

**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO  
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

**STATE OF OHIO**

**CASE NO. 2024CR03226**

**Plaintiff,**

**JUDGE DANKOF**

**V.**

**SENTENCING MEMORANDUM**

**JONATHAN LINK**

**Defendant.**

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Defendant offers the instant Sentencing Memorandum to supplement the Pre-Sentence Investigation Report in the above-captioned matter.

First, Defendant submits that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §2941.25 that one of the murder counts for which the Defendant was found guilty must be dismissed as the Defendant may only be convicted and sentenced on one of the counts.

The two counts are allied offenses of similar import. The animus is the same and therefore the Defendant may be convicted and sentenced on one count.

Attach hereto are letters written by Mr. Link's family attesting to his character.

Respectfully submitted;

/s/ Dennis A. Lieberman

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I hereby certify that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025 this document was electronically filed via the Court's authorized electronic filing system which will send notifications of this filing to all parties.

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## Marsha Crow

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**From:** Dennis Lieberman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 8:58 AM  
**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter of support for Jonathan Eric Link

Sent from my iPhone. Dennis Lieberman

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Elizabeth Link <bethaqu@aol.com>  
**Date:** December 18, 2025 at 10:25:35 PM EST  
**To:** Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Jonathan Eric Link  
**Reply-To:** Elizabeth Link <bethaqu@aol.com>

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Your Honor,

My name is Elizabeth Link and I am the wife of Jonathan Eric Link.

My husband and I have been married for 17 years. We have had a really good life together and he has always treated me well.

I know... Of course I'm going to say nice things about my husband, but I promise you it is true! If you ask any of his family and friends they all say the same thing. Eric has always been very laid back and easy going. I have never, ever felt threatened by him. The only times I've heard him yell, was when he was watching Bengals games. I would tease him and say, " Poor Bengals" and shake my head. But then when the Bengals made it to the Superbowl, oh boy... I never heard the end of it! We had the kids and grandkids over and we all watched the game together. It was snowing and he and our grandson, Jace were running in and out of the house picking up snow and bringing it inside for some reason. And we were all complaining because they were letting the cold air in.

There were times on weekends when I would go horseback riding on the trails at Sugarcreek Reserve and I'd be gone for hours and he'd never complain. Instead he would smile at me when I'd come home and say, "Hi wife! Did you have fun?" and he would kiss me and tell me I smelled bad, lol. He was happy as can be staying home, mowing the lawn and doing chores. I'd come home to him grilling out burgers with the table all set and ready to go. During the winter he loved watching movies with a fire going in the fireplace.

Music. When he was arrested we were on an Elvis kick. We vowed to watch every Elvis Presley movie. All 33 of them. We had gone to Memphis on our 16th year anniversary and had a great time. Of course we had to go to Graceland and the Elvis Museum, Sun Studios and Beale Street. That museum is huge! If you've never been there, you'll need a full day to go through it. They have one huge room just filled with Elvis's jumpsuits. I swear they had every single one! And don't even get us started on music. We are big Beatles fans! That is a whole other letter entirely.

For our 15th year anniversary he took me to Disney World. 58 years old and I had never been to Disney world! So we went and stayed in the Animal Kingdom hotel. And yup, the commercials don't lie. It IS magical! We had so much fun. Tron was our favorite coaster. It is the best roller coaster! Eric ordered us a Disney calendar for 2024 with a photo of us for every month. It is frozen in time, still on January and I will leave it that way until the day he comes home.

We are a close family. When we are all together time speeds up and suddenly it's over. We have three grandkids. Two beautiful little girls and a 10-year-old boy.

Eric is not only my husband, he is my friend. We laugh at the same things. He is kind, he is funny and he doesn't have a mean bone in his body. He loves nature and he loves to be outside. I will be snuggled on the couch watching TV on a cold winter day and there he is walking past the sliding glass window all bundled up. And I'm thinking, what the heck is he doing out there? We both love animals. We absolutely adore our cat! I think he misses her almost as much as he misses me. He gets all excited when a deer walks through our yard or a skunk or any other critter. One time we had a family of rabbits in the flower garden right outside our back patio. He was all excited and careful not to disturb them. I'd leave and go to the store or something and come back and he'd have to tell me all about the rabbits and what they did while I was gone.

Well, I could go on and on about my Hubbers. You've probably figured out by now that I'm a talker. Okay, well... maybe just a little bit when it comes to talking about people I love.

I remain,  
Mrs. Jonathan Eric Link

Sent from AOL on Android

## Marsha Crow

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**From:** Dennis Lieberman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 4:59 PM  
**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** FW: Jonathan Eric Link (my dad)

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**From:** Jessica Link <jlink1989@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 4:51 PM  
**To:** Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
**Subject:** Jonathan Eric Link (my dad)

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Your Honor,

I respectfully submit this letter to share my perspective as Eric Link's daughter before the Court determines sentencing. I understand and respect the seriousness of these proceedings and the responsibility of the Court. My intention is not to minimize the matter before you, but to offer insight into the man I have known my entire life.

