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*For the see pic above
 will be pictures of
 children & parents - dead
 & alive - with
 their photos*

December 3, 2004

Honorable Judge Emery Z. Toth
 1 Main Street
 Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095

Dear Judge Toth,

My name is Sandra Ramos, founder of the first shelter for battered women in North America. I am also the victim advocate for Ms. [redacted] and her children, most specifically the 3 oldest sons [redacted] and [redacted]. Ms. [redacted] and her children have been subjected to years of unrelenting physical abuse, stalking and torment by the defendant. When Ms. [redacted] first came to our battered women's shelter she was covered from the neck down with bruises. Her children were subjected to extreme physical and emotional abuse with every incident worse than the one before. Reports to the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) were never substantiated so sadly, the abuse was allowed to continue.

On October 29th, 2004, Ms. [redacted]'s children returned from a 2-day visitation with their father, with horrific stories of abuse. [redacted] age 9, told his mother that his father picked him up by the neck and carried him to the bedroom, throwing him on the bed and threatening him with further abuse if he dared to open his mouth, or moved from the bed. [redacted] age 8, told his mother of being punched in the back of his neck and being thrown on the floor. When his knees hit the floor causing a loud noise, the father then turned him over and stepped on his stomach with enough force, that it caused [redacted] pain and made it difficult and nearly impossible for the child to breathe.

Time and time again, these children have presented horrendous stories of ongoing abuse and the facts have been presented to agencies responsible for protecting this family and Mr. [redacted] has yet to be held accountable or responsible for his actions against his own children.

There is an extensive history of Domestic Violence in this family with Mr. [redacted] being the perpetrator of extreme physical, mental, sexual and emotional abuse. There are other law enforcement agencies currently investigating criminal charges against Mr. [redacted] for the violations he has imposed on Ms. [redacted] her current husband and the 3 children mentioned above who are unfortunately the most likely to come out of these ordeals hurt and scarred.

I have come to know these children over the years and I have known of their dislike and distain of their father and his never-ending abuses towards them and their mother. I would be willing to give testimony as to such, on the grounds of my dealings with this family and as an expert witness having dealt with severely battered women and children over the past 35 years. I also had Thomas Palermo, our Positive Parenting Educator interview the children. He was appalled by what he heard and is available for testimony. Mr. Palermo can be reached at 973-857-1887.

Please your Honor, protect this family. We strongly suggest that you remand the defendant to the maximum sentence in jail, and give this family the time and the freedom to begin to glimpse a normal healthy life. In the past 35 years since I opened the first shelter for battered in my home, [redacted] case has been one of the most sensitive, cruel and horrendous cases I have ever encountered. Please help before the poor children are crippled for life.

Respectfully
 In struggle for a just society I remain,

Sandra Ramos
 Founder and Executive Director