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September 12, 2025

Honorable Richard G. Andrews, U.S.D.J.
United States District Court
District of Delaware
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building
844 King Street
Wilmington, Delaware 19801

Re: United States v. Crandall Speights
Criminal No. 23-00078-001(RGA)
Sentencing Memorandum

Dear Judge Andrews:

I represent the defendant, Crandall Speights with regard to the above-referenced matter. On May 9, 2025, Mr. Speights pleaded guilty to counts one, two, and four through ten of his indictment which charged him with bank fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud and money laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1334, 1343, 1349 and 1957.

Mr. Speights' sentencing is scheduled for September 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Please accept this letter memorandum in lieu of a more formal sentencing memorandum.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Mr. Speights is 43 years old and was born in Mariana, Florida. But for the fact that he was born on American soil in the twentieth century, his life has all the makings of a Greek tragedy. His parents separated early in his life, and he was primarily raised by his single mother. At the age of four, the tragedy began. He became the victim of sexual abuse. He was repeatedly sexually assaulted by a male member of his family. This abuse continued for over a year. His mother wanted to get him away from his abuser and create a better life for her family. She made the decision to move. She took three of her children and left the state of Florida.

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Before his eighteenth birthday, he had moved between five different states. He lived in the States of Florida, Alabama, North Carolina, Ohio and Massachusetts. Because of this constant relocation, he was unable to make and maintain friendships. His education was constantly disrupted and negatively affected. It became difficult for him to become completely familiar with his surroundings. This disruption and instability became a pattern in his life. Unfortunately, sexual abuse also became a familiar pattern.

Around the age of eighteen he moved out on his own. He continued to struggle with the trauma of his childhood. He refused to talk about the sexual abuse that he suffered at various times throughout his childhood. His mother recognized that he needed help and tried to get him counseling. It was too difficult for him to disclose the depths of his sexual abuse and trauma. Therefore, the counseling was unsuccessful and ended. He joined a church and became a very active member. He was hoping to find closure, a “father figure” and spiritual guidance. He knew he needed help and believed he could find it in a church. Unbeknown to him at the time he joined the church, his pastor and mentor was a sexual predator. Instead of finding the solace that he hoped for, he was sexually victimized again. His pastor began a sexual affair with him that lasted several years, all the while being his “spiritual mentor”.¹ He was confused, lonely and struggling with his sexual identity.

It was important for Crandall to feel important. He sought out positive attention. He wanted to look successful in the eyes of others. He wanted to be important, successful and needed. He wanted the members of his church and others to look up to him and admire his generosity and kindness. He wanted to display his success through his generosity and charity. In addition to his tithing, he wanted to contribute to the church reaching its financial goals. He wanted to help other members of his church that were in need. He wanted to help his pastor. He did all those things. However, to create that lifestyle and facade, came with a cost. He became immersed in a life of deception and fraud.

SENTENCING GUIDELINES ANALYSIS

The Presentence Investigation Report (“PSR”) concludes that Mr. Speights’ conduct produces a total offense level of 20, See PSR ¶¶ 69, a criminal history category VI See PSR ¶¶ 108, and a guideline range of 70 to 87 months. Mr. Speights believes that in the interest of justice, the imposition of a sentence below the guideline range is warranted based on the sentencing considerations set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

1. *A downward variance and a sentence beneath the stipulated range are appropriate in this case.*

¹ This was not disclosed to the probation Officer during his Presentence interview.

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As this Court is aware, the procedural requirements of post-*Booker* sentencing are well established. Briefly, sentencing courts must (1) properly calculate the Guidelines range; (2) rule on any departure motions made under the Guidelines; and (3) exercise post-*Booker* discretion by choosing a sentence in light of all relevant sentencing factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), “regardless [of] whether [the chosen sentence] varies from the sentence calculated under the Guidelines.” *United States v. Gunter*, 462 F.3d 237, 247 (3d Cir. 2006). The Court’s final determination on a sentence must reflect “§ 3553(a)’s overreaching instruction to ‘impose a sentence sufficient, but not greater than necessary’ to accomplish the sentencing goals advanced in § 3553(a)(2).” *United States v. Kimbrough*, 128 S. Ct. 558, 575 (2007). Those purposes can best be summarized as punishment, deterrence, incapacitation, and rehabilitation.

