

Oscar Osiris Hernandez | [REDACTED]

Judge Paul A. Engelmayer U.S. District Court - Southern District of NY
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Dear Judge Engelmayer,

I'm writing this letter to request leniency for my little brother, Daniel Hernandez. Growing up was nothing short of difficult. My step-father was killed a block away from our home, and I quickly had to assume the role of man of the house. I was busy working many odd jobs to try and make ends meet, but Daniel was left without father figure and chose a different path that not only afforded his rise to super stardom, but made him a magnet for people with malicious intent.

As his older brother, I want nothing more than to watch him prosper. As a stranger looking in, I see a scared kid whose light attracted a venomous group who exploited him. I can't expect my words to change your decision, but I ask you to please put yourself in my family's shoes. My diabetic mother hasn't been the same since his arrest and awaits his return every single day. His five-year-old daughter, Saraiyah, misses him very much and needs her father; a role that I realized no one can replace.

The "6ix 9ine" social media has become obsessed with is drastically different from the Daniel I know—a loyal family man who has done everything in his power to take care of my mother and I and everyone around him. This case has proved his power in bringing people together, and I believe he can wield his influence to make a lasting impact on the new generation; one that is unguided for the time being. If granted this request, I'm certain he can change not only to the lives of the kids in our community, but those around the world.

A year of his life is sufficient enough, especially at such a young age.

Respectfully,

Oscar Hernandez

December 9, 2019

Hon. Paul A. Engelmayer
District Judge
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse

Honorable Justice Paul A. Engelmayer;

This letter is to ask you for leniency in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on my son Daniel Hernandez. I write this with anguish and a heavy heart. The pain that writing this has caused me is unsurpassed, but I would do anything for my son, Daniel Hernandez, because of the good heart and sweet soul that he always was and still is today.

I came to this country in 1988 seeking a better life and opportunity. Daniel was born in 1996 and that is when his dad and I worked the hardest. I worked in factories, cleaning houses and anything I could, to build a solid foundation for my family. Despite the humble home we had, he was the happiest and silliest kid. He always had a song to sing and if he was not singing he was dancing. I raised him and his brother in the church throughout their youth. Danny sang during mass and was selected many times to read the word of God. His favorite passage was Psalm 121. It was always important to me that my children understood the importance of faith and right from wrong. Our faith kept us happy and at peace and God is present in our lives today.

Danny was also very athletic. He loved baseball and played for some years, but his most cherished sport was soccer. He played soccer so well that at 13 years old, a scout was going to sign him to a major league team. I refused to give him permission because I could not trust a perfect stranger just taking my son at such a young age. Danny was not happy with my decision, but he had so many talents to keep him busy that he quickly overcame his frustration.

In 2010, the love of my life and father to my children passed away. This loss brought so much pain to our lives, but Danny was the most affected. He became terribly depressed to the point where he almost died. Losing the backbone and biggest support to our family broke Danny in a way that we could not predict. He lost so much weight, did not shower or eat and grew his unkempt hair very long. He could not bring himself to go to school and I thought I was going to lose my son. After talking to him, seeking therapy sessions for him, and our faith in God, Danny improved day by day. He was always a self-motivated kid and during his worst time he found his own rehabilitation through music and working to provide for the family. He dedicated himself to honing his craft by

singing and writing every day. He sang through his pain and became a stronger person. Music was his redemption.

My talented son began making music videos in our backyard in Bushwick, Brooklyn. Amid this time, we were very poor. My late husband was a great provider for our family and losing him changed our lifestyle drastically. My jobs were not enough to sustain us. I applied for Welfare to assist us but there were still many nights that my boys went to bed without dinner. They wore used clothes and Christmas at our house was always a sad time. We only had two beds in our home and Danny slept in my bed because we didn't have enough money to buy another one. Danny always talked about having a dog and a big house, but at this time of our lives, that all seemed very unattainable to me; not to Danny. He believed that through his music he could make a difference.

At 17 years old, Danny conceived a daughter. Since the day she was born until today, she is his most perfect creation and priority. He was young with many obstacles against him, but he still worked hard to give his daughter whatever she needed and to help provide for me and his brother. Today, he makes time for his daughter and cherishes each quality moment with her. No matter what is happening in his life, he has shown that his daughter will never need anything as long as he is around.

Following his newly found success, he wanted me to move from our home in Bushwick so that we could live in a safer place. I was hesitant to leave because I lived in this house for 31 years. Danny decided to get a home in Brooklyn to live closer to me. Life taught me a lesson when our safety and well being was compromised after some hoodlums threatened me and robbed and kidnapped my son. I realized that my son's music career was bigger than I thought and was soaring every day. Danny became motivated to make even more changes after that ordeal. Danny's music career skyrocketed and before we knew it, he was making changes not only in our lives and his own, but in other people's lives he crosses paths with.

