

Victim's (family) statement:

Larry Slattery:

Upon reflecting on the events and the case, I wished that I had had an emergency that would have distracted my brother from being on the water that evening. Worst case, I wish I had been on the boat and in the seat where Mr. Edds boat landed to spare Laura because she was a better person than I was, or ever will be. I wish this because by Mr. Edds' selfish, negligent, reckless actions, he has sentenced my brother, whom I love, to a lifetime sentence of loneliness and emptiness by the loss of his soul mate of 41+ years, Laura. I am hurt to my core to see my brother and his family suffer through this loss, the trial, and days ahead without their loved one. Laura was a kind, loving, and caring wife, mother, relative who reached out to help others, many of whom were less fortunate than her. She always offered assistance and guidance when others, including myself, needed it. There is now an everlasting void because of your actions. You forever denied society the compassion and loving guidance of a caring Laura.

My Lord is Jesus Christ and He instructs His followers to forgive those who repent of their sins. Mr. Edds, you have not repented. Throughout this trial you have attempted to avoid being held accountable for your selfish, negligent, and reckless actions by not fully disclosing the facts and having memory lapses. You wanted to "beat the traffic". At what expense? You stated that you were travelling 15 - 20 knots. My brother thought he was 6 – 12 knots. A 3 knot differential would not make your boat go vertical and land over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the length on top of my brother's boat. Obviously, the speed differential was significantly greater than 3 knots. Based on the law, critical evidence was excluded (because of the State's Attorney's errors) regarding your speed (30+ knots based on your cell phone app), that my brother's lights were on (pictures from Laura's phone), and your other actions before, during, and immediately after the incident which would clearly show the gravity of your contributions to the death of Laura. You stated that you had 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  beers out of a 12 pack although you were out on the water for hours. You did not "hear" my brother state, when your boat was on top of his dying wife, "you fucking killed my wife" when you were within 6' of each other. You also did not "hear" Angela Murphy's multiple requests to stay at the scene despite her being right next to you. You did not stay at the scene with other boats when you thought you might be taking on water. When others indicated that they called DNR/police, you immediately left the scene. You stated that you left the scene at  $\leq$  6 mph because you were in the speed restricted channel. Multiple witnesses saw you leave at a high rate of speed, planed, which was substantially over the 6 mph speed limit, through the channel. You did not call DNR/police after you docked because you stated "no harm no foul". You lied on the stand to minimize your punishment. The root causes of this are multiple and solely attributed to you, Mr. Edds, but one of the main factors is that your boat was travelling at a high rate of speed (as all witnesses attested to and which directly conflicts with your testimony) and you confused my brother's aft boat light (which was travelling at a very slow speed) with the shore lights and you could not react in a timely manner to avoid a collision. DNR regulations require that you pilot your vessel to avoid other boats. Your operation of your vessel was grossly negligent and reckless and for the sole selfish purpose of "beating the traffic."

My heart struggles with this, and after much reflection, I believe that the only way for me to move forward is to forgive you, and so I do. However, when you finally pass, you will be judged by God Almighty and there will be no lies, best of my recollection, laws, lawyers, etc. to hide behind. The tape of that incident will be played in full, including your decisions, desires, actions, etc. May God have mercy on your selfish, dishonest, uncaring, and callous soul.

Under Section 11-402 e 6 and 7, I am requesting that the judge make the longest possible probation after Mr. Edds is released from prison and to make mandatory the wearing of continuous electronic monitoring for the entire probationary period because Mr. Edds is a clear and present danger to my family and me, and anyone in his vicinity as after 21 years and 4 DUI convictions, he has consistently shown no consideration of, and has not learned, to respect the rights and lives of others as is evidenced by his continued recent actions. In addition, I am requesting that all my family members be notified at least two (2) weeks in advance of any probationary hearings, his release from prison, and when the electronic monitoring will cease so that we can properly prepare to address the hearings and the safety of our loved ones.

I am hopeful that the parole board will read this as I was not allowed to present this victim's statement at the end of the trial.