

**Whaley, John**

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**To:** Nordtvedt, Anna**Subject:** Statement for Adriana

Hello Anne -

This is my statement to the judge:

Your Honor:

Sometimes, we're not able to fix what we break. It's not possible to turn back the hands of time and make different choices. Even when we clean up our lives and spend 27 years drug free, people wait for the other shoe to fall. Those who are wiser know it's just a matter of time. On March 10, 2007 that other shoe dropped and squashed Summer to death. My heart has bled, I'm sure it has. I've wept for Summer until I have become physically ill. I've wept for her mother. God forgive me - I didn't know. My heart breaks for my daughter, Adriana. She knows she failed to protect an innocent little girl from a horrific death. A little girl she loved deeply. A little girl Adriana didn't have the mental capacity to not allow to be hurt so terribly.

There is another baby girl you should meet. She was in my womb while I was addicted to methamphetamine. The years have fixed my addiction, the scars on my arms have faded, but my baby's chemical imbalance couldn't be fixed. That little baby was born with behavioral problems that have caused her to be tormented all her life. She's been abused in so many ways it's hard to keep track of all of them. She was born a speed addicts daughter, and in spite of all of this, she still loves me. I'm not worthy of her love. You see, Sir, many believe Summer began to die on the 8th or 9th of March, 2007, but I know it was back then, back in California when another abused child put needles in her arm while a baby grew inside her. Summer started to die 35 years ago. The other shoe has dropped, and it never was my daughter's shoe, she was just a baby back then.

I know she has to be and should be punished for what has happened to little Summer. It's the most horrible thing a person can do to a child. Or is it? It has to be just as bad to be a drug addict while you're pregnant and make an innocent baby so messed up in her mind she believes what was happening to Summer would have positive results. No, God knows I couldn't imagine this - but what I now know is that in spite of my 27 years of being drug free, I was a user while I was pregnant, and those aggravating circumstances are mine to own, not my daughters. Please, don't make her pay for what I've done any longer, she's been paying all her life already.

Cindy Lord

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