With his success he has received financial freedom. His public image and appearance does not reflect that heart that he always had and still has. Danny has used his success to help sick children, people with cancer, the elderly, countries where children are living in poverty and anyone who needs help around the world. He knows what it feels like to go to bed hungry. He knows the pain of loss and the suffering of depression. Danny knows what it's like to want to help but not have the means to do it. He has vowed a life of humility and big-heartedness despite his fame.

A few years ago, I had an operation on four hernias. Since then I have been unable to work. Despite that, I have not needed food, clothing, shelter, or support because Danny has been there for me every day and took care of me during my recovery time. Even if he has to go far for work, it always feels like he is near me because he is there to talk to and does not allow me to have a moment of need. Today I am living in a big house with a pool and all of our dreams have come true. He has

made our family and his daughter very happy and has given us a quality of life that we only dreamt of. This was only possible because of him.

My son Daniel, while imprisoned, has provided for us financially, for my other son Oscar and also myself. As a single mother I raised my children with what God has given me the means to provide and showed them to walk as men down a righteous path. I thank God everyday for the blessings he's given our family but I still long for my son and his brother needs him too. This situation has not only affected us emotionally and mentally but also physically as my health(High Blood Pressure) has declined over the course of this year. I want to be able to spend the holidays with my son Daniel, I miss him more then words can describe. I ask of you, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that you consider the opportunity of me and my son Daniel seeing each other soon. I will be eternally grateful if you give me the joy of being with my son again.

I plead with you today, to listen to a mother who knows her son best. I know his heart better than any news reporter, record label, or fan. I know him sometimes better than he even knows himself. I assure you, that locking up my son, Daniel Hernandez, is an injustice to my family, who relies on him for financial, emotional, and physical support. It is an injustice to his daughter who depends on him and adores him. It is unjust to the many families that he continues to help because his heart will never stop loving people. It is an injustice to the people who need his example to better their own lives. He is the missing link in so many lives and serves a better purpose outside in this world. We need more young people like him who put themselves last to give to others. Please don't judge him by his looks or even the mistakes he has made. It is his mighty heart that has brought him this far in life. He is still growing and learning at the young age of 23. He understands that there are still areas where he needs to learn and improve. He is surrounded by successful people who have helped him evolve and encouraged him to walk away from the negativity in his life. I urge you to not remove him from the progress he is already making.

I have faith that you will see him through my eyes and see him for who he really is; a young man with a loving family, a humble redemption story, and an immense and giving heart. It would not be fair for you to take the biggest heart I know and cage it.

Thank you for listening and blessings to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Natividad Perez-Hernandez

RACHEL WATTLEY

November 11, 2019

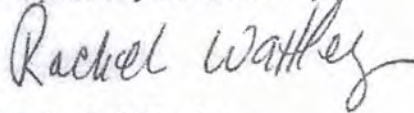
Hon. Paul Adam Engelmayer
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse
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Re: Daniel Hernandez

Dear Judge Engelmayer:

My name is Rachel Wattlely. I am the girlfriend of Daniel Hernandez. I want to start this letter off by saying this has not been an easy year, not that we expected it to be Your Honor but God gives his toughest battles to his strongest soldiers. When I met Daniel Hernandez, he was nothing like how the internet portrayed him to be. He was the total opposite. He was exceptionally respectful, outgoing, very sweet, kind hearted and a genuine generous person. Yes, we knew each other for a few weeks before his indictment but I decided to stick by his side not because I felt I needed to but that he needed someone he can trust in his corner. Throughout the first few months while Daniel was incarcerated, he would always speak on his family, take care of everyone and then go above and beyond with what was necessary. Leading up to this sentencing day, we are extremely optimistic that he will be able to show the change in him to anyone that matters and to the entire world. I am hoping that you can consider this letter as a reasonable statement based on his conduct in the courtroom. I want to thank you Your Honor for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully and sincerely,



Ms. Rachel Wattlely



Monday, November 25, 2019

To the Honorable Judge Paul A. Engelmayer,

My name is Sam Sprouse and I am an Executive Protection Specialist and Owner of Masiam Executive. I'm a dedicated security professional with numerous years of experience in the discipline of close protection and Risk Mitigation. With a professional background that has spanned the U.S. and Internationally, I've been of service to a wide range of clients; from internationally recognized public figures, to the Fortune 10 corporate and private sectors. I am currently Daniel Hernandez's Director of Security & Operations; and handler of a variety of affairs in his regard. My watch began with Daniel, in Late July of 2018.

