

**To:**

**Judge David Sam**  
US Federal Court (Utah)  
351 South West Temple  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

**From:**

**John Victor Ramses** (AKA John Michael Plattner)  
Case No. 2:18CR00382 DS  
524 South West Temple SLC, UT 84101

Dear Sir,

This letter addresses two important issues:

- Removal from the Sex Offenders Treatment Program (1)
- Return of Passport (2)

**Issue 1 – Removal from the Sex Offender Treatment Program**

1. Participation in the Sex Offenders Treatment Program (SOTP) requires an admission of guilt of the crime(s) charged, which I cannot do.
2. Utah Department of Corrections website states, in part:

“SOTP is based on best-practice principles centered on cognitive/behavioral therapy with a strong relapse-prevention component. All therapists providing treatment are mental-health professionals with specialized training in sex offender treatment. Inmates participating in treatment are expected to achieve satisfactory progress at both an intellectual and emotional level.

“Progress is measured by observable changes — not simply completion of assignments or time spent in therapy. Progress is based on how hard the offender works, how motivated he or she is, and willingness to incorporate changes freely to show commitment toward rehabilitation without being defensive.”

“Offenders participate in group therapy twice a week and also attend a weekly meeting to collaborate and process assignments, personal issues, program resistance, fear of opening up in treatment, processing change with peer and staff

support, and establishing outside support systems prior to paroling. They complete workbooks, daily journals and are expected to engage in healthy interactions with peers and staff as they accept and display a commitment to change, improving and excelling in new approaches to healthy living. In addition to treatment resources, mental-health staff also are available to work with program participants as requested.”<sup>1</sup>

3. The requirement to participate in the SOTP therefore puts me in an a difficult and unfair situation where
  - a) My stance of innocence would automatically place me in non-compliance with the court orders, which would be cause for arrest and prison;
  - b) Being forced to participate would require me to routinely lie about a crime which I have not committed, and therefore would only be able to guess or imagine such a heinous action and then attempt to manufacture discussions toward a ‘rehabilitation’;
  - c) My participation would be disruptive to the therapist and non-beneficial for the group of offenders who might actually committed such a crime;
  - d) The requirement to plead guilty, indeed, my very participation in the SOTP would prove detrimental to my continuing efforts to appeal the Australian conviction, as I have seen routinely to be the case in Australia.
  - e) Any person in the group or outside can, and likely will, find my web site and YouTube channel and quickly learn that I do not mean what I say while pretending to be ‘guilty’ for the sake of participation.
4. The law in Australia requires a convicted person to plead guilty before being allowed to participate in the SOTP program.
5. I had contested participation in the SOTP in Australia throughout my six and a half years in their custody.
6. As a result, I had endured punishments by the prison for refusing to admit guilt and participate in the program. Some of those punishments were life-threatening such as being relocated to unsatisfactory cells with ongoing health issues and against the prison doctor’s recommendations.
7. I had written many letters on this matter to the US consulate, Ambassador, organizations and politicians, copies of which I have retained and are presently on the Internet for all to read.<sup>2</sup>

These letters were placed on my web server in 2018. Letters to the consulate and ambassador are also recorded with the US Department of State.

8. Moreover, the issue of being forced by threat of punishment to participate in the SOTP was including in a submission to the Australian Productivity Commission's Access to Justice Inquiry in 2013.<sup>3</sup>
9. On November 10, 2019 I produced a YouTube video addressing the very issue of participation in the SOTP (via the Sex Offenders Denier's Program, a pre-requisite to the SOTP).<sup>4</sup>
10. Likewise, this matter, among other issues, was sternly addressed in a YouTube video I produced on October 17, 2019, condemning Australia for its exceedingly unfair trial conditions and unlawful conviction of a US citizen in Australia. This video was directed to Australian senator Pauline Hanson and to members of Sky News Australia and was produced in support of the upcoming Family Law Inquiry (with focus on false allegations to omit fathers from rights to his children).<sup>5</sup>
11. Since my arrival back in the United States following that harrowing experience in Australia, my campaigns to get media attention on the sinister and unlawful treatment of a US citizen in Australia has been relentless, although to no avail.<sup>6</sup>
12. My stance of innocence and rejection to participate in any 'treatment' program, and the punishments I endured as a result, are well known.

Also well-known is my efforts to help other prisoners fight against participation in such programs due to the negative implications it would pose on any appeal of conviction.

13. Therefore, while my participation in the SOTP would be unfair to myself and to those genuinely individuals needing therapy, it would be highly suspicious to those who have long known of me and my campaign and stance of innocence for me to suddenly plead 'guilty' to a crime I have long fought (and have the evidence to prove in a fair court never occurred, but were provable false allegations made in the midst of a divorce and joint-custody battle).
14. Lastly, it would be unlikely that the SOTP director would accept me into the group based on the above information and publicity.
15. Therefore, I am requesting of the court to remove my requirement for the SOTP from conditions of probation.

## **Issue 2 – Return of Passport**

1. My US passport was taken by the court in July 2018, as part of condition of release pending trial.
2. My US passport is in the name JOHN VICTOR RAMSES, being my legal name.
3. This passport is my only proof of identity of my name JOHN VICTOR RAMSES.
4. My name was legally changed to RAMSES in 1999, after my arrival to, and subsequent marriage in Australia in 1999.
5. My 18 years as resident in Australia was under the name RAMSES, including all business and banking activity. My daughter was born under the surname RAMSES.
6. Since my passport was taken in July 2018, I have not conduct matters still pending in Australia, which includes securing records and finances.
7. If possible, I would require to have my passport returned so I can pursue above issues in Australia.

Thank you for your consideration in the above matters.

JOHN VICTOR RAMSES (AKA JOHN MICHAEL PLATTNER)

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February 27, 2020

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