The “sufficient, but not greater than necessary” requirement is often referred to as the “parsimony provision.” The parsimony provision is not simply another factor to be considered along with the others set forth in § 3553(a); it actually imposes a separate and independent limit on the sentence a court may impose. *See United States v. Denardi*, 892 F.2d 269, 276-77 (3d Cir. 1989) (Becker, J., concurring in part, dissenting in part) (since § 3553(a) requires the sentence to be no greater than necessary to meet four purposes of sentencing, imposition of a sentence greater than necessary to meet those purposes is reversible, even if within the guideline range). Thus, under § 3553(a), courts are required to impose a sentence below the guideline range if such a sentence would be sufficient to achieve the purposes of sentencing.

In determining the sentence *minimally sufficient* to comply with the § 3553(a)(2) purposes of sentencing, the court must consider several factors listed in § 3553(a). In applying the relevant factors to Mr. Speights and the instant offense, counsel submits that a sentence below the guidelines meets both the mandate and the purposes of 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a).

(a) The 18 U.S.C. §3553(a) Factors

1. Nature and circumstances of the offense and history and characteristics of the defendant.

Mr. Speights does not argue that bank fraud and money laundering are not serious crimes. He knows and accepts that his conduct was not only unlawful; it was detrimental to the welfare and stability of his community and his victims. He is remorseful and has continuously apologized for his conduct. He accepts the fact he owes society a debt. (See Mr. Speights’ letter attached as Exh. A). His motivation for engaging in this conduct was fueled by psychological trauma. He was propelled by the erroneous belief that he could enhance his stature by giving money away. Providing others with gifts and financial help made him feel needed and important. His fraudulent and deceptive behavior took on an addictive nature. He believed it was the only way he could satisfy loneliness, emptiness and a feeling of shame and lack of self-worth. Unfortunately, his self-imposed and self-created financial pressures led to a series of bad and regrettable decisions.

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He has already embarked on a path of self-improvement. During his time in custody, he has used his time extremely productively. He has taken numerous educational courses to enable him to better adjust to society and become a productive member. (See Exhibit B).

2. The need for the sentence imposed to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense.

Mr. Speights acknowledges that some punishment must be imposed to reflect the seriousness of this offense, promote respect for the law, provide punishment and deterrence, and protect the public. An evaluation of Mr. Speights' conduct suggests that a sentence below the guideline is appropriate. Mr. Speights has been incarcerated for nearly one year. He has already begun to pay his debt to society. He is remorseful and has vowed to never again be involved in criminal conduct. He is disappointed in himself and yearns to become a valuable and viable member of society. He has been forthright and honest about his conduct. He met with law enforcement and truthfully told authorities everything concerning his involvement. He fully accepts the consequences of his conduct. He remains hopeful that he will be allowed to go back to his family and create a productive life.

3. The need for deterrence to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant.

Mr. Speights has been in custody nearly a year. He is 43 years old. The need to deter Mr. Speights from future criminal conduct should be a minor concern. He has never been involved with any gangs or any acts of violence. The embarrassment he caused his family is an adequate deterrence. His involvement with fraudulent conduct was driven by a need for recognition and importance. This need was brought on by years of sexual abuse and psychological trauma. It manifested itself through foolish fraudulent conduct. It resulted in poor decisions, and he is ashamed and remorseful. His involvement in this case was partially driven and orchestrated by someone that he trusted. A false spiritual sexual predator recognized Crandall's vulnerability and preyed on it. As a result, he was aided and encouraged in making poor decisions. He understands and regrets the pain, agony and shame he caused his family. The general threat of incarceration that looms behind any criminal undertaking, along with the potential separation from his loved ones, serves as an adequate deterrent to him. He is determined never to go back to jail and promises to create a productive and meaningful life. He admits that he made poor choices. He regrets his past decisions. He understands and regrets the harm he caused to victims. He regrets the pain, agony and shame he caused his family. The public and society also do not and will not need protection from Mr. Speights. He has never been involved with any act of violence. He vows never again to be involved with any criminal activity. A loving and caring family surround him.

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Although very hurt and ashamed of his conduct, he has many friends and family members that continue to support him. (See letters of support attached as Exh. C).

