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Lee County Justice Center
1700 Monroe Street
Ft. Myers, FL 33901

RE: Lee County case: 21-TR-016126
Citation: AEPF9JE filed against Nicole Marie Nesbitt.

Dear Judge,

As a retired Jersey Trooper and Vice President of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, I draft this letter on behalf of Detective I Blaine K. Elmer, #3695 (*New Jersey State Police - Retired*), a thirty-four-year member of our Association of Former Jersey Troopers, who died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle accident within your jurisdiction on May 2, 2021.

Like all sudden deaths, Detective Elmer's tragic passing impacted many, on many fronts. A devout family man, it is my understanding that Blaine was enroute to babysit his granddaughter when he became the victim in a careless accident that took his life.

Blaine's professional career was one of service at many levels, including a distinguished, sworn law enforcement duty with both local and state departments, where following his retirement from the New Jersey State Police, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, as a Naval Intelligence Specialist with multiple deployments to overseas warzones, until his retirement in 2015 at the rank of Master Chief. In recognition of his extensive "Service Above Self," Detective Elmer was bestowed the highest honor befitting a Former Jersey Trooper, the 2006 Former Trooper of the Year Award!

Maintaining a close connection to his law enforcement comrades, Blaine also joined the Punishers, a law enforcement motorcycle club where he received the nickname "Gator." He was also actively involved in various veterans' organizations and gave freely of himself in all his endeavors.

I bring these brief facts of Detective Elmer to you as you consider the events resulting in his senseless death at the hands of Nicole Marie

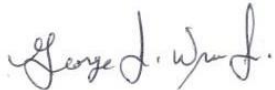
Nesbitt. I am certainly not a witness to this accident, but I am genuinely concerned that little, if any realization or understanding is being taken into consideration in such a loss. The tragic death of Blaine Elmer can only be attributed to the carelessness, or worse yet, the reckless disregard for the safety of others, a despicable act perpetrated by Ms. Nesbitt upon the life of Blaine Elmer.

On behalf of the Association of Former New Jersey State Troopers, I respectfully request that you take into consideration the selfless actions of Ms. Nesbitt that resulted in the tragic death of such a great public servant who demonstrated countless times the exceptional level of "Service Above Self" he afforded everyone he came in contact. This was a completely avoidable incident, and I find it extremely hard to comprehend that Ms. Nesbitt is only facing 4 points against her drivers license for the recklessness of her actions. It certainly does not display much of a punishment, let alone a deterrent for killing such an honorable man as Blaine Elmer. Please extend the harshest sentence prescribed within the law upon her! Anything less would be an insult to the entire law enforcement community and every veteran across our nation.

I understand that you will be hearing this case via Zoom on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. Unfortunately, I will not be able to participate due to a prior engagement, however I would appreciate the opportunity to permit another member of our Outfit of Jersey Troopers to sign into your hearing as a representative of our Association in support of our dearly departed Brother, Detective I Blaine K. Elmer, #3695 (*Ret*).

For the President
Capt. Nicholas C. Soranno, Jr., #3065 (*Ret*)

Thank you,



Lt. George J. Wren, Jr., #3680 (*Ret*)
Vice President