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Honorable Susan Oki Mollway Judge of U.S. District Court of Hawaii 300 Ala Moana Blvd, C-338 Honolulu, HI, 96850 (808) 541-1300

Re: Liane Wilson, 1:19-cr-00105-SOM-1

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Dear Judge Oki Mollway,

Victim Impact Statement from S

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Liana Shanti, is a name I only know of because she has been the source of vicious online attacks towards my best friend and her family for the course of well over few years. I heard about it from my friend and began to watch helplessly as this person splashed my best friends personal life, all over social media adding her own sadistic spin to it. It was gut wrenching to watch my friend go through this day in and day out.... I will just mention that a large portion of this abuse happened when my friend was pregnant. The vicious attacks last fall suddenly turned to me, I woke up one morning and there were screen shots of Lianas social media accounts of me and my deceased grandfather (of 5 months). I felt like the floor fell out from under me. My Facebook profile picture, as I had it up there as a tribute to my grandpa who I missed dearly and was so proud to have him in my life for 91 years, was suddenly grabbed and demonized by Liana Shanti and her entire following of students. I am well aware that when a picture is placed on Facebook it is then "made public", that however does not give her any right to use that picture as apart of her social media accounts, doesn't give her a right to make derogatory statements about myself and my grandfather, doesn't give her the right to post and spin her own sick narrative on it for her followers to comment on day in and day out. I was distraught that she had pulled me into her web of online hatred, and it was a million times worse that she targeted my grandpa. I spend months loosing sleep over this, waiting for the next post and I would breath a sigh of relief when the 24 hour posts on her story's would go away. But then I would see the next morning she was at it again... the same picture with different captions, zoomed in at our eyes, calling us demons, her whole group of followers commenting. I immediately shut down my Facebook account, I blocked hundreds of Lianas followers and her other catfish accounts, as many as I could. I spend many sleepless nights wondering if my mom or my aunts and uncles seen this and what it would do to them, to me, to our family relationships, knowing that my picture of me and my grandpa was stolen by Liana and used in such a sick away. Anytime I left my house last fall I was

met with concerned friends and acquaintances wondering if I knew about the pictures, if i was ok, also many people wondering if i was in fact involved in this cult. It was a constant topic of discussion, it was exhausting. Liana is an extremely evil, calculated person, she wanted to bait me to react so she could keep posting and slandering me and my grandpa, for what reasons you ask? I don't know to further her narrative with one of her "students" who is tied to my best friend. This online harassment has negatively impacted my life in many ways, it has given me anxiety, tarnished my reputation, and made me fearful that the online attacks will continue and potentially bring in other family members, since she has proven that nobody, not even peoples children are off limits.

Liana Shanti or one of her "students" has even claimed that I was a part of on the cult recovery group website. Naming me in a court document and requested all of my correspondence with 2 other people, one of whom I don't know and the other is my best friends husband. This was extremely anxiety provoking when you don't know to what lengths and lies this person I don't even know will go to try and drag me through a court system. I am a single mother and the thoughts of having to seek legal council to defend a random accusation from a stranger is almost crippling. That I would have to put money I don't have towards "clearing my name" then wonder how I will feed my child.

I have attached some of the reoccurring pictures Liana Shanti has posted, it makes me sick and causes me extreme distress to even relive this.... 3 slides. There were hundreds shared to her stories of the same picture with all of her followers and herself commenting on my dead grandfather, making a joke of him, of me, this unfortunately will never go away. These images, these comments and the stress and impact on my mental health that has followed it will sadly always be with me.

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