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Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Press Release

At the time he killed his father, [REDACTED] was a typical 14 year old boy. He lived with his mother and step-father in a very loving home. He was not aggressive or angry. He was not self-destructive. He was affectionate and like most teenagers, he followed the rules most of the time.

He wasn't perfect but he was respectful to his friends and teachers and other adults. [REDACTED] has never been in trouble in school or at home for violence or being mean or disrespectful. He has never been arrested or charged with any crime before. This is the first time he has been in court.

On the other hand, there are numerous stories of his kindness to others. He rescued a dog, nursed it back to health and they became inseparable. He excelled in school. Anything other than an 'A' in class was rare. Honor roll and straight 'A's were the norm. He loved to visit his Great Grandmother who lived in a nursing home for 10 years before she died. He helped his mother and step-father at their auction and loved every minute of it.

He loved reading, fishing, writing, art, riding four wheelers, and anything with wheels. He wrote a short story called "My Two Dogs" that was published in a competition along with other winning stories. He won third place in a competition with a drawing entitled "What I love about my hometown."

He loved sports. He played baseball, soccer and basketball. He was looking forward to trying out for football when he started high school. He just started a project to rebuild a motorcycle.

In the calm light of day, he knows what he did was wrong. He has family on both sides that support him. [REDACTED] did suffer emotional and physical abuse over years. While this case is pending, it is important for us not to discuss the details because the court process has to be allowed to progress. Important decisions are going to be made that will change everything for [REDACTED] and these details will play a part in the analysis of why [REDACTED] did what he did and what will happen as a result.