

To the Court and United States Government,

My name is Craig Davis. I have 3 children, and have always tried to help everyone I am able to. I have done many good things in my life, and will continue to do so, and I also have made many mistakes, as I am human and at many times, foolish. A little background about me, I was born to Cheryl and Roger Davis in 1974. My mom was and is an amazing mother, and my dad and I have had our share of struggles and disagreements, as he is bipolar and brilliant, but are much closer now. I grew up with a loving but verbally abusive extended family, and was diagnosed with ADHD and impulsivity control issues. The familial issues I had caused me to begin an unfortunate journey of drug abuse throughout all of my 20s. I did cocaine every day during this period as well as other illicit substances, all in an attempt to escape childhood damage and traumas I had never properly dealt with. Throughout my life I have helped the less fortunate, via donations of both my time and money, created fundraisers to help the homeless and helpless animals in high kill shelters. I still work daily with animal rescues and give to the homeless.

I have three children, aged 31, 28 and 11. I have an ex wife and current girlfriend who have always been supportive to me and I have let them and my entire circle of friends and family down and am more ashamed and embarrassed and regretful than for anything I have ever done in my life. I adopted my two oldest children when they were 9 and 6 respectively, and have always considered them MY children not step children. One of the myriad of things that is absolutely devastating to me is the fallout my family and children will encounter due to my idiotic greedy and selfish actions. The biggest regret of my entire life is squandering my many talents in an effort to provide comfort and stability for my family, when in all actuality, we were doing fine before any of my ill thought out and inconceivably stupid actions.

I have always had problems with impulse control, having come from a father and grandfather who are both bipolar and manic depressive. Since a young age, I have been prone to risky decisions and

taking chances that were unnecessary, and always chasing the next high, which my therapists have told me was their belief why I was addicted to cocaine, a stimulant for almost 10 years.

All of the above being said, that is an explanation but not an excuse.

I take full accountability for my actions and wish I could go back in time and change EVERYTHING I have done. I affected my family, society, lenders, and I took funds that were allocated to help small businesses and family run businesses to enrich myself and I regret that every day. I received funds that may have helped a family business stay in business, a family retain employees and it was patently, indefensibly WRONG.

I am committed to doing all I can to make restitution to those affected, and will work my absolute hardest to make this happen. As I am able to earn money again, I will ensure a portion goes towards restitution.

In the future, I will be a benefit to society as I have been most of my life. I will be joining a Big Brother program, donating my time to charitable endeavors and ensuring that I become again a man that my kids and parents can be proud of. I wish to complete my college degree and work an honorable job as well as speak to young adults to try and keep them off the path I took.

I beg the court for mercy and leniency, as I have an 11 year old who depends on me, and a 76 year old father who lives alone, and has effectively cut off all contact with his immediate family save for me.

I worry what will happen to both of them should I be sentenced to Federal Prison time and have thought about this every single day since this has happened to me. I have always thought of myself as a good person as my many character letters will reflect, and still do, although I made a grave greedy and stupid series of actions that I wish I could take back. Again, I am deeply ashamed and remorseful and sorry for all that I have done, and only ask for the chance to continue repaying my debt to society and being here for my family who needs me.

Humbly and Sincerely,

Craig Davis