

To: The Honorable Judge

Reference: The Killer and Child Rapist (Joseph DeAngelo)

Victim: Janelle Cruz

From: Lesley Metoyer (victim's friend and Cruz family support)

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As so many other families and strong survivors have spoken before and will speak after me. I am here to read a statement of impact. I speak on behalf of my soul sister, closer than kin, Janelle Cruz, who was raped and viciously murdered by Joseph DeAngelo.

Today DeAngelo has and will hear many descriptions of the physical, financial, psychological and emotional impact of his crimes. Such testimony could well play to his sick addictions. I believe he is fully aware of the overwhelming impact and harm he has committed and would only derive pleasure in hearing of all the pain and suffering he has caused. So instead of giving him any form of satisfaction, let's discuss his weaknesses and inadequacies.

As he sits listening, acting feeble, I wonder if he truly realizes what a coward he is? Even with his greatest efforts to gain control by brutalizing others, he still fell short. He hid his true self by disguising his voice, hiding behind masks and the women in his life, only taking advantage of those who were defenseless, because he was too cowardly to be anyone other than the sorry loser that he is.

It is my wish for him during his incarceration, however long that may be, that he hear the same words spoken to him that he spoke to the innocents he targeted. Perhaps he will hear constant barking in his head like those from the dogs he hated so much. Hopefully these sounds will act as a reminder to him of what a pathetic failure he has always been and is.

Contrary to his delusional belief, his name will be forgotten, but not Janelle's. You see, you can't kill the spirit or goodness of someone so loved as Janelle. Her soul resides with those who love her and spirit is lifted, celebrated and remembered! Her love and laughter will echo through generations as we recount the gentle, soft spoken, magical person she is. Everything he has wanted and tried to take forcefully, was beyond his ability to obtain. Whereas, my brothers and sisters in this room, family members, survivors, police detectives, prosecutors, the several

DA offices, the honorable judge, support personnel, everyone in this room except for him will go home to enjoy the love, laughter and support of family that he has failed to obtain.

We who have survived will continue to enjoy the power, control and the freedom of authentic living! On the other hand, he is destined to fade away, nameless, as just another child rapist and murderer with a small penis.