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Victim Awareness: Reading, Analyzing, and Writing Victim Impact Statements

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6. Madoff Victim Impact Statements - Ronnie Sue & Dominic Ambrosino
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June 2, 2009

The Right Hon. Denny Chin

Dear Judge Chin,

Twenty one years ago my husband invested our life's savings with Bernard Madoff. He died from a heart attack two weeks later. Shortly after I buried my husband I met with Bernard Madoff. He appeared to be a genuine, kind man. He put his arm around my shoulder and assured me that my money was safe and I should not worry. I have to admit that I was not sophisticated in investing or finance and I trusted this kindly man. I added my husband's life insurance and other money that he left for me and my children upon his death.

I returned to work and for the next fifteen year I supported my family. Upon my retirement I cashed in my pension, 401K and additional salary that I received. I added all of this to my Madoff IRA. I continued to feel very secure despite a few blips on the radar, which were immediately cleared up by a statement made by the SEC. confirming that Mr. Madoff was still the gold standard of Wall Street.

I have never had high aspirations. I enjoy my town house and my garden. I love my children and grandchildren. I have always given back to the community. I have volunteered teaching in the prison system. I even took my granddaughter to volunteer teaching in Africa. My only desire was to spend the rest of my life living independently and with dignity, never being a burden on society.

Judge Chin, Bernard Madoff has stolen all of this from me and others like me. He has rendered people homeless and many are now on food stamps. I will have to sell my home in a market that is devoid of buyers. I will not be able to keep my promise to my granddaughter to help her pay for college.

I now live in fear of the trustee invoking his claw back threat. I open my mail box wondering if this will be the day when the letter arrives.

I am frustrated by the wheels of justice moving so slowly and I wonder how one man can have created so much chaos. I ask myself, how is it possible that a human being can show such a lack of remorse and caring for his fellow man. My only answer is that there is nothing human about this man. He is truly a monster.

Your honor, when you sentence Bernard Madoff, I ask you to bear in mind the human destruction that he has caused, do not be influenced by the professionals that he and his

lawyer have hired to persuade you in your decision. Look at the faces of the people in your court room; they are small representation of the thousands that he has destroyed. Please keep all of us in your mind when you decide the fate of this heartless human being.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norma Hill", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Norma Hill