

February 2, 2015

Honorable Judge Jeffrey A. Manning
325 Courthouse
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Judge Manning:

Re: Robert Ferrante

Autumn was my wife's cousin and best friend. They grew up together. There was only a two week period in their lives that they were not speaking. They were intimate witnesses to each other's lives. Autumn was a regular part of our lives, our conversations, our laughs, and our medical consultant, among many other things. There is a large hole in our lives because she is no longer here. Not only that, but there is a deep pain that does not seem to go away since we lost her. Even remembering the good things makes it hurt because in them is the reminder that they will no longer continue.

She was Sam's favorite Aunt. Sam's and Cianna's moms were going to watch each other's children grow up and share the joys and frustrations as they tried to be the best moms they could be.

When Autumn would come to visit, it was seamless. There was no change in our comfort level, she was family and blended in as if she had been there all along. Autumn balanced my wife's life in ways I cannot fathom. It has been almost 2 years since she was murdered and it is clear to me that my wife will never have that kind of balance again. This is very sad. Part of this balance included the future they were to share with each other.

All this being said, words cannot capture the impact of the early, horrific death of Autumn. It is unfathomable. Our lives have been altered and they cannot be made whole. Only having Autumn back would make it right and that won't happen.

Sincerely,

Jeff King
Husband of Sharon King