I handle the personal lives of my principals professionally, and the discipline of the craft allows me a unique insight into the behaviors and the character of individuals. I operate in environments where behaviors must be gauged in an instant, and judgements must be made with very little margin for error. As a protector, I am trained to see what is unseen. It is with that detached objectivity, that I'd like to offer you a vantage point, to shed light on the reality of who Daniel Hernandez really is.

July 16th, 2018 was my first day on assignment, and my first formal interaction with "the Rainbow haired kid from Brooklyn". That is what those of us in the southern midwest knew of him as. – a witty character, only recognized by way of viral Instagram memes, and contentious encounters with other artists, in his genre. I'd never listened to his music, nor was I ever interested; and what little I did know of him either made people laugh, or pissed them off entirely.

My first Assignment with him was classified as "Highly Sensitive". The objective was simple. Receive the protectee at the airport, transport him to a secure location until his scheduled court appearance the following day. Escort him through proceedings and get him back on a plane and out of the city, without incident. The objective was par for the course, however with the measure of security protocols enlisted, and level of sensitivity and perception of danger by others surrounding the mission, you would have thought that Daniel Hernandez was either Michael Jackson, or we were transporting a high valued target from the FBI's most wanted Terrorist Watch List.

But as I stood in position, outside a fleet of Black SUVs along-side my team of hired guns and capable men, Daniel exited the terminal. I held the door open for him as he stepped into the transport, I focused in on him, and at that moment I instantly knew, "Tekashi 6ix9ine" was no where close to being what I had heard about or prepared for, in protocols. He was a Kid! With a trained eye one could see the insecurity in his walk. The hint of awkward practicality in his eye. "What on earth was all of this preparation for?", a rhetorical question asked to myself, as our fleet sped away in tandem, beginning our mission.

Little did I know then, that over the course of my next year with him, I would not only serve as protector, but as a confidant and advisor to one of the most amazingly talented, surprisingly humble and seemingly most misunderstood kid, I've ever known.

I use the term "kid" lightly, as I'm a man in his life that spares him no excuses. I lead a life aligned as closely to the facts as possible. I'm not here to fuel egos, coddle his insecurities or appeal to his worst impulses. I'm here to keep him alive; and in added value, I have a self-endowed obligation to make sure he becomes a good person in the process. Danny makes that part easy. He IS a good person.

He's a young man that I've witnessed give inspiration to, and find comfort in the terminally sick. A human being that I've watched reverse path, to give his last dollar to the homeless, in the streets of a foreign country. The kind of spirit that literally abhors Animal Amusement Parks, for the simple idea that God-given animals of this earth, are held in captivity. Someone with such an awareness of his own insignificance and selflessness, that though restricted of his own freedom, has spent his own money in helping poor families in need. From providing food and shelter, to supporting vacations to the less fortunate. Anything to give them the chance to Dream. This and many things I've given witness to, represent the kind and purposeful soul that is Daniel Hernandez.

So how does one make sense of where we are at the present date? I can tell you that my time I spent in overwatch of Daniel through the course of 2018 always felt like I was navigating between two separate worlds. One, in feral environments of Urban Street Culture. The other, of "Danny". Neither one ever blended with the other very well... and it's only in standing back from the situation that I have a clearer lens in making sense of all that was achieved and what was lost.

If I had to identify a reason for the contradiction, and for why things ultimately materialized as they did, it could perhaps be surmised in one word: Integrity. – in that, everyone, at some moment or another, lost sight of it.

an adherence to moral and ethical principles; a state of being whole, entire or undiminished; in honesty to oneself.

It's only through that lens that I've come to see it for what it was. In the limitations of his environment, Daniel was doing what he thought could make a life for himself. – Strategically, and Musically. While there are some things he achieved beyond even his wildest imagination, ultimately the (street) associations that saw an "opportunity" in him, created an environment that disrupted it all. I believe that Daniel strayed from who he really was, in furtherance of his only goal, of simply becoming successful! The street (members), similarly compromised (the code of) who they were, to exploit that success for their own gain. Both worlds found themselves in a perpetual

state of uncharted territory. Navigating their way to what they wanted for themselves, respectively, through the only channel they had.

As a non-New Yorker, witnessing the type of culture and mindset that exists in New York, the mentality has its roots. New York City, is one of toughest, most resilient places on Earth! There's an aura of audacity, grit, and resilience in every piece of the air. The saying that, "If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere!", resonates across this entire state and its people. From Time Square to the Hamptons. From the Executives, to the Exiled.

Danny is a kid from the streets, but he is no street kid. He is no gangster. He's hardly any of the things he's conveniently vilified as. While, he hasn't exactly done himself many favors in that narrative, I see him as a kid that desperately wanted to make something productive of himself. Maybe he was too impressionable. Maybe the street members were too irresponsible. Maybe in the near-sightedness of our pursuits to succeed, we ALL have moments where the filters of our lives become distorted and we fall short of what we ultimately aim to stand on. At some point or another the Trial & Errors of life cross us all; and just maybe... those Mistakes have the power to turn you into something better than you were before.

