

Dear Judge Hudson,

I want to start off by saying thank you for allowing me to be at home for the birth of my third child. She's a blessing and I wanted to personally say thanks.

As you can see, the past six months have been the most difficult of my life. I've lost everything including my freedom. Throughout my life, I've never been convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation, so this experience was very overwhelming. Growing up in Newport News, I was exposed to numerous illegal activities and dogfighting was one of them. I never understood why people arrested for guns, and drugs, but never for dogfighting. No one really cared or called the police so I grew up not knowing the severity of the crime. Your Honor, I grew up loving animals and still to this day, I have Paso Fino horses, parrots, fish tanks, and lizards. I take full responsibility for my actions and am ashamed that my actions hurt animals and allowed animals to be hurt and killed.

Your Honor, I am not the bad person or the beast I've been made out to be. I have been talked about and ridiculed on a day to day basis by people who

really dont know Michael Kick the human being They only knew the football player which is unfair. I'm a very humble, soft spoken, and caring guy. Also kinda shy. I'll do anything for anyone and often have a hard time saying no. I'm 100% committed to my family and kids and try to be the best dad I can be. I have a son (5) and a girls (2 and 1 month) by my girlfriend and soon to be fiancee. This has been painful because my son watches the news and can understand whats going on with his father. He says his friends in school make fun of the situation because we have the same last name. I've read books to the entire school so they know me as the football player and that I am his father. My daughter ask me everyday where am I and when will I be home to play Dora games with her, but I have no answer.

I have accepted responsibility for my actions and I felt that turning myself in early would show, my family, friends, and the world that I have accepted responsibility and was willing to pay my debt to society. It hurts deeply because jail is no place for me and its hard for me to adjust in here, knowing that I've left my family behind. There's a saying "When you know better, your supposed to do better." Honestly, I wish I had never been involved in dogfighting. As a result

I've lost everything - my good name, job, endorsements, and now my freedom. So, sitting here today I can say I've learned an invaluable lesson.

I Apologize for the failed drug test. I was suffering from a deep state of depression, and after my father attacked me in the media, I was heartbroken. I expected nothing but support from him; however, he was trying to get money from me and threatened to do a tell-all story on me. That's no excuse for using marijuana, but I didn't know how to cope with all the difficulties I was facing because it was all new to me. After my father did what he did, I just thought it was all over for me.

Throughout this entire case, I've just tried to be honest. Sometimes I didn't know how to be and was scared, but eventually I put everything out on the table and left no stones unturned. I was scared because I've never been charged with a crime, but in my heart, I only wanted to do what was right.

Your Honor, I have no problem in paying restitution for the dogs as I believe they should live a good life as well. All the dogs were in good health and I've always made sure of the continuous upkeep of the dogs and all my animals.

ONE OF THE MANY HARD LESSONS THAT I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT TALENT IS A RESPONSIBILITY NOT JUST A PRIVILEGE. I HAVE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THE FACT THAT IF I HAD NOT ALLOWED MY MONEY TO BE USED, I WOULD NOT BE IN THE TROUBLE I AM. I PROMISE THAT I WILL NEVER AGAIN USE A SINGLE DOLLAR THAT I HAVE EARNED FOR ANYTHING BUT TO HELP PEOPLE. THIS SITUATION HAS SHAPED MY LIFE IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. I'VE LEARNED A VALUABLE LESSON AND HAVE TAKEN MY LIFE INTO A DIFFERENT DIRECTION. I PURCHASED A CHURCH FOR MY PASTOR BACK IN JULY AND EVER SINCE, HAVE HAD A DIFFERENT OUTLOOK ON LIFE.

I PRAY FOR A SECOND CHANCE TO BE BACK WITH MY FAMILY, AND SHOW THE WORLD THE REAL MICHAEL VICK, (NOT THE PERSON THE MEDIA HAS MADE ME OUT TO BE). I WILL LIVE RIGHTEOUS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE BEST FATHER, SON, BROTHER, AND ROLE MODEL GOD PUT ME ON THIS EARTH TO BE. I PLAN TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST P.E.T.A. IN BEING AN ADVOCATE AGAINST DOG FIGHTING AND ANIMAL CRUELTY. I AM FOREVER A CHANGED MAN; I NOW UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PEOPLE I SURROUND MYSELF WITH, SPENDING MORE TIME WITH MY FAMILY, AND CONTINUING TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN. I FULLY REALIZE THAT I WILL BE JUDGED ON WHAT I DO AND HOW I LIVE NOT ON WHAT I SAY.

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Your Honor, I just ask for a second chance. This is my first conviction of a crime and I know deep down in my heart it is my last. Your Honor, every year come the holidays I sponson a charity event called the "Greatful Give Back". On Thanksgiving I hand out Turkeys, and on christmas I give out bags of toys to the less fortunate children in either my hometown of Newport News or Atlanta. There's someone out there who needs me and I only hope I can be there for them in the future. Im asking for a second chance Your honor; my family needs me and I need them.

