

BEFORE THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
THE HONORABLE JAY NIXON

In the Matter of:

RICHARD STRONG,

Petitioner.

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**PETITION for a Commutation of, or Reprieve From, Sentence of Death
With Supporting Declarations and Documents**



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This petition for commutation of, or reprieve from, sentence of death is filed on behalf of Richard Strong's youngest daughter, Alyshia Strong, who said, "I have decided to ask Governor Nixon to grant my father clemency because I think it is wrong for me to have another loss. I understand that my father needs to face consequences and to pay for what he did, but I do not think it is right for me to lose my father as part of the punishment."

It is impossible to fully appreciate the number of people affected by Richard Strong's actions on October 23, 2000. That afternoon, after a verbal altercation with his girlfriend, Eva Washington, he took her life in a heated crime involving a knife and multiple stabbings. Richard Strong then took the life of her two-year old daughter, Zandrea Thomas. He was arrested at the couple's apartment, the scene of the crime. While he has repeatedly reported that there are parts of the crime that he does not remember he has always taken responsibility for the murders.

Richard's youngest daughter, three-month old Alyshia Strong, was present in the couple's apartment at the time of the homicide. Alyshia was unharmed. After a brief stay in a non-familial foster home, legal guardianship was given to Joyce Knox, Richard Strong's mother. Joyce has raised Alyshia like a daughter, and, in fact, at fourteen (14), Alyshia still calls her "Mama."

Recognizing the importance of the parent-child bond, Joyce encouraged, supported and fostered a meaningful relationship between her son and Alyshia. She said, "Even though I know my Richard did a terrible thing, I always felt it was important for Alyshia to know her father." She took Alyshia to visit him regularly while he was in the county jail awaiting trial, and even after he was sentenced with the death penalty and transferred to Potosi Correctional Center, which is nearly two hours from Joyce's home in St. Louis, she made sure Alyshia was able to see her father regularly. In fact, Alyshia and her family have countless photographs documenting a childhood of visits with her father.

As difficult as it might be for some to understand why and how Alyshia could possibly have a meaningful relationship with the man who murdered her mother and half-sister, it is important to recognize that since she has never had contact with anyone from her mother's side of the family. Since Alyshia's paternal grandmother, Joyce, is raising her, her father is an important part of her family. Alyshia said, "I know some people probably wonder how I can have a relationship with my father given that he killed my mother, but we are very close, and I have never felt angry at him. I am thankful I have him in my life."

Alyshia's half-sibling, Lauren Strong, who also has a close relationship with their father opined, "I think the only reason Alyshia does not hate our father for having killed her mother is because of the relationship she has with him and the fact that she does not know anything different."

Lauren explained, "Our father's relationship with Alyshia is stronger than it is with anyone else. I think that our father's relationship with Alyshia is especially strong for two reasons – the guilt he feels about having killed her mother and half-sister and maybe also because he is trying to give Alyshia something he feels like she is owed -- the best possible relationship with a parent under these circumstances. I know, and everyone else knows, that nothing our father does for Alyshia will change the fact that she does not have a mother and that she will never have her mother or her half-sister. When I think about it, I realize that there is a hole in my sister's life that she does not even realize she has. If none of this had happened, Alyshia would have had both a mother AND a father. I think I am thankful that she does not realize that hole exists."

Regardless of whether or not Alyshia's close relationship with her father makes "sense," the support and guidance Richard provides for his daughter is crucial to her. Alyshia said, "My father and I are very close, and I tell him everything. When my father calls me, we mostly talk about me, and about what I am doing. My father wants to hear about my life. My father always asks about my best friend...He does not know her, but he knows how important she is to me, and he knows that other than him, she is the one person I can talk to about anything. I share my feelings with Jenae and confide in her because I am not very comfortable talking about how I feel about things with adult family members (other than my father)."

Lauren reported that Alyshia and her father “talk a *lot*, and when they talk, our father wants to know about what is going on in her life.” She explained that she knows that Alyshia “shares a *lot* more with our father than she does with our grandmother, and her relationship with our father is important for that reason.” She added, “I have come to understand that she shares even more with our father than she does with me...and that [Richard] trusts me to look out for his daughter in every way that he cannot.” She concluded, “Between the two of us, I think we do a pretty good job supporting Alyshia.”

Joyce Knox, Alyshia’s paternal grandmother, legal guardian, and “Mama,” said “Alyshia’s father is very good about staying in touch with her, and calls her two (2) to three (3) times a week. Alyshia mostly talks to her father privately, in her room, so I do not hear much of their conversations...While Richard keeps most of what they talk about between the two of them, because he respects Alyshia’s privacy and he does not want to lose her confidence, I know that they talk about important things – the same kinds of things a father would talk to his daughter about if he were living at home with her...Even though he is in prison, Richard is a very good father – he always has been.”

Alyshia said, “My father encourages me to do my best...He tells me not to do drugs. He wants me to be the best person I can be, and I want to do that for him.” Alyshia and Lauren treasure a photo album Richard put together for them, in which he wrote positive notes and encouragement. One of Alyshia’s favorites is “be your best self.”