The sequence of events that have occurred to and for this young man in the timespan that it has, could have never been imagined, even if one tried. No one, from industry executive, to the middle-aged soccer moms of suburbia even made sense of it in real time. I know because I'm a witness to the reactions. Daniel Hernandez is an Anomaly. What he has amassed for himself at his own hands is something that quite honestly, has been Extraordinary. – both in his successes and in misfortune.

Your honor, for better or worse, I believe that kind of impact speaks for something. Much like his full and unwavering cooperation in this trial, Daniel's behaviors continue to represent something unprecedented in this day and age, even within a court of law. Whatever Danny's truth is, the reality is that he has followed it into its deepest waters... Maybe it hasn't always been at the best of choices... but its always been executed with the right intention of heart.

There are no excuses for what Danny has lost; but there is so much to be said for what he has left. Daniel Hernandez's complete and unprecedented cooperation with the United States Federal government has cemented the fact that he will be looking over his shoulder for the rest of his life. But I believe that Daniel stands as a young man now, who has accepted his lessons, taken accountability for his actions and seeks to atone for his affects.

He and I have conversations on the plans he has if he gets out. Aside from rebuilding his professional career, I hear much more conversation stirred, of what he wants to do for the masses of kids who grew up like he has. For all the negative things that have made an impression upon him, he wants to speak light into future children through his influence, and impact those who've had the same disparities he's overcoming in his own life. Generations of some of the very type of people

that have stood before you over your accomplished career, Judge Engelmayer. I would think it was just jail talk, had I not seen the character of it for myself, in the recesses of his most private moments.

Daniel continues to use his circumstances at each level, to improve. To show that you can create something new; turn your trials into a testimony of triumph and be an example to all, that you can rise from anything. You can Refine. Rebuild; and be Redeemed! What more could you expect from a true New Yorker! That's the only Danny I have ever known. What I've seen rise from of these circumstances looks smarter, feels stronger, always appreciative and more focused than ever to face his life, and create something that those who love and look up to him, will be proud of.

Daniel still has a Goal. Even in the magnitude of what he is faced with, He still wants to achieve the impossible. He still desires to make his mother and brother, his little daughter and his father above so very proud. One of the toughest parts of growth, is surviving the dirt. Should he be released, and given the opportunity, my goals for him are ultimately aligned with his... and yours, your honor. Daniel Hernandez has a plan, and this time around he's surrounded with the proper influences to insure his success and positive contribution to society.

I still see what this young seed can become. Just as clear as I did, that 16th day in July of 2018. Daniel Hernandez will be my Final Assignment as an Executive Protection Specialist, and I am here for as long as I need to be, as a protector and advisor to him, making sure he's true to his word, and stays on a path of Redemption, for the rest of his life...

With Sincerest Regards,

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Sam Sprouse, EPS

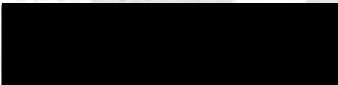
October 18, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I have gotten to know Daniel Hernandez for the past 6 months. While it isn't a lengthy amount of time, I am encouraged and amazed by the transformation I have seen in such a short span of time. Working as Daniel's mentor has been fulfilling to not only him, but myself. I see his immense dedication to his family, rapidly growing work career, and a loving friend to those who are lucky enough to know him. The media enjoys portraying rap musicians as reckless members of society, but from what I have seen, Daniel has been the most charitable and giving individual. Most recently, Daniel fulfilled a wish for a terminally ill, six year old child. The sick child, Franklin Miranda, has a cancerous brain tumor that continues to grow and debilitate not only him, but also his family's mental and emotional state. One of Franklin's final wishes was to meet his favorite rapper, "6IX9INE", Daniel's stage name. Knowing the severity of the situation, Daniel dropped everything with little to no notice, to meet Franklin and his family. Upon walking into the family's home, Daniel was overwhelmed with love and compassion. He wanted to do anything and everything to help Franklin and his family. Daniel paid the families rent for a full year so they did not have to worry about finances and are able to focus on their beloved son. As Daniel spent more time with Franklin, he was moved to give the boy the first ring he ever bought from his earnings as a rapper. The ring meant nothing to him at that moment and all he wanted to do was bring a smile to Franklins face. Not only did Daniel give monetarily, he gave the family hope. Hope that even in the darkest of times, there are good people in the world who are willing to help and lift the burden of everyday life. Daniel could've easily sent a check and a signed picture but he gave his time. Time to sit and get to know the family and their plight with Franklin's health scares. A few hours of distraction for a family who's life is surrounded by the understanding their son will be gone before them. I don't know many people who would give every resource they have for strangers. I have witnessed Daniel help countless of homeless citizens. He has bought them food, clothes and even just sat and prayed for a turnaround from their situation. Daniel and I are currently planning a Christmas wish list for children who spend the majority of their time at Tomorrow's Children at Hackensack Medical Center in Hackensack, NJ. Tomorrow's Children is a place for children with cancer to receive medical treatment for their disease. While many judge Daniel by his appearance, music, tattoos and prior offenses, he has committed his life to making a change in people's lives. Please take into account Daniel is just 22 years old. He did not grow up in a productive environment but is trying to become the best person he can be and not fall into the trap and stigma. He is working hard not only for himself but also for his family. He is using his platform to aide others and change the lives of those around him. As a decorated Police Officer for the last 19 years at the Union City Police Department, I have been an

