

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
SUPERIOR COURT
KENT, SC.**

EAST GREENWICH POLICE DEPARTMENT

VS.

C.A. NO.: K2-2020-0033A

BARBARA TROJAN

SENTENCING STATEMENT

Sentencing is a Herculean task that requires the wisdom of Solomon to achieve an equitable resolution for both the State and the Defendant. When fashioning a sentence that is appropriate for a particular crime, a judge must consider three things: punishment, rehabilitation and deterrence. These considerations are controlled by sentencing guidelines delineated in bench marks provided to a judge by the codified law prescribed for a particular crime.

These considerations cannot exist in a vacuum and must be tempered by an overall understanding of the Defendant's life, as she or he has lived his or her life to date with an understanding as to what their life will be from this point on.

Let's first understand the woman, Barbara Trogen. She is a wife; a mother of two children; a step mother to three children, an member of the community, a practicing Catholic and a productive member of society. She is deeply cognizant of the devastation

and hurt she has caused everyone who was touched by Patricia Daniels and Bruce Bartels lives, and sincerely comprehends the tragedy and tragic consequences she has caused their families and friends.

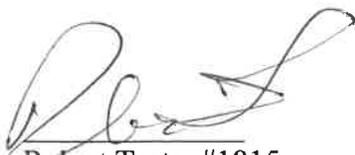
Barbara Trogen, like so many others, did on September 7, 2019 made the wrong choice-- she drank alcohol and drove her automobile causing the death of Patricia Daniels and serious injuries to Bruce Bartels. Whatever the reason for the poor and devastating choice she made, nonetheless she is responsible to society for the death of Patricia Daniels and injuries to Bruce Bartel. She doesn't get a "do over" in life and: therefore, responsible for the consequences of her actions. Her life has been a living 'hell' since the day of the accident and she will continue to be haunted and tormented by this memory for the remaining days of her life.

Barbara Trogen is 62 years old; has had four (4) hip replacements; has epilepsy; has Hepatitis C and suffers from depression. Before the accident in question, Barbara led an exemplary life while rearing her children and working to help support her family. She has no prior criminal contacts and has always been a law abiding citizen. She has been in mental health and substance abuse counseling since that fatal day. She doesn't sleep well at night as the thought of what she did haunts her every being. As her therapist said in her report, "Barbara suffers from depression, sadness, sleep difficulty, appetite issues, cognitive disturbances and inability to sleep".

In effect, she has been serving a self-imposed life sentence for one bad choice in an otherwise life that was replete with love and compassion. I implore his Honor to delve into the many letters that have been written on her behalf. When perusing these supportive letters, one can easily discern that this woman is not a criminal, but a victim of the consequences of one bad choice.

Rehabilitation should not even be a question for this Honorable Court. Barbara Trogen is sincerely remorseful; has been so since that fatal day and will continuously rue the day she made the wrong choice. It's obvious from reading the pre-sentence report and the letters directed to your Honor that this will never happen again. As a woman of God, she knows only too well that judgment day will ultimately come in another forum. As for the punishment, I believe that 3 years to serve at the ACI followed by three years of home confinement will suffice to punish the Defendant while at the same time sending out the message to the community that crimes will be punished accordingly. All the Defendant can ask is that your Honor temper his sentence with wisdom and understanding of a 62 year old woman who made one terrible choice in an otherwise exemplary life.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I E-mailed a true copy of the above to John Corrigan at Jcorrigan@riag.ri.gov on September 13, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Corrigan", written over a horizontal line.