<u>To: Auntie Socks</u> (ie on The Accused' Mom's Side) **From: Nephew** (ie The Accused)



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Auntie Socks,

I am writing this letter to wish you a very Happy Holiday Season. And, I hope it finds you well too. Thus, I feel blessed to be able to write and share it here. For so much has happened in my life since you were last up here visiting in Duluth, MN when we saw each other. Was it in 2013? Or, after 2014? I am not sure and I don't recall what year it was either. Although, I do remember we had lots of fun! Plus, I enjoyed the hotel pool our family and I got to swim in when you were staying there as well. So in my reflection, I feel a warmth in my heart to have these memories despite my not recalling their exact time frames. Guess this means I might be getting old, hehehe..... well...maybe. ... lol!

Now to a more personal and deeper focus...

So the other reason I am writing this letter is to say, "Thank You." And, its *A Very Big Thank You* too! For when my horrible legal mess kicked off in Early August 2015 with my second ex-wife Cookie, her daughter Honeydew and their family, the daily reader you gave me some years prior called "*Jesus Calling*" *By Sarah Young*, was quite literally my life saver and a God sent! Thus every day when I read its words, I felt like I was being kept close to Jesus even, while at my life's lowest points emotionally. Whence, its very profound, powerful and special to me! For on its pages, are spoken words of mercy and grace with Bible versus all to give hope and strength to a broken hearted soul such as myself. Sometimes, I even struggled to understand them too. Yet, I followed it like my life depended on it. And back then, just as of today, I did and still do. For I believe God and His love is very real! So its like like Mathew 18:11 (NKJV) says, "*For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost*." Thus, I was that lost man whom Jesus came for. And honestly, I love Jesus and need Him everyday! Now back during my legal mess, I eventually bought two more daily readers by author and pastor Charles F. Stanley and these helped me too.



This is the book today!

So during the first two years of my legal mess after being locked up in the St Louis County Jail for 2.5 days (ie in Late August 2015), I had many court dates, court rescheduling changes and regular meetings with my family-paid-for defense attorney. So all-in-all, I harshly faced the perfect accusatory storm Cookie and her cohorts threw at me. And back at the beginning when I first met Cookie and etc, in Early Fall 2012, I never saw any of this coming. For if I did, I'd of never dated her much less spoke with her. In fact, I would have avoided her and all of them like the plague!

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Meanwhile in the two years of monthly or after court hearings prior to my Sentencing in Early June 2017, my life was an emotional roller coaster. To which I felt isolated, alone and had no one to trust and confide in without hearing their debated legal thoughts getting in the way first! So quite frankly, I got to a point to where I felt hopeless and didn't know what to do. And all I wanted was to be free of this evil and to have my life back with my daughter Flower returned home too. For during this same time frame, I was not allowed to see or contact her in any way by CPS here in Duluth. Otherwise, they would have taken her away from our entire family and placed her into the Minnesota Foster Care System for the rest of her childhood-to-teen years until she became 18. And in fact come to think of it, this is ultimately what CPS wanted to do! Thus, this was a very scary time for our immediate family and myself. Plus they all worked and prayed to keep me out of prison for a long time despite my being falsely accused of evil crimes by Cookie, Honeydew and her family. And yet to this day, after all this mess has completed, its effects can still be felt by all of us. However, I am grateful for having Jesus in my life too. He is the perfect balance!

Now to simply sum up, once I decided to plead guilty in Mid-May 2017, as further detailed in my previous "*Healing From An Accused Life*" books, I was Sentenced with (in Early June 2017):

- 1.) The Minnesota State Crime of "<u>Electronic Solicitation of Child</u>" for the two sexual text messages Honeydew claimed I sent to her cell phone from mine. (NOTE:) No photos of any kind were involved with these messages. It was just two texts only.
- 2.) A 15 month stay of a prison sentence (ie 1yr and 3 months) meaning no prison time.
- 3.) Having my mouth DNA swabbed and stored in Minnesota's state criminal data base.
- 4.) 7 Years Probation. *Yet, it could be done after 6 years as long as everything is finished before hand. Plus, the judge also stated that my Minnesota State Crime would be knocked down to a misdemeanor at this time too provided no further violations or crimes took place during the six years.
- 5.) 100 Hours Mandatory Community Service. Though my court appointed Probation Officer wanted 250 hours! But, the County Judge knocked it down to 100. Stating I needed to concentrate more on treatment.
- 6.) About \$1,200 total in St Louis County Court Fees and Probation Fines.
- 7.) A therapist certified completion of a Sex Offender Treatment Program.
- 8.) 1 Mandatory Polygraph Test to prove the success rate of my treatment while halfway in it.
- 9.) Being registered on the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) for a minimum of 10 years from Early June 2017 to Early June 2027 as a Sex Offender. So after June 2027, I am free of it with no more annual required updates and check-ins. Thus afterwards, I can move anywhere in the USA to live without this legal stink on me!
 - *However I also not here that, there other US States which are more heavy on their Sex Offender Registry Laws too. Meaning that regardless of the sentenced sex crime, the offenders there register for life! And as I recall learning during my time, Wisconsin is one of these states that do this.

So as you can see, this is quite the proverbial ordeal.

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Now in Early March 2018, both CPS and the St Louis County Family Court decided to let me have supervised visits with my daughter Flower at my parents home with them being present at the same time here Duluth. However, they both stripped me of all my rights to my daughter. And this of course, was after three plus years of Flower and I not being able to see or contact each other too. Thus once she and I were allowed, we were happy to do so. However mentally and emotionally, I could see Flower was not the same person I knew before this mess started. Because it all obviously changed and negatively affected her to include, myself too. Whence from that point on, everyone in my immediate family did the best they could to try and move on and we did. Yet, it was mentally numbing at best.

Then finally in Early June 2023, I was done with my Sex Offender Treatment Program and my Probation time was released too. As such, I no longer had to report to my Probation Officer twice a month either. So it was a well and tough earned reward for all the undeserved hardship I was put through.

Auntie Socks, there is so much that took place with all this horrible legal stuff that its impossible to include it all here in one letter. Yet all-in-all, I survived and got through it! And again, the book "*Jesus Calling*" you gave a long time ago was a major player in helping me. For it gave me hope of better days and a life with Jesus as my Savior to look forward too. And honestly, I don't believe I would have done as well as I did in this time frame without it.

So Auntie if we got to speak again in person during this 2024 year, the above information is about what I would have said. Plus, I would have stated my intent to write about my experiences with this awful situation as well. To include, about my desire to do so while still being involved with my legally forced probation and treatment time and couldn't write of it. Thus my quietly kept need, was another major factor which helped me get through this terrible mess too – ie to know I will one day have a voice and a right to speak about it when its finished and I can finally be free of it. And, this is perhaps the only true justice I will ever receive!

Lastly, my intention to write this letter was not to be negative or to complain. But, to inform and share my side of everything. And, to even be able to say "*Thank You!*" for your being there for me while in Spirit as I was dealing with everything. Thus, it means a lot to me! Yet, its also increased my love and closeness with Jesus Christ too. To which, I know you have and shared with me in the past as well. As such, I feel very blessed and thankful despite everything that happened to me.

Anyways, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season this year. And, I look forward to the time when we can visit in again someday in the future too.

With Much Love And Gratitude,

Your Nephew (*The Accused*)