

Statement for Court Pertaining to Jeffrey Zabik

By Shawn Box

PROCESS STATEMENT:

Dear Law Enforcement and Legal System,

I'm not sure why we are here today discussing "Invasion of Privacy". Peeping Tom laws are intended to warn away individuals from spying on strangers, neighbors, people at the beach.

This is an individual LIVING with the family he was victimizing. I find it hard to believe that if Jeff were a teacher performing these same spy activities in an elementary school that we would be sitting here watching the court discussing a misdemeanor. If that is true, then I am shocked at the gap in legal determination in an age where electronic surveillance makes it easy for sexual deviants to start down the path that could, and most likely would have, lead to physical abuse.

I find it appalling that he would even dare to plead "Not Guilty" with the preponderance of evidence directly connecting him to his actions. I am saddened by the fact that he will not make a sex offender registry and that future families will be put at risk. This is being discussed seemingly without considering that he may have never stopped these activities as he owns rental properties and may have them wired up to capture unsuspecting underage nudes.

It is my hope that these charges are a result of a gap in established law, as it does not take contact or distribution to make an individual a sexual predator. The filming of minors while in a position of authority as parent (married or otherwise) is clearly for no other reason than sexual self gratification and should be on par with any other sexually predatory behavior.

I hope that the court will recognize the intent of Jeff in stalking and attempting to establish an inappropriate relationship with my daughter, not to mention all of her female friends that were undoubtedly filmed as well, is well beyond invasion of privacy. I hope the court will at the very least establish that this behavior within a home by someone who is supposed to be within a person's most trusted circle is unallowable. I would hope that the court not only find Jeff Guilty of the charges presented, but sentences him to the full extent of the law with no reduced sentencing, no bypass of available incarceration within the law, and with all financial penalties enforced.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Hi, My name is Shawn Box and I am the Father of Samantha and Andrew Box.

The most difficult thing I have ever done in my life is get Divorced. It puts you in a position where you have to rely on the judgment of others, with no ability to negotiate. It puts you in a position where you are not able to protect your family and the ones you love every day. It puts you in a position to receive a call like the one I received.

I received a call that informed me that the man who had lived with my children was spying on them in the shower. I received a call that stopped my world and required me to go to Windsor, enter a home I had not set foot in for years, and to scour that house for spy devices used to film my children. Children that were recorded as young as 11 and 15 and certainly younger.

When I arrived, Amanda and our neighbor Jane were present. They presented me with the device that Amanda had confiscated and it was immediately apparent that it was a fake key fob with a camera and a memory slot. Based on the size it was a MicroSD and I asked Amanda and Jane to search the house and see if they could find any more. I did not think they would, as Jeff had an entire night to scour the house and remove all evidence. But, they did. I put the sd card into my phone and was immediately able to identify pictures of my kids. I determined the movie file was a MOV. From there, I asked Amanda if Jeff had any PCs still in the house. He did. She had the password, given to her freely by Jeff, and with a quick explorer search for MOV files, hundreds of additional recordings going back years were evident..

The next action was to start looking for proof that Jeff has procured any of the devices that might be, or were, in the house. We started our search in the basement where we found boxes addressed to Jeff with a SpyCamera Picture Frame, amongst other things. We found additional spy devices and memory sticks and set them all aside for law enforcement. It was during this search that Jane mentioned that she remembered that Jeff had also replaced fire detectors in the house. I started with Andrew's room and found the same fire detector that was there when I lived there. I then went to Samantha's room where I found a "Fire Detector" detector over her bed. In opening the case, it was a fake fire detector that would take a camera. The Camera was gone. Over the port where the camera would be was a black putty. This putty was also present in stick/packaging form in Jeffs computer cubicle space in the basement. It was very clear that

his actions were planned, implemented, and maintained over a significant span of time and focused on my daughter.

In hindsight, there were various 'warning' signs that Jeff had an inappropriate interest in my daughter, especially as she entered her teens. He would hover over her at school events where we were both present, he would advocate on her behalf about things that neither Amanda or I had requested his opinion on, and he would go out of his way to transport Samantha and her friends to events that I also attended; including Concerts in Portland. Unfortunately in the moment, it seems inconceivable that the person living with your children would be a sexual predator and so you attribute these actions to other reasons.

What this has meant for me personally, is watching my children go through stages of shock, grief, coping, anger, and attempts to return to normalcy.

Andrew became physically attached to me. So much so that, having experience working with sexually abused children, that I was afraid that he had been groomed and habitualized to sexual closeness. And that in Jeff's absence it was transferred to me.

I hoped this attention seeking was not in response to abuse, but his fear that he would lose his real father. He lost what he considered his step-father and if you can lose one parent unexpectedly then there is fear you will lose another. It took him over a year to reach a place that when he shows up at my house that he is not immediately seeking reassurance that I am still in his life. I've seen his social maturity slow as he disconnected himself from people he felt might be at risk of leaving his life. I've seen my child struggle in a way no child should have to.

Samantha and I have always been close. First born daughter and father. We rock climbed together, did handstands at the park, and could always find a way to have fun on weekends and vacations.

Since this event, Samantha has been withdrawn. She used to have friends down to Portland a few times a year, and she no longer does. She used to be in the front of the line at shows or events and wanted to be in the thick of things. Now she holds back, is cautious of the people around her. She would not hug me for over a year. Then it was leaning in shoulder hugs. Only in the last couple months, after all the years in between, did I get a real hug from my daughter. My daughter is 18 now, and I have had years of closeness stolen from me by the person on trial today.

My family, our blended families, our neighbors, our friends, our children's friends, our children's friends parents, will be affected by this for the rest of their lives. Decades and Decades of no longer being able to trust even those closest to you. One person has negatively affected the lives of over a dozen people who will never forget the pain inflicted upon them and

will have to live with that pain and loss. We also have the weight of future victims on our conscience. If we walk out today, and after the undoubted series of appeals, Jeff does not serve a day in jail, we will have to live with the fact that no one cares about our children other than ourselves and that somewhere at sometime, another child will be subjected to the same behavior.

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