The need to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner

A careful analysis of the § 3553(a) factors indicates that Mr. Speights' sentence should fall below the guideline minimum. Mr. Speights is 43 years old. Unfortunately, he has serious medical issues. He suffers from a possibly deadly communicable illness. He suffers from issues regarding his heart. He suffers from Type one diabetes and Asthma. He is taking numerous prescribed medications. See PSR ¶¶ 150. He needs constant and ongoing medical care and attention. He needs psychological counseling to address his childhood trauma and sexual identity. Prisons are not conducive environments to address the needs of those who are physically and mentally ill. A lengthy prison sentence will exacerbate his medical illnesses and is contrary to the requirement of providing adequate medical care.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speights is forty-three years old. He is in poor health and in need of medical care. He continues to suffer from childhood trauma from being sexually abused. He has accepted his responsibility. He willingly told the authorities everything they wanted to know about his conduct without a lawyer. He demonstrated and expressed his remorse. He is a changed man. He is older and wiser. The goals of sentencing can certainly be met by a sentence below the guideline range. Accordingly, Mr. Speights respectfully and prayerfully requests a downward variance and asks this Court to sentence him to a term that is minimally sufficient and is less than the guideline minimum.

Respectfully submitted,



Stanley O. King

Enclosures

cc: Carly Hudson, A.U.S.A.
Michael Menago U.S.P.O.
Crandall Speights

EXHIBIT A

The Honorable Richard G. Andrews
United States District Judge
United States District Court
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building
844 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

Re: United States v. Crandall Speights, Criminal Case
No. 23-CR-78-RGA

Dear Judge Andrews,

I am writing to you because I am scheduled to appear in your court on September 15, 2025, for sentencing.

First of all, I would like for you to know that I cooperated with the investigating authorities. I am also ashamed of my conduct and how I took advantage of the financial systems, by manipulating the system for my personal gain. No matter what I did with the proceeds, ill gained, they weren't mine to disperse or do with as I pleased. I should have maintained gainful employment and earnestly acquired funds.

To give you a brief background on me as an individual, I am single and have no children. I am the 6th of six children from my mother. My father passed away in 2001 and my mother departed this life in 2014. I grew up in a home where there was discord because my mother had her own demons, stemming from spousal abuse, from her husbands.

At a very young age I suffered sexual child abuse and molestation from multiple perpetrators. To this credit, I contracted HIV. When I was diagnosed my life was derailed and misdirected. A lot of my dreams and ambitions were shattered. This newfound, life altering condition has been the catalyst to getting myself into trouble with law enforcement. I have never received any therapy for the trauma of having to deal with this stricken catastrophe, so young.

One of the ways that I seemed to find an outlet for relief has been alcohol and gambling. I would drink in excess. I also frequented the casinos a lot. My gambling was fueled by my illegal activities of getting money. I also felt some relief in helping others. I gave money to some churches/charities and helped a lot of people financially.

Since I've been here at FDC-Philadelphia I have signed up for some potential therapeutic and cognitive programs that should be instruments to help me with my past traumatic experiences, so that I can use those tools to be a better person.

I have also tried to occupy my time at FDC-Philadelphia by reading books/novels, helping other inmates, trying to assist the younger inmate population with getting focused, I

have completed some of the limited independent study programs offered by the recreation and education departments. I have enrolled in some distance learning Christian correspondence Bible studies and courses, and I've researched a few colleges for enrollment so that I can pursue a college degree in counseling or psychology.

I have a great support team of family and loved ones who have pledged to be supportive of my success of becoming a respected member of my community. They have offered to help me financially with schooling while I am incarcerated, housing upon my release and employment opportunities; so that I can maintain and earn honest wages to support myself and make amends for my actions.

Upon my release, I have some employment opportunities lined up and I want to work with other sexually abused youth, so that they can have guidance with combating their own child sexual abuse, with developing an outlet and support from someone who has experienced their pain.

I want to again apologize to the court for my actions. And to the shame and dishonor I have brought to my loved ones and people that I've hurt. It is my hope that your Honor will be merciful on me at sentencing, so that in the near future I can be released back into society, being better equipped to live a purposeful and productive lifestyle.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Crandall Speights', is written over the typed name.

Crandall Speights #79339-510

FDC - Philadelphia

P.O. Box 562

Philadelphia, PA 19105

EXHIBIT B

**CROSSROADS**

Hi Crandall

My name is Larry and I am your mentor for this lesson. Congratulations on completing the first course. You are well on the road to transforming your life.