Alyshia confided that she was in a fight at school at the beginning of her ninth grade year. Her father was disappointed when he heard about the fight, and he “also told me that he thought I could find other ways of dealing with my problems – ways that

did not include fighting. My father told me that I should stay clear of the drama at school, and stay focused on the books, not the people. I listened to my father's advice, and I can honestly say that I had less drama in my school year than I would have if I had not listened to my father."

Lauren shared that when Alyshia was fourteen (14), she lost her virginity, an experience Lauren blames on the environment in which Joyce is raising Alyshia. "After she lost her virginity, she felt badly about it, and fell into thinking that she was a whore and that she did not deserve to be loved because she lost her virginity so early. She was feeling really badly about herself...she confided in our father, who responded by saying to her that she had just made a mistake, and that since she had not gotten pregnant and appeared to still be healthy, she would be fine. After talking with our father, Alyshia was able to pick herself back up and move on."

After Alyshia confided in her father, Richard in turn confided in Lauren, and asked for her support in making sure that Alyshia's needs were met. Later, when Joyce learned about Alyshia's early loss of virginity, she was angry, and shamed Alyshia. She then shared that very private information with other devoutly religious family members, who in turn criticized Alyshia. Lauren recalls that she was "really thankful that Alyshia had our father during that difficult time."

Lauren also recognized the role their father had in the development of their very close relationship. Initially, both Lauren and Alyshia were "too young to really take responsibility for nurturing their relationship, so every time Lauren spoke with their father, he reminded her to call Alyshia. If, for some reason, Lauren was not able to call Alyshia, their father would pass along that they loved each other, "all the while fostering

our love for each other.” Lauren reflected with gratitude, “Our father nurtured our relationship until I was old enough to realize that I had a sister, and that my sister needed me.”

Trauma, as defined by the American Psychological Association (APA) is “an emotional response to a terrible event like an accident, rape or natural disaster. Immediately after the event, shock and denial are typical. Longer term reactions include unpredictable emotions, flashbacks, strained relationships and even physical symptoms like headaches or nausea. While these feelings are normal, some people have difficulty moving on with their lives.”

Trauma affects everyone differently, and therefore, the same traumatic experience can be more adversely impactful for one person than it is for another. When an individual who has limited or diminished internal and external resources experiences trauma, that trauma is likely to be greater than that same trauma experienced by an individual with significant and strong internal and external resources.

Children and adolescents, who are still growing and developing, by definition have fewer and less well developed internal and external resources. In those who have not yet attained adulthood, the risks of trauma are directly tied to the child’s or adolescent’s chronological age and developmental stage. Trauma in children and adolescents is of great concern amongst mental health professionals because it is widely recognized in the field that those who are still growing and developing do not have the same resources that most adults do.

The differences between trauma in children and trauma in adults are great. When a child experiences trauma, he or she must process that trauma at the point of his or her current development. In order to achieve a complete integration of all that goes into becoming an emotionally and psychologically healthy adult, that childhood trauma must be reprocessed at every remaining developmental stage, as they prepare to enter each new developmental stage, which means that they re-experience and make new meaning of the trauma repeatedly.

Trauma in adolescents is especially concerning because of the developmental milestones adolescents must master. Adolescents are learning to handle intense physical and emotional reactions while integrating a greater understanding of human motivation, intent, responsibility and accountability. When an individual faces trauma as an adolescent, the risk of disrupted development is significant. Minimization of trauma during the adolescent years is crucial whenever possible, so as to ensure that the most psychologically intact individual emerges into adulthood.

Cumulative trauma, or repeated traumatic experiences, also pose a greater risk because even in an individual who has well developed internal and external resources, the resources eventually break down, leaving the person who is experiencing repeated trauma increasingly less able to process and deal with the present and future traumas. When trauma is cumulative, or experienced by someone who has diminished internal and external resources or coping mechanisms, the impact of the trauma is much more significant, with an increased risk of long-term or life-long negative consequences.

Unfortunately, the ripple effects of the trauma caused by Richard Strong on October 23, 2000 are wide and far-reaching. In addition to the trauma Eva Washington's and Zandrea Thomas' families experienced at the time of their murders, and the trauma they are likely to experience should Richard Strong be executed, Richard's daughter Alyshia has experienced a series of traumas as the result of the murder of her mother and half-sister, and the ways in which those losses irrevocably altered the landscape of her life.

Richard Strong's daughter, Alyshia, has faced a series of significant traumas over her short life. While the murder of her mother, Eva and her half-sister, Zandrea, were undoubtedly traumatic for Alyshia's maternal family and Zandrea's family, given that Alyshia was an infant at the time, the offense itself was likely not significantly traumatic for Alyshia. However, Alyshia has made a series of discoveries in the years since her mother's and sister's murders that *have* been traumatic.