To me, my father has always been a kind, loving, and devoted family man. Throughout my childhood and into my adult life, he has been patient, gentle, non-confrontational, and full of humor. He has consistently been someone I could turn to for guidance, comfort, and support, no matter the circumstances. He has always made me feel safe, valued, and loved.

He was actively involved in the same church throughout my upbringing. A church he attended as a child and where my grandparents were long-time members. Faith, family, and service were central to how he lived his life, and he led by example in quiet but meaningful ways.

Some of my most cherished memories are the many family trips we took to Naples, Florida, during my childhood and later as an adult. My father put great thought and care into everything we did. He had a way of making ordinary moments special and fun, and my childhood is filled with positive memories because of the effort and love he put into our family. These memories continue to influence how I raise my own children today.

As a grandfather, he has been present, loving, and deeply involved in my children's lives. They adore him, and his role in their life provides a sense of family, stability, and love that is irreplaceable. The bond they share with him is something I hold very close to my heart.

The thought of his absence is devastating for me and my children. I am experiencing profound pain and sadness as I face the reality of learning how to live without the person who has been there for me more than anyone else in my life. I will hold tightly to every memory we share and carry them with me always.

I respectfully ask the Court to consider his lifelong character, his devotion to family, and the positive influence he has had on those around him when determining an appropriate sentence.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service.

Respectfully,

Jessica Link

Sent from my iPhone

## Marsha Crow

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**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter of support for Jonathan Eric link

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**From:** Zachary Link <linkzachary@gmail.com>  
**Date:** December 18, 2025 at 8:09:12 PM EST  
**To:** Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
**Subject:** Letter of support for Jonathan Eric link

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Your Honor,

My name is Zachary Link and I am Eric's son. I respectfully submit this letter to provide limited background regarding my father's character and family role for the court's consideration at sentencing.

During my childhood, my father was a steady and involved parent. He consistently took responsibility for his family and remained present in our lives. He participated in church activities, coached a work softball team, and ensured that we were involved in service-oriented efforts, such as wrapping presents for individuals in need. These experiences reflected values of responsibility, consistency, and service.

In his role as a grandfather, my father has demonstrated patience and attentiveness. When spending time with my daughter, he has focused on engaging with her, playing with her, and creating positive interactions. His conduct in this role has been calm, appropriate, and caring.

My father has maintained a long-standing relationship with his church and family. His actions over time have reflected a pattern of quiet involvement rather than public recognition.

I understand and respect the seriousness of this matter and the authority of the court. I am not writing to dispute the verdict. I offer this information solely to assist the court in understanding my father's background and character as it considers an appropriate sentence.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Zachary Link



## Marsha Crow

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**From:** Dennis Lieberman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 2:54 PM  
**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** FW: J.Eric Link

-----Original Message-----

From: Debra Rill <debrill@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, December 19, 2025 2:44 PM  
To: Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
Subject: J.Eric Link

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My husband and I have spent time intermittently with Eric for years...a family birthday party, a football game, out to dinner occasionally. I have never seen him lose his temper or become physically or verbally violent in any way. He is a devoted dad, grandfather and husband.  
Sent from my iPhone

## Marsha Crow

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**From:** Dennis Lieberman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 2:57 PM  
**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Link appeal

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**From:** Ellen Cato <elhcato@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 12:17 PM  
**To:** Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
**Subject:** Eric Link appeal

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Your Honor:

Regarding Eric Link

I met Beth more than 10 years ago through a group of horse friends. I don't recall Beth speaking negatively about ANYTHING Eric said or did.

My husband and I went to an eclipse party at the Link home in 2024. "We will be forever bonded" Eric said as the eclipse was complete. He seemed to be a calm soul.

Since I was not able to attend the entire trial I hope to read the transcript. I appreciate your time and consideration in the sentencing of Mr. Link.

Kindly,  
Ellen Cato

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**From:** Dennis Lieberman  
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2025 2:59 PM  
**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** FW: Eric Link

**From:** Judy Stewart-Hayes <jash442002@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 18, 2025 10:51 PM  
**To:** Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
**Subject:** Eric Link

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Your Honor,

I have known Eric since 1993. He and my husband were best friends. They would get together and listen to music. When we would come to Dayton he and Eric would sit in Eric's office and talk about movies, music and life.

We were planning a trip to Niagara Falls this past summer. That won't happen now since my husband passed away in August.

I have never seen Eric lose his temper or even raise his voice. He was a very good friend and was always there for my husband when I was going through some health problems.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Judith Stewart-Hayes

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**From:** Dennis Lieberman  
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**To:** Marsha Crow  
**Subject:** Fwd: In Support of Eric Link

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**From:** donald link <dolohio@icloud.com>  
**Date:** December 18, 2025 at 7:24:47 PM EST  
**To:** Dennis Lieberman <lieberman@flrlegal.com>  
**Cc:** Beth <bethaqu@aol.com>  
**Subject:** In Support of Eric Link

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Dennis -

Thank you for representing Eric.

For what it may be worth, I am sending this note in support of Eric. Knowing Eric for his entire life, the crimes of which he was convicted are inconceivable to those who know him well. I have never known him to be violent in any way.

I urge the court to positively receive upcoming motions for appeal.

Eric's brother,

Don Link