Paul the apostle wrote in the book of Romans chapter 2 verses 1 & 2. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

The way we have our minds transformed is by first asking Jesus into our life and then reading the bible and sometimes it is good to get help with the bible by taking courses such as those that Crossroads offer. They will help you understand the bible.

It is amazing to me that God desire to have close friendship with us. None of us deserved it but it gives Him pleasure to draw us close.

I encourage you to continue in these

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courses. I pray that you will grow to know
how much God loves you and is for you.
God bless you and I pray
you find favor with the court
system.
Larry



CROSSROADS

CRANDALL- EXCELLENT WORK ON THE QUESTIONS ON LESSON 2 -WHO AM I? YOU KNOW THE GOSPEL.

DON'T KNOW YOUR STORY BUT I WAS IN ONCE. YEARS AGO I WAS AT A COUNTY JAIL IN WISCONSIN. BOY WHEN THEY STRIPPED ME AND FINGERPRINTED ME AND SHOWED ME TO MY CELL I WAS SCARED AND REALLY CRIED OUT TO GOD. HE HEARD ME AND WHEN I WAS OUT I MOVED AWAY- 6 HOURS EAST SO I COULD LOSE MY FRIENDS. BOY WAS THAT THE RIGHT MOVE. NOW I AM MARRIED AND HAVE 6 KIDS,

I ~~BE~~ SATURDAY VISITED A GUY IN PRISON I HAD NEVER MET BEFORE. I KNEW HIM GROWING UP AND HE HAS BEEN IN 20 YEARS- HE GETS OUT IN 7 YEARS. HE ASKED JESUS INTO HIS LIFE AND HE ATTENDS CHURCH. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO GETTING OUT.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU AS WE DON'T KNOW GODS PLAN BUT WE KNOW HE LOVES US. JEREMIAH 29:11 SAYS 'PLANS TO PROSPER YOU' - YOU DON'T KNOW GODS PLAN.

DAVE



CROSSROADS

*Dear student, Crossroads is unable to forward responses to Tier 1 letters. Please do not respond to this letter.
Estimado estudiante, Crossroads no puede reenviar respuestas a las cartas de Nivel 1. Favor de no responder a esta carta.*

5/18/25

Hello Crandall,

All your answers in this "Who Are You" Crossroad's Bible study were honest, thanks for your effort in completing this lesson! You will learn a lot if you stick to it and continue these very valuable Bible studies lessons.

Please see my comments near some of your answers to questions in the booklet. Each time you mail your completed lesson a different Mentor will review it and write you a letter of encouragement.

Faith in Jesus Christ is a gift that is worked in the believer by the Holy Spirit of God.(read **1st half of Ephesians chapter 2**)By the Holy Spirit's work a person is convicted that he is an unworthy sinner(John 16:8) and asks God to forgive his sin and come into his heart and life... believing, trusting in Jesus Christ the Son of God alone for his or her salvation. (Romans 10:9-13) Our salvation is earned by Jesus perfect life and sacrifice on the cross alone, and NOT by striving to keep God's law or by our own good deeds. After a person experiences this repentance and faith in Christ, it causes a person to be thankful for the gift of salvation, so thankful that he or she strives to live a more humble holy life according to God's word in the Bible.

But I also wanted to share with you how important you are to God:

Matthew 10:29-31 New International Version (NIV)

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.^[a] ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ **So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.**

God has a special love to all who have put their trust in Jesus as Lord & Savior. We have been adopted as God's children who He loves dearly. (Romans 8:14-17)

Crandall,

I have prayed for you that you will grow spiritually as you continue in these Cross roads Bible studies,

May God bless and keep you,

Sincerely,

Mentor Bob



CROSSROADS

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Crandall Speights

HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED

WHO ARE YOU?

Joseph Pryor
President & CEO, Crossroads

June 26, 2025

Date

Certificate of Completion

This Certificate is awarded to

CRANDALL SPEIGHTS

In recognition of completing
ACE Class
“MIND STRENGTH”
at FDC Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on
APRIL 17, 2025

L. Lingo

Supervisor of Education

AMERICAN BIBLE ACADEMY

Presents this Certificate to

Crandall Speights

upon successful completion of

Gospel of John

Awarded on 06/30/2025.