The first such trauma occurred when Alyshia was seven (7) years old. To this day, even though more than seven years have passed, she still remembers clearly how she knew that her mother wanted to talk to her about something serious when she sat her down to talk. She recalls her mother telling her that even though I called her "Mama," she was actually my grandmother. Joyce went on to tell Alyshia that her father had killed her mother, and then explained that that was why her father was in prison.

Approximately four years later, when Alyshia was ten (10) or eleven (11), her half-sister, Lauren Strong, told her that they had had a half-sister named Zandrea Thomas, who had also been killed the day of the offense. Alyshia recalls learning about what had happened to her mother and sister was really confusing, and remembers that

she was overwhelmed when she started to understand the magnitude of the loss in her family.

A third significant trauma occurred on April 23, 2015, when the Missouri Supreme Court entered an execution order for Alyshia's father, Richard Strong. Alyshia reported that while she has known for a long time that her father had been sentenced with the death penalty, there was a part of her that hoped – and maybe believed – that he would never actually face an execution. The reality of having an execution order entered was devastating, as she was confronted with the fact that she might really lose her father, her confidant.

Despite having a close relationship with her father, Alyshia never talked with him about the offense – until recently. Alyshia experienced a fourth and very significant trauma when she visited him with her half-sister, Lauren after his execution date was set. Needing and wanting to know more, Alyshia asked her father many of the questions she had never asked, and learned about her mother's difficult childhood and the ways in which her early childhood experiences impacted her as an adult. Her father also told her all that he could about the night of the offense, in great detail. She believes that her father answered every question she asked honestly. She could tell that her father is still very hurt by what he did to her mother and sister, and that he is very, very sorry.

Alyshia recently reported that she is still processing everything she has learned, and that she is "on my way to being okay with all that I have learned, but I am not quite there yet." She added that she has one question for her father that she has not yet asked, which is why he did not kill her that day. While she knows she was not ready to

hear whatever his answer might have been during her recent visit, she wants the opportunity to ask him that question some day, when she is ready to hear the answer and talk about it with him.

When a child experiences a series of trauma at various developmental stages in their life, such as Richard Strong's daughter, Alyshia has, it becomes more difficult to integrate the trauma, which results in a failure to achieve the necessary developmental milestones. Loss is the overarching theme in the traumas Alyshia has experienced. When trauma is associated with loss in children, that trauma can make it exceptionally difficult to develop trust, to feel safe in the world, and establish and maintain meaningful relationships. The implications of the trauma can also interfere with cognitive function and the ability to acquire and retain information, thereby threatening academic performance and achievement.

For Alyshia, the loss of her father through a state-sanctioned execution has the potential to have a significant detrimental affect on her current and future functioning and development. This trauma would be the third significant trauma in a period of less than two months, and will undoubtedly stress Alyshia's already stressed and not yet fully developed internal and external resources.

Furthermore, Alyshia is limited in the number of trusting relationships she has been able to form and maintain in her short life. Thus far, she only has trusting relationships with three adults -- her "Mama," her paternal half-sister Lauren, and her father. Her grandmother ("Mama") is in very poor health and is seventy-four (74) years old. It is questionable as to how much longer she will be able to have a meaningful connection with Alyshia and it is equally uncertain as to how much longer she will be in

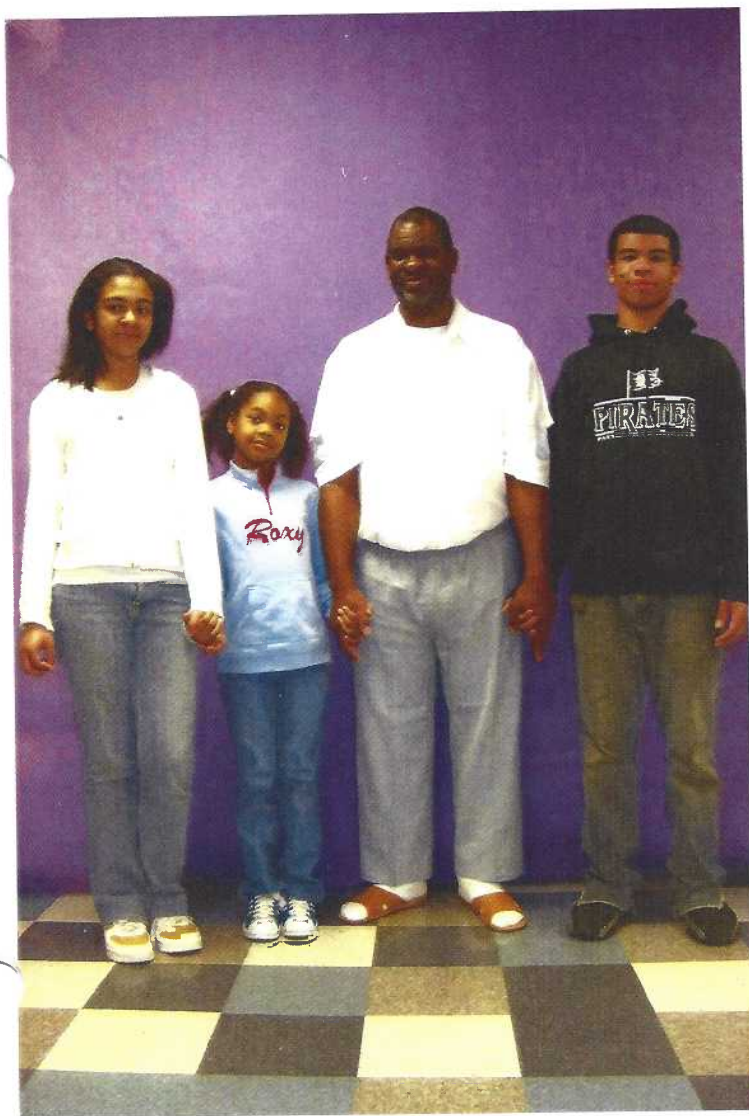
Alyshia's life. And, now Alyshia faces the real possibility of losing her father. The loss of her father will certainly have a devastating affect on Alyshia's future, as the loss will create significant trauma, grief and an overwhelming sense of loss.

