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July 13, 2009

Hon. Joseph M. Hood  
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Re: Letter of Support on Behalf of Walter Edward Hardin

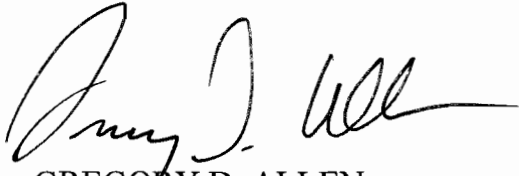
Dear Judge Hood:

I am writing you on behalf of Walter "Wally" Edward Hardin to ask for leniency and consideration on his behalf in sentencing and carrying out your punishment for the criminal offense for which he is charged. I have known Mr. Hardin and his family for many years since they relocated and took up residency in Magoffin County, Kentucky back in the 1980's. Wally Hardin and his father, Judge Executive/Dr. Charles Hardin along with their other family members have always been active in community affairs and civil organizations. During his youth, Wally was active in organizing and participating in our local football program before attending Eastern Kentucky University. At the time Walter Hardin was criminally charged in this matter, he was serving as Deputy Judge Executive for Magoffin County and up to that date, had done a very good job working with me in my duties as Magoffin County Attorney, and with the other members of the Fiscal Court and public in carrying out the duties of that office in a very good and admirable manner. That is why it was quite shocking and out of character with his past performance and conduct in the community and as a public servant when he was criminally charged in this matter.

Therefore, I am writing you requesting leniency on behalf of Walter Edward Hardin in sentencing and carrying out any ultimate punishment decided upon in this case. I believe that Mr. Hardin has learned a hard lesson in life in this matter and would benefit from any mercy you could bestow upon him in carrying out your punishment for the crime for which he is charged.

Very truly yours,

COLLINS & ALLEN



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory D. Allen', is written over the printed name below.

GREGORY D. ALLEN

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Re: Walter Edward Hardin

Dear Judge Hood:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Walter "Wally" Edward Hardin to ask for leniency in his sentencing for the criminal offense for which Mr. Hardin has pled guilty. I have known Wally and his family for years. I got to know Wally as a high school student as he played football for Magoffin County High School. I was an assistant football coach during the years that Wally was in high school and helped coach the offensive unit and took particular interest in Wally. Wally played offensive center. Wally was a hardworking boy not particularly athletically gifted but made up for his lack of athletic ability with his drive and intelligence. Wally was one of those players that always gave his best. While attending Eastern Kentucky University Wally would come back in the summers and help coach the Magoffin County High School football program. Wally didn't mind giving back some of his time to help the local sports programs.

I continued to see Wally on different occasions over the years, first when he was working at his father's medical office and more recently when he was hired as Deputy Judge Executive for Magoffin County.

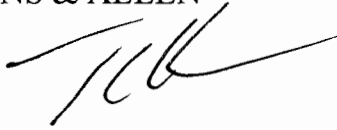
My law partner, Greg Allen, is Magoffin County Attorney and I am his assistant so I often had conversations with Wally about county business. I found that Wally still had the same qualities he displayed as a young football player, that is he worked hard and always gave his best to the job. I was dismayed and quite frankly shocked when I heard about the charges levied against Wally. I was shocked because the charges were out of character with what I had observed in the past of Wally both as a high school student and later as a young adult working as a public servant in Magoffin County.

I am asking you for leniency on behalf of Wally. The fact that Wally pled guilty indicates that he realizes he committed a crime and accepts responsibility. I believe he has learned a hard lesson and would benefit from any leniency in sentencing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

COLLINS & ALLEN

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