

EXHIBIT A

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Dear Judge Johnson,

My name is Charles Watts and I am 51-years old. I am a first time offender and I've been incarcerated for 30-years now. I was convicted of armed bank Robbery and Hobbs Act robbery. At Sentencing I received 1107-months, (92-years Seven Months) Total.

Sir, I was 22-years old at the time of my Sentencing. No one was killed, assaulted or hurt in connection with my case. I have zero violence on staff or inmate my entire 30-years of incarceration. I can honestly say that I've changed my life altogether during my tenure here in prison. Sir, when I came to prison I was a naive young kid without a clue as to how life should be. but during that time I had a chance to find my true self and really see who I was and I liked that person much better. because there was a time in my life when I didn't like myself at all. I had a habit of always pointing the finger and blaming everybody else for the situations I find myself in. until one day a very long time ago I finally woke up and realized that a real man would stop blaming everyone

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else and step up and take responsibility for his own actions. And that is what I did. Sir, I live by a different set of rules now. I am no longer that confused naive young kid that I was back in 1992, I am now a strong minded grown man that chose to take a very different path, the good path. I made a grave mistake early on in my life by hanging out and messing with the wrong set of people and letting peer-pressure guide me in the wrong direction which cost me 30-years in prison away from my family and love ones. Sir, I am basically writing this letter to give you a better outlook and understanding of my life and journey up until now, And part of my ordeal was that I came from a broken home. My father left when I was very young, I am not trying to make excuses for my actions but I do believe had my dad stayed and raised me I would of never come to prison not on his watch. My respect for my dad was big and I really looked up to him but when he left me part of that respect went out the window as well. I truly believe that part of my rebellious behavior at that time was to get back at my dad for leaving. It is obvious I've made some very bad choices in my

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life due to my current situation. but I've taken this time here in prison to grow, to work on my attitude and to also change my way of thinking, in order to get the tools I need to function in society. I've seen a lot of violence and evil during my time in prison. there are a lot of dangerous people here and a lot of them will probably never change their lives. but there are also some very good people that has changed their lives like myself and these are the people I surround myself with in order to stay focused and stay on the straight path. I do believe that I am ready to reintegrate back into society. Everyone makes mistakes in their lives no one is perfect. I lost my way early on in my life but I found my way back to the light. My mom is no longer with us but I know she is proud of the man I've become. I do believe if a person breaks the law he or she should pay the price. And I also believe everyone deserves a second chance. if I were to receive a second chance at life I would make sure that I made a positive mark on society. I will aim to give community service to the troubled youth and also to people that might need a little guidance in certain

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Situations. To hopefully help in some type of way so that they will not make the wrong decision in their lives that might cost them precious time in prison away from their love ones. I never had that person in my ear, on my side to stop me and offer good advice when I was headed in the wrong direction. So I do think it is very important that a person has that option at their disposal. One of the things I've found out about myself while in prison is that I really love helping people. I believe that everything happens for a reason in all our lives. And we as humanitarians must recognize and take heed to the signs that God gives us. I am grateful to God for allowing me to go through this ordeal in my life because had my incarceration never had happen I wouldn't of become the strong man I am today. And I would also like to thank you in part as well Sir, for helping me correct my way of thinking as well as my life. With that said I am asking this honorable court for mercy and a second chance at life out in society in order to show the court that I am a rehabilitated

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law abiding citizen as of now that will
be productive within the community upon
my release.

Thank You For Your time and Patience...

Charles Watts.