Dear Honorable Judge Brinkema,

I know I have done many things wrong throughout my life, but one of my biggest regrets is that I had sexual chats with underage girls. One was 15, and I coerced her into sending nude videos of herself. Another girl was 12, and I attempted to coerce her into sending me nude pictures and videos. I also had many pictures and videos of other underage girls and child pornography on my devices. I would use all of these to trade with others online for more pictures and videos.

These actions were wrong, immoral, and illegal. Through my therapy sessions with Mr. Goldfarb and my time in jail, I have had a lot of time to think about my actions and the harm I have caused. I took advantage of young girls and got them to create videos of themselves that caused great mental pain, now and in the future. These girls most likely did not have a positive life and I took advantage of their mental state and age to get the pictures and videos for my own gratification. Having these sexual chats could further push them into future depravity or make them think this is how the world works. I hope they get all the help they need to try and overcome the harm that I know I have caused them.

I also realize now that trading pictures and videos with others has caused great harm to each child. Each time they were shared and viewed, the children were revictimized and it becomes harder and harder to fully remove them from the internet. Globally, it also helps the illegal child pornography industry and helps others to victimize children.

I am truly sorry for my actions and the harm I have caused. I know what I was doing was illegal and wrong. Therapy and a lot of reflection has helped me realize the extent of harm I have caused. I truly regret my actions and will never forgive myself for the damage I have caused. I also know and regret that my actions have hurt my family, especially my wife and child.

I know that I will never be involved with any part of the illegal child pornography industry again, nor harm any child in the future. I believe that further therapy and monitoring of my online activity will help to verify my words and keep me accountable. I know that I can do good things in the future, despite my wrongs, and I look forward to only putting positivity back into the world in the future.

Sincerely, Vincent Sarikey