Alyshia's half-sister, Lauren Strong, said it well. "When I think about our father's impending execution, I am struck by the fact that Alyshia...is now facing the loss of...the only biologic parent she has ever had or known. For Alyshia, being raised by our grandmother, Joyce Knox, and being emotionally supported and guided by our father, Richard Strong, is the only constant she has ever known. When I think about Alyshia trying to find her way in life if our father is executed, I think it would be beyond cruel to put her through that. Why would anyone want to cause that kind of trauma – especially in someone with Alyshia's background?"

Joyce said, "I hope Alyshia does not lose her father now. She is fourteen (14) years old, and like most teenagers she is very confused about life. In the last year, she has really been struggling with depression. She is a typical teenager in that she wants to experience life and she is too young and inexperienced to safely experiment...I think we have come to an understanding, but I know we are at a vulnerable juncture, and I worry about what it would do Alyshia if she were to lose her father now."

Joyce was clear that even though Alyshia has always known her father was facing the death penalty because of his crimes, knowing that impacted her desire to have a relationship with her father. "I still remember that one day, a few years ago, I found Alyshia crying. When I asked her what was wrong, she said, 'They are going to kill my Daddy.' While Alyshia realizes there are always consequences for our actions, I think it is hard for the consequence to be her father."

With consideration of, and respect for, the losses suffered by Eva Washington's and Zandrea Thomas' families, we respectfully request that the petition for clemency put forth by Richard Strong's and Eva Washington's only daughter, Alyshia Strong, be granted. To grant clemency to Richard Strong would be to place, above all else, the best interest of a teenage girl, who is entering one of the most vulnerable times in life, by sparing her additional loss and trauma.



Richard Strong with his
three children; Lauren,
Alyshia age 8, Richard, Jr.



Alyshia Strong age 13.



Alyshia Strong age 9.



Richard, Jr., Lauren, Alyshia Strong age 12.



Alyshia Strong at age 3 or 4.

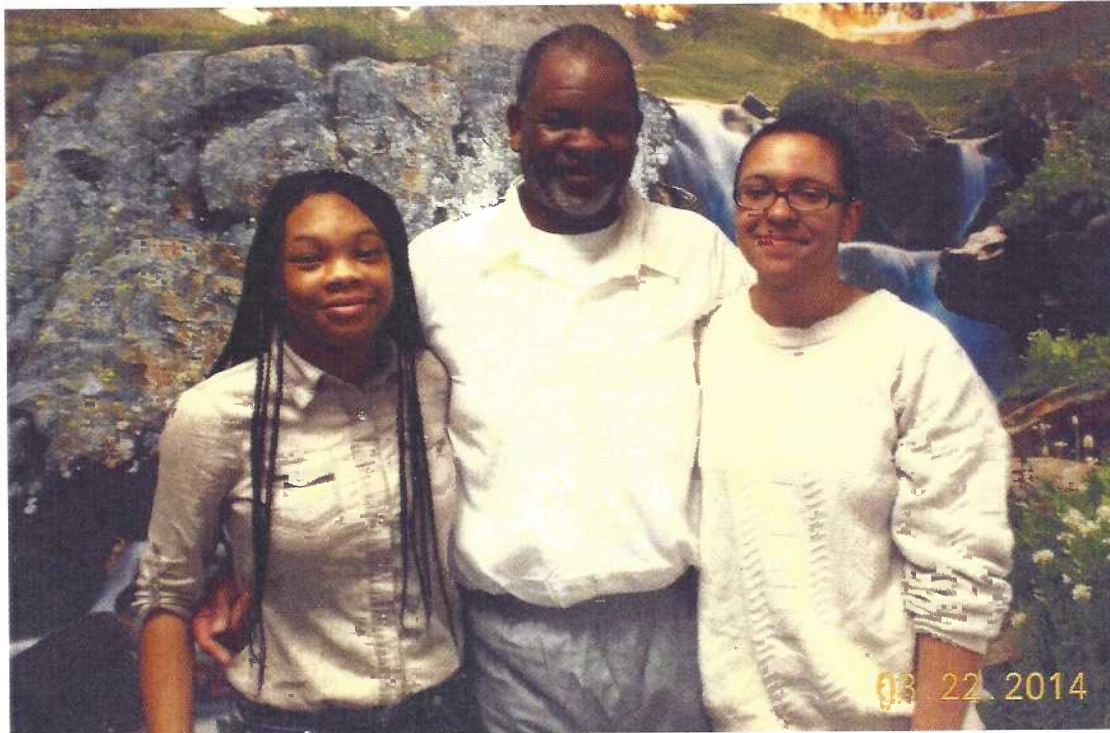


Alyshia Strong at age 5 or 6.



