenny and Carla's two older daughters have completed their college educations and are working in successful careers. They are very close with their father. Lenny's oldest daughter, Gina, will be getting married in September of this year. Lenny's son is still in High School and has Asperger's. Lenny has coached his son in baseball and most recently has been working with him on a training regiment in preparation for High School Football. For most high school juniors, that would not be such a big deal, however, for young Lenny, it is amazing progress in his social and physical development. He is extremely close with his father and I feel a long-term separation would be detrimental to his continued development.

Lenny's own father passed away, when he was very young. From that young age Lenny took on the responsibility as the caretaker for his family. He continues to care for his Mother and his elderly aunts and uncles. He is entrusted with their financial decisions. On February 10th of 2013, Lenny's uncle, Reverend James Degnan passed away. Lenny was called at 3:00am by Massachusetts General Hospital and was told his uncle was not doing well. Lenny immediately drove to Boston during the worse blizzard of that year, to be by his Uncle's side in his last hours. Despite all that Lenny has been going through in his own life, he has always made sure his family was cared for.

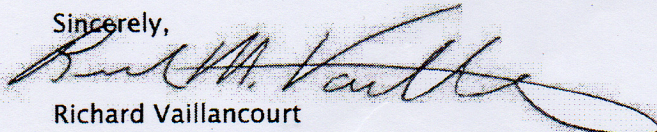
Lenny has established a very successful insurance agency in Lawrence. He chose Lawrence to locate his business because of his love for the city. He has been an outspoken advocate for the city. Through his business, he has been able to assist many residents of Lawrence and has been there to comfort and aid them in some of the worse times of their lives.

Everyone who knows Lenny, understands he is a strong presence when he enters a room. When he makes a decision, he does not waiver and sees it through until the end. We also know that Lenny has a big heart, and would be available for anyone who needed his help.

I once again ask that you show Lenny leniency and do not separate him from his family and Friends.

Thank You for taking the time to read my appeal.

Sincerely,



Richard Vaillancourt