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Re: Shawn R. Merriman

Dear Judge Bimmer:

As I sit here pondering the effect on us with the Ponzi Scheme run by our son Shawn and see the changes we have had to make this last year, not only financially but emotionally, I am still stunned at what he did and the scope of it. When he called to tell us, we were not only shocked but very angry and we are still angry today at his betrayal of our trust. During the phone call he told me that he was sure he would get a light sentence because he turned himself in. I hope not. I believe he planned his turning in for some time. We have been called by a bank in Salt Lake looking for him and Andrea and again by a firm called Valentine and Cobartis looking for him and Andrea. I now believe they planned this together to borrow and hide a large amount of money until he gets out of prison.

I try to put it aside and go on and then something comes up to re-open the wound. We have lost our son and our grandchildren because of his actions. Andrea will not let us see them as we are not Mormon. A big chunk of our life is gone. We have felt humiliation with the publicity in the newspaper here locally and the calls from the reporters. He took the ease out of our retirement, now everything has to be budgeted. Jack worked until he was 68 so our retirement would be easy. He took that away and has no remorse. He is now attacking us with false accusations to try to excuse his actions. He has written to us and said he will never forgive us for leaving him and his sister at Christmas. We spent every Christmas with both of them while they were home and even flew him to us for Christmas while he was in college. Right now I don't know what hurts worse, the loss of our finances or the lies he is saying. We tried to give him the best opportunities we could as a middle class working family. Obviously he doesn't think we did a good job.

We lost money but other victims lost everything. I hope you make him pay.

Yours truly,

Sally Merriman
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