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KATHERINE FUIMAONO

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	)	Case No. 19-CR-081 KJM
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	DEFENSE STATEMENT ON PTS
	)	VIOLATION
v.	)	
	)	Date: August 3, 2023
	)	Time: 2:00 p.m.
	)	Judge: HONORABLE JEREMY
KATHERINE FUIMAONO	)	D. PETERSEN
	)	
Defendant.	)	

Defendant requests that the Court understand the following as background on this matter.

Death of her husband May 2022. Katherine's husband was gunned down and killed in approximately May of 2022, killed by a very violent gang member who felt her husband had disrespected him in public previously. The gunman belongs to the "Nazi Lowrider" gang. The shooting occurred right in front of their house. A few days later, their house was shot up as a warning to not cooperate with law enforcement. Despite this, the family did cooperate with law enforcement. The gunman was detained, but eventually released. Soon thereafter, he was

1 arrested for the shooting death of another person, with the
2 shooting occurring after the death of Mr. Fuimaono. He is now
3 charged with the death of Mr. Fuimaono.

4 The Fuimaono family obviously lives in extreme fear of harm
5 and retaliation. They actually moved from their house, but
6 shortly thereafter Katherine moved into the house next door, as
7 the coast was clear by then.

8 Katherine suffered-as did her children- severe trauma and
9 distress over this event. That event occasioned her counseling
10 for the grief. To her substantial credit, Katherine did not
11 "relapse" or use drugs until just recently, almost 14 months
12 later.

13 Katherine has been on pretrial release for almost 3 years,
14 and has been drug testing that entire time. Her recovery from
15 drug addiction has been extremely successful.

16 Employment and her car. Katherine has been promoted a while
17 back to a Manager position of a Walgreens Store, with full time
18 wages and benefits. Her income has allowed her to purchase a
19 car, on payments, for the first time in quite some time. With
20 her husband passing, she does not want to lose her job as it is
21 a very essential part of her life, and she has worked very hard
22 to get to where she is with that.

23 Katherine's adult daughter Chantel will be in attendance
24 at the hearing to provide all of the relevant factual
25 background to support Katherine's presentation at the hearing.

1 DATED: August 2, 2023

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3 Respectfully submitted

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