

To the Honorable Wilkie R. Hailey,

09-24-201

I am writing this in hope that maybe you can help me as you are my only hope my nephew Gerald Gastins ~~was~~ has been treated so unfair, he was arrested for a crime of committing a lude act of a child under 15 all because he knew the girl and her family and the girl wanted ~~more~~ things and gifts he refused to buy her she told a lie on him to get even. for two years he waited to be tried his lawyers told him over and over he had nothing to worry about there was no DNA, no evidence just hear say and word of mouth he ask for a Polygraph to prove he was ~~so~~ innocent but was told he didn't need it it was an open and shut case all he needed was a jury trial He went to court on Feb 5th they put him on the stand then 3 other girls that were friends of <sup>the</sup> girl got up there and lied for her and said he tried to commit the same act on them, he had a witness who was around at the time who could prove the girls family paid them to lie on my nephew. But the witness didn't make it to the court in time. So he was found guilty

and tell me if there is even a small  
chance that something can be done  
is there anyone who may have the power  
to help. I know if he beats his appeal  
the sentence would be overturned,  
he has witnesses that can and will  
testify he deserves a fair chance.  
I know I can't expect that any one  
with power ~~to~~ just pull people out  
of prison that's not how the system  
works. But I pray that this matter  
can be looked into and may by  
some miracle and the Grace of God  
he will be treated fair. Please help me  
I lost my mother on Christmas and  
I lost my wife to cancer after 35  
years all this tragedy and now my  
nephew on unjust charges can you  
help me by at least looking to this  
matter. 25 years don't fit the crime  
Thank you so very much ~~at~~ with  
warmest regards  
James Hastings

and was sentenced to 25 years.

I feel that was an injustice to him

We told his lawyer he was Railroaded

There are people in Prison for murder

who got less time, he is 32 years old

he would be 57 when he gets out we

have appealed But it can take 3 years

for an appeal We started a Petition.

Saying he was not Guilty even Church

members who know him say he is not

Guilty and have signed it. His rights were

violated for the fact his witness was not

allowed to speak. he was not allowed

to take a Polygraph test he was told

not to plea Bargain if he was not Guilty

he never had a chance, But Because he

was ~~sent~~ sent to Prison and was found

Guilty I'm not asking he be set free

I'm asking if his sentence could be

looked into Right now he has 5 years

to serve. then 20 more for the 3 witnesses

that lied that is so unfair and unjust

is there any thing can be done to

make hurry the appeal 25 years of

this young mans life is just Beon

fair Please look into this matter