advocate for underprivileged children and the needy. I have hosted many fundraisers for many causes such as Susan G Komen Foundation, Tomorrow's Children and LEAD, to name a few. I have most recently won a Life Saving award and Humanitarian award by the Salvadorian Community Organization. I myself faced trials and adversity as a child growing up in public housing and the streets. Like Daniel, I turned my trials into triumph. It is possible with a positive support system to transform your life. I hope to be a positive influence on Daniel's life and show him we don't all have to end up on the other side of the law. Many other rappers have come before him and were seen as delinquents and found themselves in trouble with the law. Those rappers include Dr. Dre, Ice Cube, and Ice Tea. All of those men went through the growing pains they needed to go through in order to become the law abiding, businessmen they are today. Those men are productive members of society and owners of multi-million dollar companies that provide thousands of jobs and money back into our economy. I know Daniel will be among their ranks if he is given the chance to be. Everyone goes through times where they are tested but I believe its how you grow and learn from your adversities that makes all the difference. I see that growth today and I have faith in Daniel that he will continue to grow and thrive to be the person I know he is meant to be.

Respectfully Yours

Carlos Pina


Honorable Paul Englemayer
United States District Court Judge
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse
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October 11, 2019

Your Honor,

I hope this email finds your honor well. It is with great humility and sadness that I writing you this letter. My name is Elis Pacheco son of Johnny Pacheco, the Latin musician who has been recognized as the founding father of Salsa Music, a multiple Grammy Award Winner, who was awarded the Bobby Capó Lifetime Achievement Award, by New York Governor, George Pataki. We have a foundation called The Johnny Pacheco Scholarship Fund to help musically inclined students get into college. It is my understanding that in the ensuing days you will be making a ruling on the sentence of Daniel Hernandez. I relish this opportunity to give your honor from my perspective, a better understanding of who actually stands before the court.

The Pacheco family is amongst many families with charities who've had the opportunity to know Daniel well and become very friendly to the point where he looks up to myself as an uncle. We met Daniel in 2016, when he asked for guidance on building his brand and creating relationships in the community where he can give back, specifically to kids in his neighborhood where he grew up. Like his 6ix9ine brand, Daniel is hands-on and likes to forge a one on one connection with people. Knowing Daniel's circumstances with his initial charge with a minor, we suggested aligning himself with local reputable charities and making a difference which he did. He's actually a Bronze sponsor for the ten-year gala of a charity we support called The Cristian Rivera Foundation. While filing a video in our native country, Dominican Republic, Daniel went to poorest town, and blessed the community.

Daniel has a zest for life and a passion that could never be deterred. That unwavering belief in himself and tenacity has led Daniel to be a very successful rapper. Daniel's personality is infectious and he's loyal to his core, which I believe is a large part of the current case that stands before the court.

I've spoken to Daniel at great lengths to distance himself from those elements that aren't conducive to evolving as a person and an artist. The all to heard about "Peer Pressure" is truly toxic and have both been parts of his current issue. Those unsavory characters have all been replaced with mature spiritual mentors whom the court will know and respect. We are hopeful that your honor will give Mr. Hernandez time served so these mentors the ability to continue keeping Danny on his trajectory to be a role model the court expects.

Respectfully yours,



Elis Pacheco

October 18, 2018

Daniel Hernandez has been signed to this record label, 'TenThousand Projects, LLC.', since July 25th, 2017, and during this period he has maintained regular, daily communication with various employees of this company. In addition to his unparalleled creative ability, he has proven to be a reliable partner, a hard worker and an inspiration to everyone at our company.

Daniel rose from poverty to fame at the young age of 20 years old, when he was still developing as a young adult. Despite this disruption and the overwhelming amount of external pressures that come with his new position in life as a global superstar, Daniel has never once failed to treat every employee of TenThousand Projects with the utmost respect and gratitude.