Alyshia Strong at about age 3.

Alyshia Strong at about age 6.



Alyshia Strong at age 13 and Lauf'n Strong at age 17.

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DECLARATION of ALYSHIA STRONG

1. My name is Alyshia Strong. Richard Strong is my father. I am fourteen (14) years old. I will be fifteen (15) at the end of June. I am Richard's youngest daughter. I have two half-siblings, Richard Strong, Jr. and Lauren Strong.
2. Thinking about my father's execution, which is scheduled for next week, makes me really sad. I have decided to ask Governor Nixon to grant my father clemency because I think it is wrong for me to have another loss. I understand that my father needs to face consequences and to pay for what he did but I do not think it is right for me to lose my father as part of the punishment.
3. I believe that my father suffers in prison. Prison is not fun. His visits are no longer as long as they used to be, and now that my father's execution date is close, he has lost privileges. At this point, all of his visits take place with a glass partition separating him from his visitor. All of the visits at Potosi are now shorter than they used to be. My father is no longer allowed food visits, and he had to give up a lot of his

know her, but he knows how important she is to me, and he knows that other than him she is the one person I can talk to about anything. I share my feelings with Jenae and confide in her because I am not very comfortable talking about how I feel about things with adult family members (other than my father). I find it easier to talk with Jenae or my father about problems in my family - like a bad test grade or when my mom (Joyce Knox, Aleyshia's paternal grandmother) and I are having a disagreement (like about whether or not I should be allowed to change high schools) - than it would be to talk to other family members.

7. My friend Jenae knows that my father is facing his execution. She has always been there just to listen to me, and I really appreciate that about her. She does not agree with the death penalty in general, and she feels especially strongly about it in my father's case, because she is my friend.

8. When I have a boyfriend, my father teases me...and I know that that is in part because he does not want me to have a boyfriend yet. My father encourages me to do my best, and to take care of Mama. He tells me not to do drugs. He wants me to be the best person I can be, and I want to do that for him.

9. My father has always written to me. When I was younger, I used to write to him more than I do now. I think I like the immediacy of being able to talk to my father, and now that I am older, I understand that we will usually talk before any letter I write to him will get to him. When my father writes to me, he sends me pictures and drawings.

Even though I do not write back to my father, I really like getting the mail he sends me. If I could e-mail my father, I would write to him every day.

10. I was involved in a fight at school at the beginning of my 9th (ninth) grade year. My father was disappointed when he heard about the fight, and he told me that when he was growing up, he had to fight to protect his siblings. He also told me that he thought I could find other ways of dealing with my problems – ways that did not include fighting. My father told me that I should stay clear of the drama at school, and stay focused on the books, not the people. I listened to my father's advice, and I can honestly say that I had less drama in my school year than I would have if I had not listened to my father. Looking back on the school year, I can honestly say that I could have done better, but that I know that I had a better year than I would have had if not for my father's advice and guidance.

11. I just finished my freshman year at Jennings Senior High School, which is a College Preparatory Academy. I am in the accelerated program. I am not sure I like the accelerated program because we move through the materials really quickly. In addition to the program being really fast paced, there are also a lot of really high expectations. I was not happy at high school this year, and since I failed my algebra class, I now have to attend summer school, which starts today. I have to be there at 7:00 am every morning.

12. My half-sister, Lauren Strong, just graduated from Pattonville High School in Maryland Heights. I really want to transfer to Pattonville High School for next year because I believe the program is better, and I know the environment would be better for me. I do not know what I want to do when I grow up, but I do know that I want to go to college. Pattonville High School is in a much better school district than Jennings Senior High School is, and I understand that they have a lot more scholarship opportunities for students there than they do at my current high school. In order for me to attend Pattonville High School, I would have to move out of my mom's house and go and live with Lauren's mother, Kim. I know they would support me if that is what I decided to do, but I also know that my mother does not want me to live anywhere other than with her. I do not know how this is going to work out, but I am going to have to argue with my mom about it, I think. I really do not know if my mom would allow me to go and live with Kim.

