

Your honor:

I want to thank you for letting me speak on behalf of my daughter, LeAnn Christina Emry who was murdered in January, 2003.

First of all no matter what he claims I have no doubt that Scott Lee Kimball murdered my daughter, LeAnn. I also believe he had no help in doing so. He is totally responsible.

I'm also aware that Mr. Kimball has no remorse for the pain and suffering he has caused me and my family.

This is what LeAnn looked like at the time of her death. She was young, beautiful, and intelligent. More importantly, she had a compassionate heart and had a real desire to help those less fortunate than her. Her weakness was being too trusting, but she was never selfish.

In high school and college LeAnn was an "A" student. While in college she studied to be a physical therapist and for four years she was a veterinarian technician. While in college she was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa (Sorority) honor society.

She never smoked or drank alcoholic beverages. She despised the use of illegal drugs. For two years she was married to a drug addict and she saw, first hand, the destruction that drug addiction does to a person and to those around him.

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I mention this because when she disappeared she was labelled by local law enforcement authorities as being a drug dealing runaway. She was never that kind of person. If LeAnn had lived I am certain that many people would have benefited from her life.

But that bright future ended when Mr. Kimball killed her.

Because of the terrible thing he did to my daughter I have a right to hate Mr. Kimball. In the beginning I did hate him because I love my daughter dearly and miss her very much. But now I choose not to hate Mr. Kimball for two reasons. (1.) I know that he does not care what I think of him. He only cares about himself. and (2.) to hate him would only hurt myself. As a Christian I believe that constant hatred only harms the soul.

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So I have replaced hatred with sadness: sadness for LeAnn and the others that Mr. Kimball murdered, sadness for the families of those who have died.

However, my tears, alone, cannot wash away the stain that Mr. Kimball has put on my heart. Although I no longer hate Mr. Kimball, I strongly believe in restitution. In this world we all make choices and Mr. Kimball made the choice to murder, not only once but at least four times. In order for justice to be served, he must be held accountable for his actions and punished for his choice to kill. Also, Mr. Kimball has demonstrated that he is not just a murderer, but an habitual murderer. If he was released today or in the future I have no doubt that Mr. Kimball would steal and kill again.

He is a life-threatening predator and his miserable, pathetic life is devoted to preying on those he can deceive. Since he will not get the death penalty, as he deserves, Mr. Kimball must be locked up for the rest of his life. Only then will society be safe from this evil person.

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When LeAnn first met Mr. Kimball she had come out of an abusive marriage and her self-esteem was low. She was vulnerable, emotionally, and she was looking for someone who would support her. Mr. Kimball saw this as an opportunity to prey on LeAnn and manipulate her into doing what he wanted. I have been told that Mr, Kimball is a master in deceiving people, which he did to my daughter. But he is not as smart as he thinks he is, otherwise he would not be here today.

LeAnn was not perfect. However, LeAnn's crime was trusting in Mr. Kimball believing he would support her and protect her. Instead ,he used my daughter to satisfy his selfish desires and to satisfy his greed for money. And when she was no longer useful to him Mr. Kimball took my daughter to an isolated canyon in Utah, had her kneel down beneath a cliff and there he shot her, probably in the head.

LeAnn was brutally executed by Mr. Kimball and her bleeding body was left exposed to the elements. On a winter day in January Mr. Kimball killed my daughter and her body was treated like road kill for wild animals and birds to eat.

*My daughter was a young woman with feelings and dreams and to treat her like trash is dispicable.*

I was told that shortly after that Mr. Kimball went to California where he had sex with a prostitute and in payment for her services gave that prostitute the credit cards he took from LeAnn.

If that wasn't bad enough Mr. Kimball then went back to Denver and three weeks later murdered his next victim, Jennifer Marcum, and after that, Kaysi McLeod, and then his own uncle, Terry Kimball. A person who habitually commits these terrible acts of crime has no conscience and has no desire to change. He is a liar, a deceiver, and a murderer and is a danger to society.

I believe that in the end there is a Judgement Day waiting for Mr. Kimball and unless he repents God will condemn him for his evilness. In the mean time human justice must be served and Mr. Kimball should no longer be allowed to do to others what he did to LeAnn and to Jennifer and to Kaysi and to Terry.

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For these reasons I ask that you give Mr. Kimball the maximum sentence possible and that he be sent to a maximum security prison. I hope that whenever he is eligible for parole his brutal and sadistic behavior and his criminal record will prevent him of ever receiving one. Scott Lee Kimball needs to spend the rest of his evil life in prison where he can no longer prey on others. Only then can justice be done for my daughter, LeAnn.

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Thank you.

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