Daniel is a highly intelligent individual who has used his intellectual and creative energy to fashion a public persona, as displayed on social media platforms, such as Instagram. This public character was created with the intent of gaining a loyal audience who will support his music career by streaming every song, album, or video release. And while some may see this quest for fame as highly strategic, one should be reminded that Daniel's bombastic and dramatic public persona has been manufactured to function as a cultural tool, promoting his charitable actions.

He has been a consistent champion of the poor. On March 19th, 2018, Daniel visited his old high school, where he gave both a inspirational speech and \$10,000 in support of the students' futures. Just over one month later, on April 26th, 2018, Daniel visited the slums of Puerto Rico, where he handed out a cash total of \$30,000 to the homeless. On June 12th, 2018, Daniel gave money to select residents of Chicago, who faced extreme poverty and financial distress. One day after being kidnapped, robbed and assaulted, Daniel left hospital on July 23rd, 2018, to hand out money to kids in his hometown, Brooklyn. The next day, July 24th, 2018, Daniel publicly announced he would donate a percentage of his earnings from his hit single, 'FEFE', to charity. On August 30th, 2018, Daniel was in Mexico visiting his maternal grandmother and decided to visit the school his mother attended in order to hand out money to over 25 students. More recently, on September 2nd, 2018, Daniel worked with 'Make A Wish Foundation' to make the dreams of 7-year-old Franklin, suffering from terminal brain cancer, come true. Not only did Daniel give Franklin and his family money, but he gave Franklin the first diamond ring he ever purchased with the belief that the ring would bless Franklin with the same luck it brought Daniel in his career.

As Daniel continues to mature, it is our belief that his charitable propensity will continue both in capacity and in a way that can help even more people around the world.

It has been our experience, that notwithstanding the public persona that Daniel has created and promoted, he is a grounded individual who is focused simultaneously on his career as a successful global artist, as well as on the thousands of children he has since encountered who come from a similar background as he. We believe wholeheartedly that Daniel Hernandez is of good character and will continue to help those around him.

Sincerely,

TenThousand Projects, LLC.



SURVIVE TO THRIVE GLOBAL
ENDING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Honorable Felicia Mennin
New York State Supreme Court

October 13th 2018

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Your honor,

If I may take a moment of the court's time to provide you with what I feel is such a significant relationship that was formed between our charity Survive To Thrive Global and Daniel Hernandez.

Survive To Thrive Global is a foundation that was set up to educate, embrace and empower victims and potential victims of Domestic Violence.

Upon being introduced to Daniel, we went over in great detail the circumstances of his case from 2015 and were able to draw parallels and identify how susceptible young girls like the victim in Daniel's case, dramatically increase their odds of becoming victims of domestic abuse.

Daniel was able to see firsthand how patterns form and being able to speak to these young women, as well as young men, make the difference in breaking that chain.

Daniel gave his word that he will use his platform to speak to forums that reach both potential victims and potential violators. It is so important that this initiative flourishes because it will change lives.

We have already began our mission to do our outreach and have gotten together in the recent weeks to strategize and conduct a group speak.

Daniel is in such an amazing position where he can make a huge impact and touch entire communities worldwide. Although I do know the court has an enormous decision to make in the ensuing days, we are all hopeful, your honor will have had the opportunity to see what Daniel has done in his efforts to empower and enlighten; He has so much value to contribute to society .

Respectfully yours,

Chrissy Monroe

FOUNDER
Survive To Thrive Global

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LAW FIRM

Law Offices of Robert A. Celestin

November 18th, 2019

By hand

HON. PAUL A. ENGELMAYER

Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse

RE: DANIEL HERNANDEZ p/k/a "TEKASHI 69" / CHARACTER WITNESS LETTER

Your Honor,

I have been Mr. Hernandez 's entertainment attorney since 2017 and negotiated his first recording contract with an independent label named "TenThousand Projects , LLC" (formerly known as "Strainge Entertainment , LLC").

Since then, Mr. Hernandez has catapulted to international fame as a rapper by utilizing, among other things, social media to create "Tekashi 69", an outsized and colorful personality who has energized legions of hip-hop fans with his brashness and braggadocio.

However, it's important to distinguish between the character of Mr. Hernandez, who's a devoted father of a 3-year-old daughter, and the character of his rap persona - " Tekashi 69".

Rap, a music genre that is now the new "rock and roll" of this generation has rewarded, from its inception, outrageous and dramatic personalities.

Although presently incarcerated, there is hardly a recording artist as outrageous and dramatic as Tekashi 69!

But, Mr. Hernandez, in his personal life, is quite the opposite of his professional alter-ego.

In my regular interactions with Mr. Hernandez, I have known him to be a very sensitive, caring and altruistic individual.

Having been very poor himself, he empathizes with the poor and his social media account, most notably Instagram, is replete with postings of his generosity not only to young kids in his old neighborhood in Brooklyn but also kids in his ancestral country of Mexico.