Joseph Wadell

ACADEMIC DEAN

Mrs. Helen Wadell

REGISTRAR



GRADE REPORT
AMERICAN BIBLE ACADEMY
P.O. BOX 1627
JOPLIN, MO 64802-1627

NAME: Crandall Speights

STUDENT ID#: 708506

COURSE: Gospel of John

DATE: 06/30/2025

EXAM 1: 94

EXAM 2: 91

EXAM 3: 88

FINAL GRADE: 91

CREDITS: NON-CREDIT

The grading system used by A.B.A. is as follows:

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Awarded on 07/18/2025.



Joseph Wadell

ACADEMIC DEAN

Mrs. Susan Wadell

REGISTRAR



GRADE REPORT
AMERICAN BIBLE ACADEMY
P.O. BOX 1627
JOPLIN, MO 64802-1627

NAME: Crandall Speights

STUDENT ID#: 708506

COURSE: Christian Doctrine - Vol. 1

DATE: 07/18/2025

EXAM 1: 97

EXAM 2: 95

EXAM 3: 94

FINAL GRADE: 95

CREDITS: 1

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A-94-90%	B-83-80%	C-73-70%	D-63-60%	

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Certificate of Completion

This Certificate is awarded to

CRANDALL SPEIGHTS

In recognition of completing
ACE Class

“Thinking on your feet”
at FDC Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on
March 17, 2025



L. Lingo, Supervisor of Education

Certificate of Completion

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT:

Crandall Speights

Has successfully completed the independent study

“How to Play Chess”

The Federal Detention Center, Philadelphia, PA

D. Brickley

D. Brickley, Recreation Specialist

May 2025



CERTIFICATE *Of Competition*



This Certificate is Proudly Presented to:

Crandall Speights

For successfully completing the independent study,
Volleyball Officiating
The Federal Detention Center, Philadelphia, PA

March 2025

D. Brickley
D. Brickley
Recreation Specialist



CERTIFICATE

OF COMPLETION

This certificate is proudly presented to

Orandall Speights

For successfully completing the independent study, "Basketball Officiating"
The Federal Detention Center, Philadelphia, PA
April 2025

D. Brickley
D. BRICKLEY
Recreation Specialist



CROSSROADS

Dear Student,

We are so happy to let you know that you have successfully completed the *Who Are You?* course. Congratulations!

We have enclosed a certificate of achievement and a book (if allowed by your facility) as a gift to celebrate this incredible accomplishment. You have worked hard, and we congratulate you on reaching this milestone. We pray that, through this course, you have begun to see yourself the way God sees you—as His beloved child, created in His image.

We have also sent you the first lesson of the next Tier 1 course, *Who Is Jesus?*, separately. A course overview is on the back of this letter. This course will take you through the book of Luke to study the life of Jesus. If you need a Bible to help you complete the lessons, please let us know.

We are excited to see you grow in your relationship with God and discover His will for your life as you continue to study Scripture alongside your Crossroads mentors.

In closing, we want to share the following verse with you to encourage you in your ongoing studies and spiritual growth and to celebrate this exciting achievement: "Everything written in the past was written to teach us. The Scriptures give us strength to go on. They encourage us and give us hope" (Romans 15:4, NIRV).

Sincerely,
Crossroads Staff

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CROSSROADS

WHO IS JESUS? COURSE OVERVIEW

Now that you have completed your first course, you will begin the next Tier 1 course: *Who Is Jesus?*

In this course, you will learn about Jesus and His life on earth. It contains four lessons.

- **Lesson 1:** A King Is Born
- **Lesson 2:** Jesus Shows the Way
- **Lesson 3:** The Journey to Jerusalem
- **Lesson 4:** Jesus Saves the World

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EXHIBIT C

To: The Honorable Judge Richard Andrews]

RE: Character Reference for Mr. Crandall Speights

Dear Judge Andrews,

I am writing to respectfully offer a character reference on behalf of Mr. Crandall Speights, with whom I had the privilege of working with as his previous Case Manager in the Drug & Alcohol Program operated by GEO. I worked closely with Mr. Speights for approximately 6 months and came to know him as a determined, respectful, and spiritually grounded individual who made significant progress throughout his time in the program.

