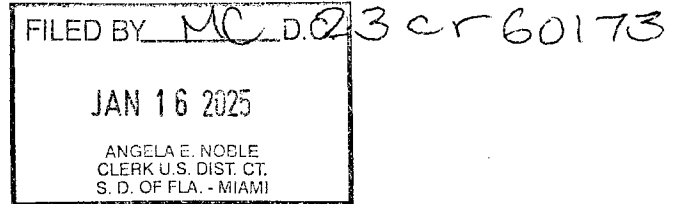


January 13, 2024

Senior Judge Donald L. Graham,



I am writing to express the profound impact Tracy and Carolyn Wade have had on my life and community. I have known the Wade family for over 20 years, during which they have exemplified integrity, compassion, and dedication to those around them.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the United States Army in May 1997, I began my career with the Broward Sheriff's Office. Tracy and I worked together at the same jail facility and shift in Pompano Beach. As I was new to corrections, Tracy immediately became a mentor, guiding me through the challenging transition to working in a jail setting. A few years later, I had the honor of working alongside Carolyn in the same facility. Both Tracy and Carolyn consistently carried themselves with professionalism, treating staff and inmates with respect and courtesy.

As a veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm, I have struggled with PTSD and anxiety for many years. Tracy has been a steadfast source of support, helping me navigate difficult periods of depression. The compassion and care he and Carolyn have shown extend far beyond their professional lives—they are like family to me. No matter the hour, I know I can count on them for anything.

For example, when my son, a freshman at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, endured the trauma of the horrific massacre, Tracy called me almost daily to check on me and my family. That unwavering support is a testament to their character.

Tracy and Carolyn are deeply devoted to their faith, family, and community. They are actively involved in raising their 11-year-old minor child and assisting with their young grandchildren. If they are sentenced to prison, the emotional and physical toll on their minor child and grandchildren would be devastating.

In addition to their roles as parents and grandparents, Tracy and Carolyn run Wade Funeral Home, which provides essential services to the South Florida community. I recently attended a funeral they administered, and the compassion, professionalism, and attention to detail they provided brought comfort and closure to the grieving family. Their work is vital to the community they serve.

Although the judicial system has found them guilty of their charges, I plead with you, Senior Judge Graham, to consider leniency in their sentencing. Their absence would not only harm their family but also leave a significant void in our community. Tracy and Carolyn have dedicated their lives to serving others through honorable careers in law enforcement and the military.

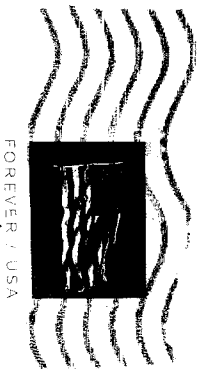
Prison time for both would have far-reaching, detrimental effects on countless lives, including their minor child, grandchildren, and the community they continue to uplift.

Respectfully,

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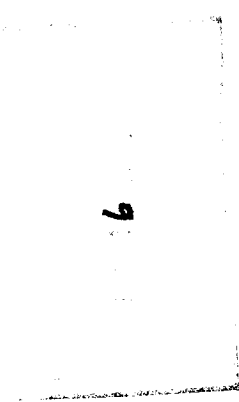
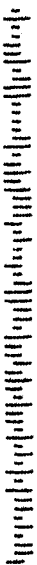
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