For example, and prior to his incarceration, he visited a young girl in Brooklyn suffering from cancer whose only wish was to meet her idol "Tekashi 69". Not only did he meet with her and her family, he took her shopping! She was ecstatic and talks about it to this day! This is just one

of many examples of the decent human being I know Mr. Hernandez to be.

And as Tekashi 69, his music has been incredibly successful with both of his albums each selling in excess of one (1) million units (i.e., both albums went "platinum" in music industry lingo). In addition, eight (8) single recordings released from the albums have each gone gold (i.e., sales in excess of 500,000 units) or platinum.

As a result, I was able to renegotiate the terms of his recording agreement with TenThousand Projects, LLC for his next album project.

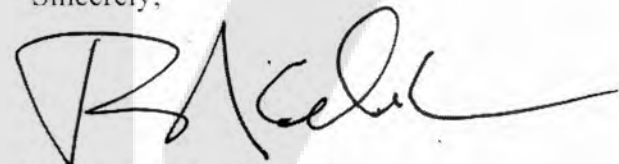
Your Honor, if you see fit to release my client, I can assure you that his days will be spent in the recording studio recording music for his new album.

Also, earlier this year, Mr. Hernandez won an award from the performance rights organization, BMI, for the Most Performed 35 songs in 2018!

In closing, Mr. Hernandez is a good and decent human being who I know is extremely remorseful for the actions that have led to his incarceration and is very eager to resume his recording career and become a productive citizen.

I pray that his character will not be confused with or judged by that of his alter-ego and that you give him the opportunity to resume his career.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Celestin, Esq.

cc: Dawn M. Florio, Esq. (via email)
Lance Lazzaro, Esq. (via email)

Honorable Paul Englemayer
United States District Court Judge
Thurgood Marshall
United States Courthouse

October 11, 2019

Your Honor,

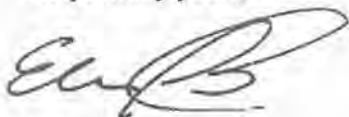
I hope this email finds your honor well. It is with great humility and sadness that I writing you this letter. My name is Elis Pacheco son of Johnny Pacheco, the Latin musician who has been recognized as the founding father of Salsa Music, a multiple Grammy Award Winner, who was awarded the Bobby Capó Lifetime Achievement Award, by New York Governor, George Pataki. We have a foundation called The Johnny Pacheco Scholarship Fund to help musically inclined students get into college. It is my understanding that in the ensuing days you will be making a ruling on the sentence of Daniel Hernandez. I relish this opportunity to give your honor from my perspective, a better understanding of who actually stands before the court.

The Pacheco family is amongst many families with charities who've had the opportunity to know Daniel well and become very friendly to the point where he looks up to myself as an uncle. We met Daniel in 2016, when he asked for guidance on building his brand and creating relationships in the community where he can give back, specifically to kids in his neighborhood where he grew up. Like his 6ix9ine brand, Daniel is hands-on and likes to forge a one on one connection with people. Knowing Daniel's circumstances with his initial charge with a minor, we suggested aligning himself with local reputable charities and making a difference which he did. He's actually a Bronze sponsor for the ten-year gala of a charity we support called The Cristian Rivera Foundation. While filing a video in our native country, Dominican Republic, Daniel went to poorest town, and blessed the community.

Daniel has a zest for life and a passion that could never be deterred. That unwavering belief in himself and tenacity has led Daniel to be a very successful rapper. Daniel's personality is infectious and he's loyal to his core, which I believe is a large part of the current case that stands before the court.

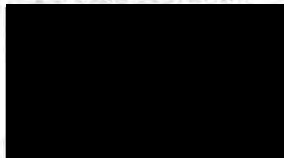
I've spoken to Daniel at great lengths to distance himself from those elements that aren't conducive to evolving as a person and an artist. The all to heard about "Peer Pressure" is truly toxic and have both been parts of his current issue. Those unsavory characters have all been replaced with mature spiritual mentors whom the court will know and respect. We are hopeful that your honor will give Mr. Hernandez time served so these mentors the ability to continue keeping Danny on his trajectory to be a role model the court expects.

Respectfully yours,



Elis Pacheco

Martha O'Connell



October 15, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Martha O'Connell, and I currently serve as the Principal of a large elementary school in an Urban District. I am in my 9th year as Principal, and my 29th year in Public Education. I have also had the opportunity to volunteer with many different organizations involving teenagers and young adults. During the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to interact with thousands of people of all ages. I feel my experiences have led me to be an excellent judge of character.

I recently had the opportunity to meet Daniel Hernandez after months of hearing about him in the Media, from a mutual friend and of course from the students in school. I believe the expression, "Don't judge a book by its cover" is very fitting for Mr. Hernandez.