Mr. Speights consistently displayed a strong commitment to bettering his life. He approached each aspect of the program with responsibility and a willingness to grow. **He successfully completed and graduated from the Drug & Alcohol Program, which is a reflection of both his determination and follow-through.** Whether attending group sessions, completing assignments, or following through with individual goals, he remained cooperative and focused. He not only met the expectations placed upon him—

he exceeded them.

One of the key turning points I observed was Mr. Speights securing employment while in the program. This was a direct reflection of his dedication to stability, accountability, and long-term success. In addition to his tangible accomplishments, Crandall also demonstrated a growing spiritual maturity, often drawing strength from his faith and offering quiet encouragement to his peers.

In my professional opinion, Mr. Speights is a man of integrity and resilience. I believe he is capable of continuing to make meaningful contributions to society if given the opportunity and support. It is my hope that the court will take into consideration the progress he has made and the character he has shown over the years.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Respectfully,

Lisa Beck

Former Case Manager, GEO Drug & Alcohol Program



Susan L. Davin

August 12, 2025

Honorable Richard Andrews
U.S. District Court Judge
U.S. District Court of Delaware
J Caleb Boggs federal building
844 King Street
Wilmington Delaware 18901

Re: Crandall Speights

Dear Judge Andrew:

I am writing this letter to advise you what a huge blessing and help Mr. Speights has been to my brother Gary who is also housed at FDC Philadelphia. When my brother arrived there in June 2025, Mr. Speights helped him navigate how to do things from setting up his phone calls to helping with commissary ordering. He has always helped my brother with whatever needs that he has had. I am truly grateful to Mr. Speights for the help he continues to provide to my brother every day.

Thank you.

Sincerely.



Susan L. Davin

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cc: Stanley King [via email Stan@kingslaw.com]
Crandall Speights [via U.S. Mail]

May 9, 2025

The Honorable Judge Richard G. Andrews
United States District Judge
United States District Court
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building
844 King Street
Wilmington, DE 19895

Dear Honorable Judge,

My name is Alfonzo Roberts, Executive Administrator at a Philadelphia based accounting firm. I have known Crandall Speights for over 15 years. We have become true friends over time and personally, I see him as a brother. Therefore, I believe it is my responsibility to attest to his character, despite the current situation.

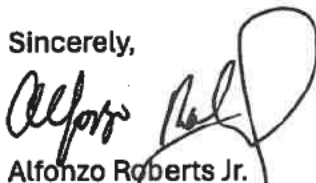
I have seen Crandall through many ups and downs since we have known one another. Regardless of the situation Crandall strives to be the best person he knows how to be. I have witnessed Crandall go over and beyond to help others when he himself, was in a dire situation. His unwavering faith is what guides him to be better and do better to the best of his ability. Although I do not know the specifics of his legal case, I believe if given the opportunity to prove his character to this Court and society, Crandall will prevail.

Crandall has expressed his remorse to me regarding his past. His steadfast and resolute demeanor to become a solid member of society is what I can attest to.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I urge this court to allow my brother the opportunity to prove his worth. Please feel free to contact me at

[REDACTED] should you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,



Alfonzo Roberts Jr.

[REDACTED]

United States District Court
District of Delaware
The Honorable District Judge Richard G. Andrews
J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building
844 N. King Street
Unit 9
Room 6325
Wilmington, DE 19801-3555

Re: Character Reference for Crandall Speights, Case no. 23-CR-78-RGA

Dear Honorable District Judge Richard Andrews:

My name is Lillian Tyler, and I am a God Sister of Crandall Speights, who is currently before you for sentencing in a federal case. I am writing to express my sympathy and sincere support for Crandall, and to respectfully request leniency as you consider the appropriate sentence.

While I understand and do not take lightly the seriousness of this offense, I want to share with the Court who Crandall is beyond this case. Throughout the time that I have known Crandall, he has always been someone with a good heart, values family and friendships, and has tried to do the right thing. I firmly believe that these mistakes were a result of poor judgment, outside pressures and do not reflect Crandall's true character.

I know Crandall deeply regrets the decisions that led to this point. Since the charges, I have firsthand seen how remorseful and the shame he is experiencing. Crandall has acknowledged his mistakes and accepts full responsibility for his actions. Crandall has expressed a strong desire to learn from his mistakes and to rebuild a better life while making amends.

