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To Whom It May Concern:

I do not believe that this is an appropriate case for the Governor to grant clemency. I believe the Defendant received an appropriate sentence for the crimes he committed. I do not believe Heath Stocks that justice will not be served if his sentence is reduced. He chose to enter a plea of guilty and was sentenced to life without parole, as he bargained for with the State of Arkansas. I do not believe that the Defendant would have received a lesser sentence even if a jury or the judge at the time knew about his sexual abuse at the time of trial. The Defendant brutally, and in cold blood, killed his mother, father, and sister. The Defendant was 20 years old when he committed the heinous murders of his mother, father, and sister. He was an adult and knew the consequences of his actions.

I am saddened by the fact that Heath Stocks was the victim of sexual abuse by Jack Walls, but there were numerous people that Jack Walls abused and Heath Stocks is the only one who killed his own family. I know many people that have been victims of sexual abuse over my years as a prosecutor and a judge and Heath Stocks is the only one I know that killed his family and not report his abuser. All the other cases I have experience with have had the victims report the abuser to family and law enforcement. I could understand showing Heath Stocks mercy for killing his abuser, but Heath Stocks chose to kill three innocent people and not his abuser. If like Heath says in his paperwork (on page 24 of 324) that he and his mother were trying to expose Jack Walls, then why did he kill the one person who had seen the abuse and was taking the steps to stop the abuse? I believe the answer is on page 25 of 324. Heath said he was ashamed of being sexually abused for so long and that he would be seen by others as a homosexual.

Sincerely,

  
Ashley Parker  
Circuit Judge