

April 07, 2004

Mr. Milton E. Nix, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Nix,

My name is Christian William Biggs. I was the key witness for the District Attorney in a case against my father, Jerry William Biggs Jr., #218987, who is presently serving time in Telfair State Prison for a crime he did not commit.

I would first like to say that I was coerced into making the testimony that I made against my Father when I was young. I did not understand the situation at the time and I had become very angry with him for I thought at the time he had abandoned my brother, my sisters and me. I was told that my Father did not want us or love us. When you are young and you are told that the one person that you thought loved you more than anything else in this world does not want you and does not love you, you feel all kinds of emotions. The main emotion that erupted from me was anger toward my Dad.

I have an uncle and a grandmother that do not like my Father at all. At the time I did not understand the reasons behind this, but now that everything has come out, it all makes sense. My uncle is the one that came up with the idea to make something up against my Dad to see if he would get in trouble. While all of this was going on I mentioned to my Mother one day on our way to my baseball game, "What if it didn't happen"? When I said that she turned around and freaked out on me. I thought she was mad at me because I was trying to tell her it didn't happen. I now realize just how bad this was, but at the time it sounded like a way to get back at my Dad for leaving us. I really did not realize or truly comprehend how bad child molestation was. I thought I would just get him in trouble and hurt him like I was hurt. I had no idea how far all of this would go until it was too late. When I said these statements I was told by everyone that it was not my fault and I wouldn't get into trouble. The whole time this was going on all I heard was hatred about my Father from my Grandmother and uncle.

People say that kids do not lie on the stand. This is simply not true. They do lie. I did. I told so many lies during that time that I could not even remember who I had told what to. I even told people that he did these things during the summer in which I was not even with my Dad during the summers. I would go to my grandmother's house, my Dad's Mom, in the summer and stay with her. By the time I had to go to court regarding these charges, I thought if I told the truth that I would get into trouble because I had already said these things to so many people. I really wanted to tell the truth that day but I was so afraid to.

My Father was charged and found guilty on one count of child molestation and one count of aggravated child molestation against me and one count of child molestation and one count of aggravated sexual battery against my sister. I really never understood why they found him guilty on the charges against my sister. She never said he did anything to her. Even when she got on the stand, she never said he did it, but I guess because of my testimony the jury assumed that the charges were true. My sister, to this day, says he never did anything to her.

Mr. Nix, my Dad was a great Father. He loved all of us kids and took wonderful care of us. I did try to correct the wrong I did approximately sixteen months later. I told one of my uncles that my Father did not do anything to me, and I even returned to court and gave a statement in which I recanted my trial testimony, but the appeal was denied. I believe this was because I was a minor and did not have my mother's consent. I have stuck by my Dad's innocence ever since that day I finally found the courage to tell the truth about what I did. I will stand by him for the rest of my life and I will never give up on him. My dad has paid eight years of his life for something that I did because I was a dumb kid who was angry with his dad and had an adult manipulate me to do something that I as a child had no idea what would happen. I believe he had manipulated me to get back at my Father.

The reason that my grandmother and Uncle hate my father so much is because when my mother was very young, her brother, my uncle, molested her. She told my Dad this and when they were going through the divorce, he put in a stipulation that my brother, my sisters and I could not be left alone with him at any time. One day my dad was bringing some things over to my Mom and I told him about being alone with my Uncle Danny. I later found out this is what started all of this. My Dad told my Mother that he would fight for custody of all of us kids, and it was only after this time that my Dad was accused of some type of abuse. The thing is, my Dad was only trying to protect us and they used his worst fear for his children against him by getting me to make those statements. I am not trying to put this blame on anyone else. I

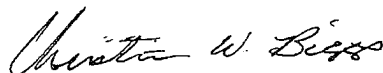
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did this. I am to blame, but I am telling you this so you will understand the reasoning behind why someone would want me to make these statements.

My Dad was right about my Uncle. My uncle did in fact end up molesting both my sisters. He hurt my Mother and he hurt me that night. My Uncle ended up plea-bargaining with the DA's office and only served a little more than two years in jail for these acts. My Grandmother would tell me not to worry because my Dad was going to be gone for a long time. She really despised my Father for some reason. She wanted him gone, but this day as we speak my Grandmother would do what she could for her son, Danny. I believe that once she hears about me trying to get my Father out again, she will do everything she can to keep him from getting out. She was in the house with my Uncle when he molested my sisters. I walked in her house a few minutes after it had happened. Mother came home and my sisters told my Mom what had happened a few minutes later. She tried to confront him and he started beating her. I walked outside to see what was going on. As soon as I stepped out that is when Danny hit me and slung me into the porch rail. He ran inside after that and sat on the couch. My Mother told my Grandmother what happened, and she acted like nothing had taken place. My Mother and Grandmother argued for a few minutes with my Grandmother taking up for my Uncle. My Mother called the police and my Uncle ran out the back door. My Grandmother not once told Danny to get out. Still to this day she lets Danny live with her from time to time and supports him emotionally, financially and always makes excuses and backs him up for his actions. My Grandmother excused the actions of my Uncle who actually committed the crime of child molestation, but wants my Father to rot in prison for a crime he didn't even commit.

There is so much to all of this that it would take me forever to give you all the details. I am willing to do this if you would want me to go into everything. I am writing today to ask, no plead with you to free my Father. He has spent eight years already in prison for something he did not do. I have had to live with the fact that I got on that stand and lied about the one man that was always there for me growing up, the one man who loved all of us kids and took great care of each of us. Please do not turn your backs and let this be just another letter for a file. Please help me to right the wrong I did so long ago. I do not know what else to do or where else to go. I am almost 21 years old and this stays on my mind every single day of my life. If the charges were true, I could easily turn my back on this man and would never have to see him or talk to him again, but it is simply not true. I can't just forget about what I did to my Father who was completely innocent of these things. I would trade places with him in a moment if I could just to be able to rectify the terrible injustice I caused him so long ago. If only I could go back in time, I would not worry about if I would be in trouble for telling the truth. I would stand up and say no, my Dad has never hurt me. My Dad is a good father and has always been there for me and he has always tried to keep his children safe, happy, and constantly aware that we were loved. I can't change the past but I pray that you will help me change the future. My sister and I want my father to come home. We know that he is innocent and we know that he was a good father. Please help me correct a mistake that I made when I was only a kid. Please help an innocent man get back his freedom.

Sincerely,



Christian W. Biggs

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Please respond.



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