I've pulled together and stayed strong up until this very day. We've all turned to God and pray that a second chance is given. Thanks for taking the time to listen.

Sincerely,

Michael Vick

Henry Aaron

December 5, 2007

Honorable Henry E. Hudson
United States District Judge
Eastern District of Virginia
Lewis F. Powell, Jr. United States Courthouse
1000 East Main Street, Suite 305
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Judge Hudson:

I write this letter to you in support of Michael Vick in my personal capacity and as a former professional athlete and resident of Atlanta. I have met and been very impressed by Michael since he moved to Atlanta and began his career as the quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons.

I have seen many star athletes make costly mistakes off the field of play that have cost them their careers. Though temptation claimed athletes of my generation, for a variety of reasons that temptation appears to be even stronger today.

From the moment Michael moved to Atlanta, he appeared to deal with his success very well. From what I understand, he took it upon himself to support the area's underprivileged kids, bring them to games, visit them in the hospital, and give money to the organizations that help them. Michael made a favorable impression on me from the moment I met him.

Hearing about his recent troubles was a disappointing blow to me, for I knew how hard Michael had worked to build a strong, off-the-field reputation here in Atlanta. When I talked to him about his situation, I told him to keep his head up, and that he would have a chance to truly impact others once this was behind him. During my recent meeting with Michael, I was able to observe first hand a young man who was contrite and who expressed sincere remorse for his involvement in dog fighting. More importantly, Michael expressed genuine regret to me for his personal role in the injury and death of the dogs. I have no doubt that having to deal with this situation will positively effect Michael in the long run. He is a very impressive young man deserving of a second chance.

Your Honor, I ask that you show leniency when setting Michael's sentence, for he can have a much greater impact on society outside of prison than he can from within.

Sincerely,



Hank Aaron

GEORGE FOREMAN

Honorable Henry E. Hudson
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Dear Judge Hudson:

I'm a fulltime minister at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in Houston, Texas, former two-time Heavyweight Champion of the world, and known all over the world as the king of the grills because of the George Foreman Lean Mean Fat Reducing Grilling Machine.

But the real story is that as a young boy I prowled the streets of Houston, TX as a thief, and a teenage mugger until one night while trying to escape the police, I laid in a hole and covered myself with mud from a busted sewage pipe under a house so the police dogs couldn't sniff me out. For the first time I realized that my life was in shambles, and that I had disappointed my mother, father, and all of my family. I was no more than a criminal, but that night I said to myself, "I'm going to change my life. I'm going to be a different person, if I can just get from underneath this house and not be caught by the police."

I made it home that night all stinky and filthy from the sewage and I promised myself that I was going to be a better person and that I would never steal from, nor harm another human being as long as I live. I didn't believe in religion, and I laughed at songs such as Amazing Grace, with words like, "I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see."

Judge, my friend Michael Vick is a bit older in "years", but I still feel that this man has come to that same crossroads in his life where he can see his errors, and like me under the house that night, he recognizes that he cannot blame anyone but himself for his mistakes. But God in heaven gave me another chance. On behalf of Michael Vick, I'd like to say that it's not too late for Michael. I have seen him grow personally, and have sensed his genuine remorse over his misdeeds of the pass. With assistance from myself, and all the wonderful people he has now surrounded himself with who want to see him do well, I believe he can still be a productive member of our society. At the very least Michael Vick can serve as an example to all American youth on how abhorred behavior can ruin your life and the lives of people around you.

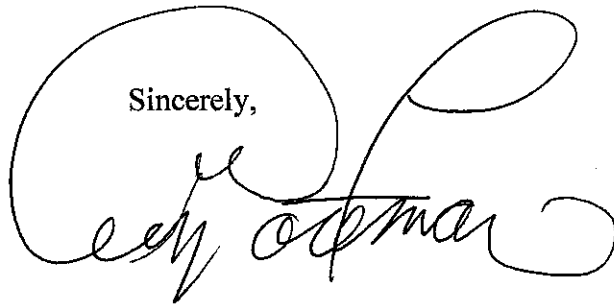
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GEORGE FOREMAN

I therefore ask you to consider leniency in the sentencing of Michael Vick. This is a good tree, and with a little turning of the earth, and fertilizer he can bring forth a lot of good fruit.

St Luke 12:9

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Foreman'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with large loops and flourishes.

George Foreman
1968 Olympic Gold Medalist
Two-time World Boxing Champion
Pastor of the Church of the Lord
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December 5, 2007

The Honorable Henry E. Hudson
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Dear Judge Hudson:

I am writing you on behalf of Michael Vick. I have enjoyed a unique opportunity to get to know Michael while serving as the Mayor for the City of Atlanta, a position to which I was elected during Michael's first season with Atlanta's NFL franchise.