13. I did not know anything about what happened to my mother or my sister Zandrea until I was about seven (7) years old. I still remember that my grandmother sat me down one day and told me that even though I called her "Mama," she was actually my grandmother. She told me that my mother had been killed by my father, and explained to me that that was why my father was in prison. When my grandmother first talked to me about what had happened, she did not tell me much about my sister Zandrea. When I was about ten (10) or eleven (11), my older half-sister, Lauren Strong, told me that I had had another sister, Zandrea, and that she had been killed when my mother was killed. I remember that learning about what had happened to my mother and sister

was really confusing, and that I was overwhelmed when I started to understand the magnitude of the loss in my family

14. Over the years, I never talked to my father about what happened, even though I have had questions for him. Then, last month, after my father's execution date was set, I went to visit him with my half-sister, Lauren Strong. During that visit, my father told me everything that he could about my mother. He explained to me that my mother had been badly abused as a child, and that she had Multiple Personality Disorder, likely as a result of her childhood experiences. My father explained that my mother was disturbed because of her mental health problems, and explained that their relationship was very volatile. I was glad to learn about my mother, but it was hard to hear some of what my father shared with me.

15. As for the night of the offense, my father told me all that he could remember and what he has pieced together over the years. He explained to me that he and my mother got into a fight when he arrived home the night of the offense. My father told me that somehow, a knife got involved and that both he and my mother snapped. He answered every question I asked honestly. I could tell that my father is still very hurt by what he did to my mother and sister, and that he is very, very sorry. He told me that he never meant to hurt my mother or my sister, and I believe him.

16. I am still processing everything I have learned, and I am on my way to being okay with all that I have learned, but I am not quite there yet. I have a question for my

father that I did not ask that day. I did not ask my father why he did not kill me that day (because I was there and he could have), because I did not want to hurt him. I want the opportunity to ask him that question some day – when I am older. I know some people probably wonder how I can have a relationship with my father given that he killed my mother, but we are very close, and I have never felt angry at him. I am thankful I have him in my life.

17. I have never had any contact with anyone from my mother's side of the family. I have also never had any contact with anyone from my sister Zandrea's family. I am not sure what to think about that, but I think they must have moved on with their lives.

18. I feel fortunate to have a really good relationship with my father's ex-wife, Kim Strong, and their two children, my half-siblings – Lauren and Richard, Jr.. Kim is very sweet and has always treated me like a member of her family. I often go and spend a night or two there over the summer, and have sometimes visited with them like that over the holidays or at other times. I had a good life growing up with my grandmother, but Kim has always made it clear to me that I have a place at her house if I want it. Now, I want to go to live with Kim so I can attend a better high school, but my grandmother does not want to let me move there.

19. Lauren and I are especially close. I think that we are close because of our father. When I was younger, he would call and talk to me, but always told me that he had to save time for Lauren. In doing that, he let me know that she was important to him, too.

I know that when Lauren was younger, she was really mad at our father for getting into trouble and having to be locked up. My father just kept talking to her, and eventually she talked to him about her feelings and they started to have a closer relationship. Now, they are very close. My father made a photo album for us - it has all of the photos anyone sent him of us over the years, and notes he wrote to us, like "be your best self." No matter what happens, I am glad we have that gift from our father.

20. I think my half-brother, Richard, Jr. is still angry at our father - both for what happened and for not being around to raise him. A few months ago, my father and Richard, Jr. started talking. I hope they continue to have a chance to develop their relationship.

21. I recently learned that you have to be eighteen (18) to witness an execution in the state of Missouri. I am disappointed by that rule, because if my father is actually executed, I would like to attend his execution. I understand that witnesses are either defense witnesses or victim witnesses. I am both, but, if I were to be allowed to attend the execution, I would sit in defendant's room, and support my father.

The foregoing statement is made this 4th day of June, 2015 under oath or affirmation and its representations are true and correct to the best of declarant's knowledge and belief, subject the penalties of making a false affidavit or declaration.


Alyson Strong

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DECLARATION of LAUREN STRONG

1. My name is Lauren Strong. Richard Strong is my father. I am eighteen (18) years old. I will be nineteen on September 18, 2015. I am Richard's oldest daughter and middle child. I have an older brother, Richard Strong, Jr. and a half-sister, Alyshia Strong.

2. I graduated from high school on May 28, 2015. I attended Pattonville High School, in a St. Louis suburb. It is a very good high school. While I am now working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), I intend to start college in January at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, where I plan to earn a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. I decided not to start college in the fall because of everything that has been going on with my father's pending execution, and because I want to be home to support my half-sister Alyshia if I can. I am also hoping Alyshia will be living with us next year, as I know she wants to attend Pattonville High School, like I did. I know that is what my father wants for her, too.

3. My father's nickname for me is Tigger. When I was a young child, I really liked Winnie the Pooh, and I had a Tigger obsession. Since I was obsessed with Tigger, my father nicknamed me Tigger. Not everyone knows that my father was locked in a closet and tortured when he was a young child, but, my father has talked with me about some of his childhood experiences. Recently, my father has told me that there was a big Tigger locked in the closet with him. Knowing that makes my nickname even more meaningful, because my father used to tell me that Tigger was his only friend. Even now, when my father writes to me from Potosi Correctional Center, he addresses the envelope "Lauren Strong – Tigger." I really like that my father has a nickname for me. It makes me feel special.