A kindergarten student in my school has been battling brain cancer for most of the last school year. He was anxious to return this September and for most of the summer that was the plan. I received a terrible phone call late August that not only had the cancer spread, there was nothing to be done except wait.

Franklin, along with his siblings was a fan of Mr. Hernandez (Tekashi 69) and his music. With a few phone calls, a visit was set up through our mutual friend. Mr. Hernandez selected a date and promised he would be there. He arrived on time, driving up from Philadelphia, and spent hours sitting on the hospital bed of this child, talking to him and his siblings, playing video games and at one point in the evening, singing and dancing with the kids. He even insisted to his manager that only the clean versions of his music be played. At no time during the three hours Mr. Hernandez spent with the family did he do anything except focus on the child. At the end of the evening, we realized that he had to travel back to Philadelphia to perform. He put a lot of time and effort into a child he didn't know.

There was a period in the evening that Daniel started to question why nothing further could be done. He became visibly emotional and asked to have some privacy with the parents. He asked his manager to call his mom, at which time he made sure it was ok with the parents to pray together with the family. At the end of the prayer, he stayed alone with the parents and spoke quietly to them for some time. It was later in the evening, after he was gone, I learned that he had paid the rent for a year so they could focus on their child.

During the course of this visit, there was no media, no press and no photography other than the photos the family took. This was not an event to garner publicity, but rather to grant the wish of a terminal child.

At the end of the evening, Mr. Hernandez and his team assured us that Franklin would not be forgotten and asked us to keep them apprised of his status. He further surprised all of us by posting a single picture and the story of his visit on his social media page. He attached the Go-Fund-Me page as well. These are things he did without anyone asking him to.

Had I not had the opportunity to spend time in his company, I would never have known him to be the caring, sensitive and compassionate young man I truly believe him to be. Being young with money would be difficult for most people. Add to it the fame, it is difficult to be focused and disciplined. With the right mentoring and support, which I believe Daniel craves, I am confident Mr. Hernandez will have a bright productive future.

Sincerely,

Martha O'Connell





Honorable Felicia Mennin
United States District Court Judge
New York State Supreme Court

October 15th 2018

Honorable Judge Felicia Mennin,

My name is John Rivera, the founder of The Cristian Rivera Foundation, the countries most influential children's brain cancer non-profit organization. The Cristian Rivera Foundation was founded over 10 years ago to raise awareness and support clinical research for a very rare form of brain cancer called Diffused Intrinsic Pontine Glioma, also know as D.I.P.G.

D.I.P.G is a rare form of brain cancer that starts at a very early age and metastasizes and consumes the entire body of children within months. The average life expectancy after being diagnosed with D.I.P.G is between 3 to 12 months.

When my son Cristian was diagnosed with D.I.P.G., I was lost. I had nowhere to turn for information on this disease. After my son's passing I made a vow to help families that are impacted by this terrible disease. I created The Cristian Rivera Foundation and aligned myself with the worlds leading pediatric brain tumor specialist, Dr. Mark Souweidane of Weill-Cornell Medical Center.

The Cristian Rivera Foundation is comprised of volunteers, people who truly care about saving the lives of children by raising awareness, donating time to assist and raising money to support the innovative clinical trials being performed by Dr. Mark Souweidane at Weill-Cornell Medical Center.

I came to know Daniel Hernandez when he made a significant monetary contribution to our foundation last November and has been a supporter of our work for the last 11 months. Daniel also offered to appear as a guest at our 10th Annual Gala on November 14th, 2018. Since coming to know Daniel, I have watched his acts of kindness and humanity. Some of those acts are posted on social media but there are so many others that go without media coverage or documentation.

I'm writing this letter on Daniel's behalf to appeal to you for leniency when considering Daniel's sentence. Daniel is a good person who is always there to help others in need. He understands what it feels like to not have money, to not have the ability to support his family and has used his status to help those who have experienced a similar journey.

I know Daniel is deeply remorseful for his actions, he knows that he made a monumental mistake. I also know he will live with regret for his actions well past the time this incident is closed in the eyes of the law.



My board members are comprised of successful people in the entertainment sector. They have taken an interest in Daniel, not for his music, but for whom he is as a person. They are willing to help Daniel grow personally and professionally and mentor him so he can make valuable contributions to entertainment and to the world.

I hope that you consider my letter when considering sentencing, as I'm confident that Daniel will not find himself on the wrong side of the law once this case is finally completed.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me at The Cristian Rivera Foundation corporate office at [REDACTED] or my mobile phone at [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I can also be reached via email at [REDACTED]

Respectfully yours,

John Rivera
Founder & CEO
The Cristian Rivera Foundation

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