Having gotten to know Michael personally, I was disappointed to hear about the events that landed him in your courtroom. Since first meeting him, I have come to know him as a devoutly generous, warm-hearted, and kind individual. He embraced his position as one of Atlanta's most significant role models.

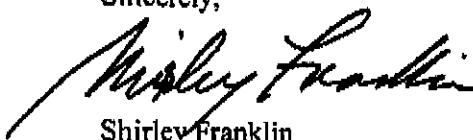
Michael especially was a role model for the City's underprivileged children. To them, Michael was much more than just a football player. He gave those kids hope. For each home football game, Michael arranged for a number of underprivileged children from the Boys & Girls Club to attend, and he frequently made donations to charitable organizations that benefited children, both in terms of money and his personal time.

Knowing how much Michael means to the City of Atlanta, I sat down and talked with him this summer following his guilty plea. He struck me as genuinely remorseful for his involvement in this crime and indicated that he accepts full responsibility for his actions and those associated with him for hurting and killing dogs. He is prepared to deal with the consequences of his conduct, and aspires to restore his role as a law-abiding and respected member of the community. Though this will not be a simple task, Michael's character will allow him to accomplish it if given an opportunity.

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I truly believe that following any prison term you may impose, Michael will emerge an even stronger citizen. I respectfully ask that you consider Michael's many past contributions to this community as you determine his sentence. His willingness to be a beacon of hope for underprivileged children, and the invaluable lessons regarding poor decision-making will be among the many things he can share with others in the future. I ask that any sentence you impose allows this young man an opportunity to attempt a return to his employment with the NFL.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirley Franklin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Shirley Franklin



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December 7, 2007

Honorable Henry E. Hudson
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Re: Michael Vick's contribution to our Hurricane Katrina relief efforts

Dear Judge Hudson:

This purpose of this letter is to inform you that Mr. Vick did a HUGE favor for our charity foundation back in 2005 that enabled us to deliver approximately \$100,000 worth of relief supplies to New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Mr. Vick's contribution matched the effort we undertook on behalf of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manassas in September of 2005 – see attached copy of transcripts from the newspaper article.

I saw for myself when I arrived at a Red Cross shelter in Louisiana that it was these kinds of heroic efforts from courageous Americans such as Mr. Vick and similar organizations like ours that served as the guiding hope for the majority of the Katrina victims.

It turns out that due to all of the logistical problems incurred on behalf of FEMA and the federal, state and local governments, the timeliness of the supplies that were delivered directly to the victims is what saved so many from their dire situations. Mr. Vick's efforts two years ago probably will never be known to those who benefited from his kindness, but I thought you should be aware of what kind of person he was to so many.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick J. Hughes".

Patrick J Hughes
President & CEO

c: Billy Martin, Esq. - facsimile no. 202-637-3593

Manassas church to help Katrina victims

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It's a state of emergency for many surviving the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and one local church is trying to help those people find relief.

Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manassas began a relief collection Tuesday afternoon in the church's Great Hall, where people donated everything from clothing to food to personal hygiene products.

Congregation member Dave Warner, who is spearheading the drive, said the church plans to fill two 26-foot rental trucks, with one scheduled to leave for the Mobile, Ala.-area Thursday morning. The other is leaving Friday morning for a shelter in Shreveport, La.

He said he has a sister who lives in Mobile and a brother in Houston, and this personal connection made him want to help. "It's kind of a combination family reunion trip, (while doing) good works along the way," he said.

Warner said the church is working in conjunction with the American Red Cross, the Give Life Foundation and churches in the Mobile area. "The Bethel church community has been very responsive," Warner said. "And whatever Manassas can do (to help) is great."

The truck rentals are being funded through private donations and the Give Life Foundation, Warner said. Warner and the church's pastor, Michael Tassler, are driving the first truck to the Mobile, which Warner said is about a 24-hour drive. The Give Life Foundation's president, Pat Hughes, is driving the second truck, Warner said.

Tassler said he thinks the "word is getting out" about the church's relief efforts, as people began donating items early Tuesday morning. "We all felt kind of helpless because we didn't know where to send things (for relief)," said church member Dianne Rice of Manassas. Rice, who works at Prince William Hospital, said she's been recruiting some of her coworkers to donate items as well. She said the hospital is also collecting items to send to hurricane victims.

Some items requested include cases of water and juice, canned goods, diapers, soap, toilet paper and blankets. "The biggest thing to think about is what I would want if I didn't have anything," said Reston resident Drew Banister.

The church is collecting and sorting donations from 2 to 8 p.m. every day through Friday. "But if it were up to me, I would do this all the time until everything was fixed," Warner said.