

To Whom It May Concern:

I can't even begin to express how sorry I am to have gotten behind the wheel that night. That senseless act was the single most irresponsible thing I have ever done in my entire life. I feel like I have let down so many people who know me as being the level-headed, responsible person that I am, and it makes me feel physically sick when I think about it.

I never thought about all the things I love in my life being taken away from me—all the things I risked losing by deciding to drive that night. My family, my friends, my job, my freedom; all these things were put in jeopardy by my thoughtless act.

I never in my life have been as scared as I was that night. I had never been in a crash before, never been arrested, never had to go to the hospital first thing in the morning to see how my friends were doing after something like this happened. I never had the gut wrenching fear and anxiety worrying about the other person in the accident, someone I don't even know. The whole experience is something I will never forget, and something I will struggle to forgive myself for the rest of my life. I know that there is no magic way to make things better. Although I wish I could go back and do things differently, I know that I cannot. The only thing I can do now is to make sure that I act as the responsible person I was raised to be for the rest of my life, to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again.

To everyone I have hurt by this: the other driver, their family, my friends, my family and myself, I can only say that I am truly sorry with all of my being and I would give anything to be able to put this all behind us. There is no way to apologize sufficiently for all the turmoil I have caused.

This experience has been a definitive wake up call. I understand how quickly I can lose everything, and I will forever keep that in the front of my mind as I try to live the rest of my life to the fullest of its potential. As I humbly ask forgiveness from those I've hurt, I understand the difficulty of the task at hand, as I am too struggling to find a way to forgive myself.

The victim is Jane Saleem. This defendant was convicted of AGG DUI with 90 days of periodic imprisonment

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