

*I, Sandra Piaskowska, write this statement as a sister of the late Igor Piaskowski, who passed away in the early hours of October 8 2023 having ingested the drugs supplied by the Defendant, Omar Aitcheson. I would like this statement to be read in an open court and considered by the Honourable Judge at the sentencing hearing.*

*The lives of Igor's family members have been turned upside down following his sudden passing. 9 months on, we are still struggling to come to terms with what happened to him. Igor was a loving and caring son, brother and uncle. My now 2 year old daughter only met him once in July 2023 as my family and I live in the UK. As a result of my brother's unexpected passing we have had to teach my daughter about death and life after death at such a tender age. It has been heartbreaking. My heart aches every time my daughter says "Igor is gone" or "Igor is in heaven".*

*My parents cannot even bring themselves to choose a tombstone for my brother's grave. His clothes and other belongings remain in boxes, unpacked, as they were shipped from the USA to Poland, where my family is from. No parent should ever have to bury their child.*

*The above are just a few brief examples of the pain and suffering caused by the Defendant's reckless, inconsiderate and frankly destructive actions.*

*On October 7 2023 my dad who lived with my brother was celebrating his birthday. Few days prior it was Igor's names day, a Polish Christian celebration to honor the chosen saint. Igor was therefore celebrating with my dad and a few of his friends by having drinks at home on the evening of October 7 2023.*

*Unfortunately my brother was a troubled soul. He never truly got over a break up and was suffering from depression. In September 2023 he started mixing with the wrong local crowd, including a felon who introduced him to cocaine. On the night of October 7 my brother met up with the said felon "friend" and a work colleague outside the work colleague's house. They all took what they thought was cocaine, supplied by the Defendant. I understand from the Police that all three have started to experience overdose symptoms. Unfortunately, my brother did not survive.*

*My brother did not deserve to die in such a manner, at the age of 32. He had a whole life ahead of him. He always cared about other people's needs and always put those ahead of his. He was also very hard working. He worked for a construction company and specialized in bathroom renovations. He frequently worked at the homes of police officers who always praised him for his work and kind personality. During the week leading up to his death my brother was working at the Catholic Church in Copiague. He helped install paintings at the newly built chapel.*

*My brother was a good, kind person. His mistake was taking what he thought was cocaine. However, I am certain he would not have taken it, had he known it contained fentanyl. He would not have risked his life in such a way. He would not have died if the drug contained only cocaine.*

*My brother deserves justice. This should not be in the form of Judicial Diversion Program. Whilst I am not an expert, I have read about the aims of the program and it appears aimed at the non-violent offenders who abuse alcohol or drugs. The Defendant did not make a mistake under the influence of drugs or alcohol when selling fentanyl in this case. This was a conscious decision and is a lifestyle choice for him. It is apparent from his Public Instagram profile that he glorifies drug taking, drug dealing and handling of weapons. He is a wannabe rapper who finds the*

*lifestyle of a drug dealer to be fitting of the image he wishes to portray to the public. Does this type of person deserve a “slap on the wrist” having caused such a tremendous loss to me and my family due to his selfish, reckless and deadly actions? He deserves to be punished to the full extent of the law in order to have sufficient time to change his ways, reflect and be punished for his actions which were ultimately motivated by greed and lack of regard for human life.*

*The following quote in his Instagram bio speaks volumes: “I am the punishment of God... If you had not committed great sins, God would not have sent a punishment like me upon you.” This demonstrates his delusion about his role in the society as he sees himself as some sort of God’s punisher. He does not deserve the JDP. My brother and my family deserve justice and the JDP being applied in this instance is not justice.*

Kind regards

Sandra Piaskowska