Crandall has a strong, committed and supporting family who is willing to help Crandall with the proper guidance through this process and after. I believe with the proper guidance and continued trust in God, he has the potential to learn, grow from this experience and contribute meaningfully to society. Crandall has already taken steps in this direction by trying to further his education, mentioning counseling and obtaining legitimate employment and other efforts to support and maintain his mental health.

Your Honor, I respectfully ask that you consider a sentence that allows Crandall to learn, grow and return to society with a renewed purpose. We will be there to help Crandall stay on the right path.

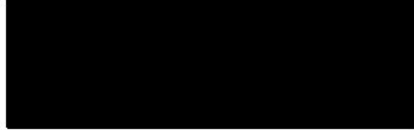
Thank you for taking to time to read this letter and for your consideration in this difficult matter.

Respectfully,

Lillian Tyler
Crandall Speights' God Sister



Pastor Robert W. Allen, III



May 5, 2025

Honorable Judge Richard G. Andrews
US District Judge
844 N. King Street
Wilmington, DE 19801-3555

Criminal action no. 23-CR-78-RGA

Dear Judge Richard G. Andrews,

I am writing this letter to provide a character reference for my dear friend, Crandall Speights. I have had the pleasure of knowing Crandall for 7 years, and during this time, I have come to deeply appreciate his many admirable qualities.

Crandall is a person of exceptional solidarity, compassion and generosity. He has consistently demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility and sincere concern for the well-being of others. For instance, Crandall provided food and medication for someone that fell ill with his own finances and vehicle. Crandall saw a need and immediately jumped in to help.

In addition to his personal merits, Crandall is also extremely dependable and trustworthy. I have witnessed firsthand his dedication and commitment to his ambitions, whether it be in his professional life or personal endeavors. His ability to handle challenging situations with grace and resilience is truly commendable.

I wholeheartedly believe that Crandall would be an asset in any situation that requires a person of strong character and unwavering ethics. His positive attitude, combined with his genuine compassion for others, makes Crandall a notable individual.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this outstanding individual.

Sincerely,

Pastor Robert W. Allen, III

Honorable District Judge Richard Andrews

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Wilmington, DE 19801-3555

Regarding: United States vs Crandall Speights

Dear Honorable District Judge Richard Andrews:

I am writing this letter on behalf of my brother, Crandall Speights, who is currently involved in a federal legal matter **Criminal Action no. 23-CR-78-RGA**.

My name is Monica Speights, and we are brother and sister who share the same parents, as I have witnessed his personal and professional journey. I understand the seriousness of the charges and respect the legal process, however I am writing this letter to offer a fuller picture to his character.

Throughout the years, I have come to know Crandall Speights as a person who has overcome obstacles, has strong faith and strength in God, and a kind hearted person who would help anyone. Even though we had a difficult childhood, we shared faith in God.

Crandall Speights's commitment to family values and dedication to helping others has been evident in every aspect of his life. We rallied together when we lost our parents. When I was ill and near my death bed, he found a way to be there for me by praying, encouraging me and making sure to remind me how I am needed by my kids and family. He helped me celebrate every milestone and health victory and even encouraged me to return to the field of education where I now work as an Intervention Specialist helping students with disabilities. Whether volunteering at local community events or lending a helping hand to family members and friends in need, Crandall Speights selflessness and generosity consistently stand out among his peers, friends and family.

One of the most admirable qualities of Crandall Speights is his ability to face challenges with courage and resilience. I have seen him navigate difficult situations with a calm demeanor and positive attitude, always seeking to make the best decisions for himself and those around him. Crandall Speights possesses an innate sense of empathy, which allows him to understand and respect the perspectives and feelings of others. Crandall Speights has been a dedicated and hardworking individual, earning respect and recognition from colleagues and superiors alike. His commitment to excellence and unwavering work ethic is a testament to his character and his desire to contribute positively to society. Crandall Speights's focus on personal growth and development further highlights his responsible and mature approach to life.

I am confident that Crandall Speights has learned from past experiences and remains committed to making positive changes. I firmly believe in his potential to be a valuable and contributing member of the community and society. It is my heartfelt hope that the court will consider this letter as a testament to Crandall Speights's character, as well as his capacity for growth and rehabilitation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I ask you to have mercy and show grace in considering sentencing for Crandall Speights. Please feel free to contact me at [REDACTED] should you require any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

Monica Speights

Monica Speights

Sister of Crandall Speights

