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Subject:

**Designated Victim request Tammy Daybell** 

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## To: Judge Boyce

**RE: Designated Victim** 

Your Honor,

I was advised today to write the court directly to address the issue I am having as to the decision of not allowing my Victim Impact Statement. It will make it easier to put it in a timeline format to make better sense and expedite it as we are quickly approaching the date of July 31st.

- 1. I was texted on June 1 by Whitney Gee of the Madison County procedutors office asking if I'd like to make a victims statement. I told her I did and please send whatever was needed for me to do it.
- The following day I received the Victim Impact forms. There wasn't any place to add relationships, or what I was looking for exactly it was simply laid out and not really detailed so that the court would see what my relationship was.
- 3. On June 8 I was advised the court had made his decision on the victim impact statements, and that I was excluded from making a statement. I was told by the prosecutors office that a motion to reconsider would be filed with the court, and that the prosecutor would be making a phone call to you on my behalf.
- 4. I read through your decision on June 9, and it appeared that you weren't clear on what my relationship was with the victims, and I was comfortable knowing that the prosecutor seemed that they understood and were going to clear that up.
- On June 29 I followed up with a text to Whitney Gee the Madison county victims advocate, she didn't seem to remember our previous texts on June 8, so I sent her a copy and asked her to please follow up. She said she would call Rob.
- 6. On July 6 I received a call from Rob Wood and Whitney at the prosecutors office. Rob proceeded to explain that because I was an aunt of Tammy's, that I would not be able deliver a victim impact statement. I asked him why Summer Shiflett was able to give one on behalf of Tylee. I didn't see the difference between her relationship as an aunt with Tylee and my relationship as a biological aunt to Tammy. He said that he would be having a meeting with you on Monday with Loris's attorney and that he would address it and explain our relationship.
- 7. After I hung up with Rob, I realized the difference between what I was asking for and what Summer Shiflett had received was, she was named as a designated victim for Lori Vallow.
- 8. So, after reading through that decision, and the previous decision regarding Kay Woodcock, being the designated victim for Charles, as he is deceased. I realized that the court would have to recognize me as the

- designated victim for my biological sister Phyllis Douglas, Tammy's mother, who is now deceased, to be able to make a Victim impact statement on July 31.
- I sent Rob a note that day clarifying what I was looking for now that I had better educated myself on what the court was considering when making these decisions.
- 10. I did not hear from Rob on Monday afternoon as he said that you were out of town and the meeting wasn't able to happen. He advised me that you would be back in the office today, Friday and it possibly wouldn't be until Monday that he would be able to have a conversation with you. He did not sound positive that this was going to happen and I was again concerned that this would not happen before needed, some we're getting closer to July 31. I followed up with an email and a request for help from Lindsay Blake, since he mentioned that they had a meeting and everyone was up to speed apparently and brought into this conversation.
- 11. This morning I received an email response from Lindsay Blake and she suggested that I write to the court directly since "The difficulty is that the State doesn't represent victims, and we were not involved in making any recommendations or arguments to the Court regarding who would be allowed to make victim impact statements. The Court made the decision of its own accord."
- 12. Firstly, I am asking the court to recognize and assign me as the Designated Victim in place of my biological sister, Phyllis Douglas, who is Tammy's mother and who passed away, June 2023. I want to be designated for both trials. Lori Vallow AKA Lori Daybell and also the upcoming trial of Chad Guy Daybell.
- 13. Because I'm not currently recognized as an immediate family member as Tammys aunt, I ask that as I am named as the Designated Victim for my sister, Phyllis Douglas, I prayerfully request you allow me the right to make a victims impact statement in the sentencing of Lori Daybell.

I apologize for the timing of this letter, but I am not represented by counsel and have been reliant on the Prosecution team for information and as I have tried to layout, it hasn't been timely.

I was able to attend the trial of Lori in Boise and wanted to thank you for presiding with such dignity. Our family appreciated it very much.

I appreciate your time and understanding. I hope to have your answer at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely, Vicki Hoban