4. Even though my mother and father separated and then divorced, my mother still loves my father. She has told me what he was like early in their relationship, and I think the relationship I have with my father now is in part because of the things my mother has shared with me about her early relationship with my father. My father has also talked with me about their early relationship, and some of what he has shared with me has made my relationship with my mother more meaningful. I understand that my father had a terribly difficult childhood, but, I also know that he was a different – happier, and better – person when he was with my mother. Everyone has always said that my mother made my father complete.

5. Things were pretty good between my mother and father until my mother was pregnant with me. Apparently my father worked nights and cared for Richard, Jr. during the day and my mother worked days and cared for Richard, Jr. at night. Neither one of my parents were getting enough sleep because of this arrangement. One night, in February of 1996, when my father returned home from work, he was agitated and upset. He was so disturbed that he was hitting the walls and in doing so, punched holes in them. Because my mother found this behavior frightening and disturbing, she left my father the next day.

6. Eventually, my mother got an Order of Protection, which was designed to keep my father away, with the exception of specific visitation rights on the weekends. In May of 1996, when my mother went to pick up my brother after a visit, my father did not want to give Richard, Jr. up, and my father physically hit my mother. While my mother still loved my father, that was the end of their marriage, even though they did not actually divorce until many years later.

7. Even though my mother and father were separated and not living together when I was a small child, they had a pretty good relationship, and they had joint custody of me and my brother, Richard, Jr. We sometimes visited my father and his late girlfriend, Eva Washington, and her daughter, Zandrea. I have been told that I visited them when Alyshia, my half-sister, was a newborn baby, but I do not remember that. I know that my mother and Eva had a fairly decent relationship, and I know that they used to plan our birthday parties together.

8. When my father was first arrested, I was sad, because my father had been an important part of my life, and I missed him. While my father was awaiting his trial, my mother took me and my brother, Richard, Jr. to the county jail in Clayton, Missouri to visit my father every week. Later, I was angry with my father. I was mad that he had gotten into trouble, and once I understood that he was not coming home, I was upset at the idea that he would no longer be in my life. In the years immediately following my father's conviction and death sentence, my mother really struggled with the idea of taking us to visit our father at the penitentiary, and so for the next few years, we did not have much contact with him. I now understand that he was scared during that time, and that he afraid that I was not going to want him in my life because of the "pain" he had put us through.

9. After my father accepted that I wanted him in my life, he did as much as he could possibly do to be a good parent to me. I feel that my father did all that he could do despite the limitations he faced. He called me whenever he had money on the books, and he wrote to me often, making sure that I always had birthday cards and drawings and that I knew he was thinking about me.

10. I have – and have always had – terrible vision. I am so blind without glasses that I cannot function. I wear very strong corrective lenses, which means my glasses are expensive. Once, when I was about ten (10), my mother could not afford my glasses, and when I told my father that I did not think I was going to be able to get the new

glasses I needed, he sent me the money I needed so that we could buy them. I do not remember quite how much the glasses cost, but I think he sent me \$120, and I know it was all money that he had earned himself at Potosi Correctional Center.

11. I am very close to my half-sister, Alyshia Strong. Our father is the reason that we are so close. For a very long time, we were both too young to really take responsibility for nurturing our relationship, and every time I spoke to our father, he would remind me to call Alyshia. If, for some reason, I was not able to call Alyshia, my father would pass along that we loved each other, all the while fostering our love for each other. Our father nurtured our relationship until I was old enough to realize that I had a sister, and that my sister needed me.

12. I know the facts of the offense that my father stands convicted of. I have read about his case extensively on-line, and I have talked with my father about what he remembers about the offense. I feel that I have a very accurate understanding of the offense, and even with what I know, I still love my father and treasure my relationship with him.

13. My mother really struggled with how she felt about my father's arrest and the crime he was charged with. At first, I do not think she visited him. Then, while he was still awaiting his trial, my mother told me that my father was in jail. After that, my mother began taking me to visit my father. I remember visiting him at the jail in Clayton. Actually, I remember visiting him at the jail in Clayton A LOT. And, I know my mother

supported my father during the trial, because I had to spend a lot of time at a friend's house while my mother was at my father's trial. There was a time when I was not able to see my father very much – now I think that that was probably during his trial, but I do not know for certain if that is what was going on.

14. I do know that after that period of time when I could not see my father, my mother started taking me to visit him at Potosi Correctional Center. While we had to go farther to see him, the visits were much better, because we were able to actually be *with* him while we visited, instead of being separated by a piece of glass.

15. At some point after my father was sentenced with the death penalty, my mother started to realize the reality of his situation, and she backed away from him a bit. For a few years, she did not take me or my brother to visit our father at Potosi Correctional Center. My mother and I have talked about that time, and she has told me that eventually she realized that he is not the same person he was when he killed Eva. To this day, my mother does not understand why my father would have done anything like what happened the day of the crime. Maybe because she lives with mental illness herself, it is hard for her to grasp that mental illness can cause people to do unthinkable things. Once my mother realized that there was more to my father than what happened the day of the offense, she decided that it was important for us (me and my brother, Richard, Jr. and Alyshia) to have a relationship with my father just because he is our father.

