Dear Judge Cohen,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to tell you about my brother, Daniel E. Jay (Danny to us). Our family was a bit unusual - I am the oldest, my sister Amy is 9 years younger than me & Danny was born the summer that I graduated from high school. I married my high school sweetheart the following year & we began having our family shortly after that so my oldest daughter & Danny are only 3 years apart in age. Because of that, even though Danny is my brother, he grew up more as one of my "Kids" in many ways. My children all adored him growing up and even though he was just a few years older than they were, he was always "Uncle Danny" to them.

He was married for many years & lived out of state but because he & his wife never had children, he always had a special place in his heart for our grandchildren. He made his way back home for every important event in our family & showed up for soccer games, wrestling matches, football & basketball games whenever possible & of course for birthdays & Christmas. We were always grateful for the love & attention he gave the kids & they thought he was the greatest! He was always so generous with his time as well as his money.

As much as I appreciated all of that, I wanted you to know what Danny did to show his heart (more than anything else) up until then.

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When our father developed a life-threatening infection in the fall of 2020, my sister & I weren't sure how we could possibly keep him in the home that he loved because the care he needed was beyond our physical ability. Danny decided to step up & move back in with him so that there would be someone to care for him around the clock. Amy & I were in & out everyday helping in any way that we could but because she was working full time & I was babysitting my youngest grandson, it was Danny who was with him 24/7! (in the middle of the night making sure his CPAP & oxygen were working properly, helping him in & out of bed, dressing his wounds & being available when his home health nurses would be there for visits.) Without Danny stepping up as he did, our father would have had to go to a nursing home & would never have received the love & care that he got at home. He spent the last 9 months of his life very happy & comfortable with his family being able to visit in the home that he loved.

This is my brother. This is the man that will stand before you. I know that the memo you have of all his crimes paints a very dark picture, but there is so much more to him & I wanted you to hear from my heart the part of him that you may not see.

He was a beloved son, Uncle Danny to my 5 children & 10 grandchildren & a man that I love dearly! May you consider all of this as you pronounce his sentence.

My most sincere gratitude Judge Cohen for allowing me to share this with you!

Sincerely,

Cynthia (Cindy) Barth