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DATE: Sunday evening October 14, 2018

TO: Judge Reeve Kelsey
Wood County Courthouse

SUBJECT: Mr. Harold Jason Craig – Charged with multiple felonies [Case number 2018CR 0437]

This is the first letter I have written to a judge or to a courthouse. I don't know if this will do any good, but here goes. First: who am I? My name is Steven Kramer. I have resided in Perrysburg since 1978. I am Professor Emeritus at the University of Toledo, having taught Mechanical Engineering from 1973 until my retirement 35 years later in 2008. Since then I have been a volunteer math tutor first at Perrysburg Heights Community Association [PHCA], and now at Perrysburg High School every day of the week. I have been and still am on the board trustees of PHCA since 2009. I met Harold Jason Craig in 2010 and got to know him quite well while he served on the board from 2011 until 2015. I have been friends with him ever since.

I know Harold Jason Craig by "Jason". Jason's wife just came to see me this evening and shared with me the felony charges he is faced with. I was stunned. In addition to being his friend, I believe I have some information about most of the counts and incidents I am reading on the website....case number 2018CR0437.

Perrysburg Heights Community Association and Community Center on Jefferson Street provides programs of interest to kids mostly, and to adults in the neighborhood. PHCA has been in existence since 1991. I am proud to be part of this organization. Funding has always been an issue for PHCA. When Jason joined the board in 2011, he was already known among the neighborhood to be a square shooter – namely, calling a spade a spade even if it offended someone. Hence he was either liked and admired, or strongly disliked and avoided. Midway through 2012 Jason identified certain financial discrepancies and brought them to the attention of the board. As a result certain personnel changes were made and Jason became our treasurer. He served in this capacity well. Balancing the checkbook, paying off creditors, correcting errors, collecting rent, and so forth. Finally our finances were back on track. However, since we had a low bank account balance, Jason put several fund raising ideas in motion – all for the benefit of the Perrysburg Heights Community Association. Jason decided to step down from the board in late 2015, or early 2016. I don't remember. I believe Jason's problems lie in the fact he was lax in keeping adequate records. Permit me to explain for the following counts and incidents.

COUNT 1 Engaging in a Pattern of Corrupt Activity.

Incidents 1 and 2: From Aug 2012 to Aug 2015, an amount of \$238,360 was taken from the Perrysburg Heights Community Association. This is absolutely not true. Here are the facts: The company "Visalus" had been selling energy drinks over their website [maybe they still do] for some amount of money [I think \$25 or \$30 each]. Jason obtained a bulk discount of \$8 each. He advertised the drink for \$3 less than full price, made a profit of \$5 and sold a substantial amount from our Community Center daily. I remember the UPS and FedEx trucks coming around 1pm and 3pm. I personally [before my kids who I tutored came in] helped Jason unload the shipments, repackage and relabel them before the FedEx truck arrived. On a given day he sold from 20 to 40 packets making a profit of about \$100 to \$200 per day. All moneys were deposited in the PHCA bank account. I don't know how the \$238,360 figure was arrived at, because this operation lasted about five months. The proceeds were likely in the neighborhood of \$15,000 [fifteen-thousand-dollars]; nowhere near \$238,360.

Incident 3: I have no information about this incident.

Incident 4 and 5: On December 19, 2012 Jason closed our account at Key Bank and transferred it to Huntington Bank. This was \$25,000. The reason was as follows: The daughter-in-law of the previous PHCA president [who tried to kick Jason off the board and was herself kicked off the board because of financial discrepancies] was a bank teller at Key Bank. There was either evidence or suspicion that the daughter-in-law was invading our privacy by viewing our bank account other than on official business. There was no proof, but we decided to transfer out of Key Bank anyway.

Incident 6: I have no information about this incident.

Incidents 7, 8, 9, 10, 11: Jason withdrew \$1,200, \$1,000, \$7,000, \$5,000 and \$4000 from PHCA on various dates. Jason had several fund raising ideas. One was purchasing a vending machine as we rent the gym about five hours per day just about every day. It was very profitable. Again, Jason did not keep accurate records. I am confident these withdrawals involved those fund raising activities. There were others that escape my memory. At no time did anyone at PHCA suspect or accuse Jason of theft of funds. We saw the monthly treasurer's reports at our board meetings and saw the income and expenses for but they were labeled "fund raising". We all had high praise and admiration of Jason. I am surprised to read of these felony charges.

There was an investigation of PHCA by the Attorney General's Office in 2012 or 2013 [I don't remember exactly]. Then president Jesse Spier and Jason Craig delivered all requested documents to the AG. I am confident these contain details of what is the crux of the matter here.

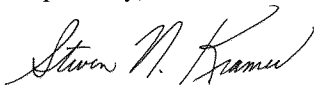
COUNTS 2 thru 6: Aggravated Theft and Money Laundering.

The \$238,360 is above the threshold of \$100,000. Again, Jason was involved in fund raising for Perrysburg Heights Community Association. As treasurer, he presented monthly treasurer's reports which showed income and expenses for various events. At no time did anyone at PHCA have any hint of wrongdoing. We still do not hold him culpable. We know where our money was spent and it wasn't stolen or misused.

I have always trusted Jason and I still do. His shortcoming was / is not keeping accurate count of income and expense for each fund raising idea. I don't know if this letter holds any weight, but I just wanted you to know that Jason is liked by those of us at Perrysburg Height Community Center – those on the board and those who are part of our Community Center.

I would be happy to testify, give an affidavit, speak with you personally, or whatever if and when asked.
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Respectfully,



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