

Honorable Judge Castel,

The purpose of this letter is to provide my insight into the decision the court must make in sentencing William Walters.

I come by my opinion, from knowing Mr. Walters for the last twenty years. I have a unique perspective as my first acquaintance of Mr. Walters was as a potential suspect in an illegal gambling investigation. I am the retired Clark County Sheriff and head of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. I joined the department in early 1979 and retired as the elected sheriff in 2007, after serving 28 years. I have since that time been employed as the Senior Vice President of Compliance and Security for a major Las Vegas based gaming company.

When I reference my first acquaintance with Mr. Walters as a potential suspect believe me my agency, State Law Enforcement Agencies and Federal Law Enforcement, have looked at Mr. Walters several times, all coming to the final conclusion that he has not ever committed a crime here in Las Vegas. I believe that 100%.

What I have seen of Mr. Walters is a caring, compassionate, respected member of our community and who has generously helped many organizations, most notably Opportunity Village. I used to live up the road from Opportunity Village and I saw it grown into the place it is now. Bill was the single biggest force making that happen, and without him it probably would not exist as the foremost organization to help mentally and physically challenged people live happy and productive lives here in Southern Nevada. The other thing I have observed over the years is his ability to build a variety of respected and important businesses that provide 100's of jobs for Southern Nevada residents.

Bill has also contributed to fundraisers I have put on. Years ago I put together a fundraiser for Children of the Night, an organization that helps rescue children who are involved in child prostitution. When I worked in law enforcement I saw them do a lot of good for children who had no place else to go. I told Bill about it and he not only contributed himself but reached out to friends on our behalf. In the end we raised about \$350 thousand, largely from Bill working phones and talking to friends.

From a personal standpoint, Bill to me is an affable, sincere, honest and trustworthy person whose character has withstood the test of time with me and who I consider a friend. Without question, in reaching your decision you will weigh many factors.

I have never in my life written a letter of this nature but I will have and strongly urge you to sentence Mr. Walters to probation and let Mr. Walter stay here in our community where his footprint is one of generosity, commitment and respect.

Respectably,



Bill Young
Clark County Sheriff
(Retired)