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Chief Judge Raul A. Zambrano
Seventh Judicial Circuit
251 N. Ridgewood Ave.
Room 287
Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Dear Judge Zambrano,

The decision to release Mark Fugler on bond is a gross miscarriage of justice and a slap in the face to our young victim and her family. The impact and devastation caused by Mark Fugler on this family will be felt in their lives forever. It shocks one's conscience to believe that after being convicted of despicable and sickening acts on a child, he was convicted by a jury of his peers and sentenced to 15 years in prison. With the irresponsible stroke of a pen, that verdict was nullified and he was allowed to remain free on bond, pending appeal. This is nothing more than a legal attempt to delay the inevitable. By the time all of Fugler's appeals are exhausted, the new argument will be that he is too old and infirm to serve any jail time. Sadly, it seems that the system is too concerned with Fugler's rights and not concerned enough with the young, innocent victim and her family. The court should be more concerned with restoring the innocence and childhood of our victim. Instead, this ruling further victimizes the family and its child.

I implore you to correct this wrong, overturn Judge Hutcheson's decision, remand Fugler into custody and restore this family and our community's faith in our criminal justice system.

Respectfully,


Mike Chitwood
Sheriff

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