

Dear Judge Boasberg,

I am writing this letter to let you know a little about myself, and how I feel about my offense. I grew up playing baseball, it's a big part of my life. I played in high school and played independent semipro ball for a few seasons. I still play softball 3 days a week in recreational leagues. I met my wife in high school, we have been together since my freshman year and have been married since 2005. We had children at a young age, and ever since then, my family has been my world. I coached my two boys starting at age 3 through rec leagues to travel ball, and eventually in high school at the same school I attended until they were in 10th grade. All as a volunteer. I ensured I could be there for them and help them on their journey of baseball and education. I have spent countless hours teaching them and many of their teammates the game and to be good young men. I have also spent many hours driving my boys and their teams to tournaments, tryouts, and showcases all over the country. Before my boys' junior year was going to begin my sons got an opportunity to join a baseball academy, which would allow them to play against higher levels of competition. I am very proud of their accomplishments, as they both have received baseball scholarships. My older son Brandon will be playing at Allegany College a small school in Maryland. My younger son Alex will be attending the University of Miami, he is a very promising prospect, and many MLB teams are scouting him. I am very excited and proud to watch him in his career.

As for my offense, I truly believe it was a one-off, out of character event in my life, which I deeply regret. I have spent my life avoiding trouble and trying to be an example for my children and plan on doing so in the future. Although I did go into the building, I never intended to be violent, breaking or stealing anything. It was a terrible lapse of judgment born out of curiosity. On the way to the building and while inside it was hard to tell exactly what was transpiring. Once I realized the full scope of what happened that day, which was a couple of hours later, it gave me an unsettling feeling that lasted for a few days. If I could take back my decision on that day, I absolutely would. I plan on staying far away from anything even close to things like this in the future, as well as any other type of trouble. I would like to apologize for my behavior to you and your court, and to the government of the country I truly love, and its citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, your honor,

Sincerely, Louis Valentin