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Mr. Thomas Durkin

Remember me? I'm Matthew Hale's mother. It has been 10 years since you, Weisman and Judge Moody destroyed Matthew, his father and me. You didn't want to visit Matthew at MCC because you didn't like the conditions over there. Isn't that too damn bad? You went to trial totally unprepared.

Do you remember telling Matthew, you could defend him better if you had more money? I remember how you told the jury how you didn't like your client. As I heard from an other attorney, if you don't like your client, the jury won't either. Where in the hell were you when a man that worked with Ricky Byrdsong at Northwestern university was selected to serve on that jury? Where were you when several African-Americans were selected to serve on that jury? They knew about Matthew's racist beliefs.

Why did you select 52% of the jury without Matthew's presence? Why did you fail to object when the prosecutor told the jury during closing arguments, that the government had evidence that Matthew ordered a member of his church to go out and kill and injure many people? That was a lie and it was the last thing the jury heard from Weisman.

Why did you fail to have Matthew ready to testify? He wanted to testify and you told him that you weren't prepared. Why was your daughters wedding more important than Matthew's life? Why was the house you were in the process of buying more important than Matthew's life?

Matthew has been in solitary confinement for 10 years because you, Weisman and Judge Moody are part of a broken justice system. He never committed any crime and the three of you know it! You just didn't care about my son, you were more interested in the drawings of you being done during the trial, by an artist!

I know and you know that you are guilty of " Ineffective Assistance of Counsel" in Matthew's case. Like Patrick said, appeals don't work! I am so

glad that Patrick isn't working with you anymore. He was a very nice man that still had the ability to care about our family, unlike you.

You did not call one witness because you didn't want to spend the time, your life was more important. I wonder how you can live with yourself and spend money that you have not earned, when your client is locked away for 40 years!

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