16. Now, I visit our father regularly. Visiting our father is important to me. My mother, Kim Strong, takes me to Potosi Correctional Center, but since I turned eighteen (18) last September, I have been able to visit our father on my own. Several times, we have taken Alyshia with us, so that she has been able to visit our father, too. On our last visit, our father gave me a photo album that he filled with all of the photos he has ever received of any of us during his incarceration. He wrote encouraging notes and other positive messages throughout the album. I treasure it, and I am going to share it with Alyshia and my brother.

17. Education is really important to my father. When I was in high school, my father would read whatever I was reading – even things like *The Great Gatsby* and *A Farewell to Arms*, so that he could support me in my education and we could talk about what I was reading. I know he also reads the books Alyshia reads for school, for the same reasons. In fact, he read a book called *The Bean Trees* when Alyshia was reading it, and I still remember him telling me how terrible it was!

18. As far as I know, Alyshia's mother's family – Eva Washington's family -- has not been very involved in anything pertaining to my father's case. I remember that when we were in court in 2003, Alyshia's mother's sister was there, but that was the only time I know of anyone from Eva's family being around. When no one from Eva's family stepped forward after her death to make final arrangements, my grandmother – Joyce Knox -- was the one who made Eva's funeral and burial arrangements. As far as we know, no one from Eva's family attended the funeral or the burial.

19. Eva Washington had a daughter, Zandrea Thomas, who was also killed that day. She was two (2), and my father was not her father. If I recall correctly, Zandrea's father lived in Chicago. While he was not very involved in her care when she was little, I do remember that my father and Eva once drove Zandrea to Chicago so that she could visit with her father. I think that one visit might have been his only contact with Zandrea, because I remember knowing that he was not really involved in raising her. I believe that someone from Zandrea's family – maybe her father – was in court in 2003. My father was Zandrea's primary caregiver, and I have heard that he was raising her like she was his own daughter.

20. Our father's relationship with Alyshia is stronger than it is with anyone else. I think that our father's relationship with Alyshia is especially strong for two reasons – the guilt he feels about having killed her mother and half-sister and maybe also because he is trying to give Alyshia something he feels like she is owed -- the best possible relationship with a parent under these circumstances. I know, and everyone else knows, that nothing our father does for Alyshia will change the fact that she does not have a mother and that she will never have her mother or her half-sister. When I think about it, I realize that there is a hole in my sister's life that she does not even realize she has. If none of this had happened, Alyshia would have had both a mother AND a father. I think I am thankful that she does not realize that hole exists.

21. Alyshia's relationship with our father is very important to her. They talk *a lot*, and when they talk, our father wants to know about what is going on in her life. Whenever he calls, the focus of their conversations are always about what is happening in her life. Even though he is not here, he wants to know everything that is going on in Alyshia's life. I know that she shares *a lot* more with our father than she does with our grandmother, and her relationship with our father is important for that reason. I have come to understand that she shares even more with our father than she does with me, sometimes.

22. I do not care that Alyshia confides in our father more than she does with anyone else in our family. Our father tells me everything Alyshia tells him because he knows that if she is in some kind of trouble, there are some things he simply cannot help her with. He trusts me to look out for his daughter in every way that he cannot. Between the two of us, I think we do a pretty good job supporting Alyshia. Recently, Alyshia confided in our father that she was not doing well in Algebra. Since there wasn't much he could do to help her from prison, he said to me, "Your sister's not doing so hot in Algebra." By the time Alyshia told our father, she was so far behind that we could not get her caught up in time to pass the class before the school year ended. While she failed Algebra and is now taking it in summer school, we were aware of what was happening and we were able to provide support. (I failed Algebra the first time I took it, so maybe I wasn't the best person to help Alyshia!)

23. When Alyshia was fourteen (14), she lost her virginity. I think that that has a lot to do with where she lives, and what the environment there is like. After she lost her virginity, she felt badly about it, and fell into thinking that she was a whore and that she did not deserve to be loved because she lost her virginity so early. She was feeling really badly about herself and did not talk with anyone about what was going on. Eventually, she confided in our father, who responded by saying to her that she had just made a mistake, and that since she had not gotten pregnant and appeared to still be healthy, she would be fine. After talking with our father, Alyshia was able to pick herself back up and move on.

24. After our father learned what was going on with Alyshia, he shared some of what he knew with me. He told me that he had given her the "this is how to avoid getting pregnant" lecture, but that he did not think it sounded the same coming from a parent as it might coming from a sibling. He said to me, "So, you tell her, too." I had just turned eighteen (18) at the time, and I wasn't sure at first, but with my father's encouragement, I strongly reinforced his message.

25. Later, Alyshia told our grandmother about what had happened, and our grandmother responded by getting angry with Alyshia and shaming her. I was disappointed that she got angry with Alyshia for having made a mistake, and I was upset that she did not respond in a caring fashion when Alyshia confided in her. Clearly, it was something she regretted and felt badly about, but, it happened. I felt that our grandmother should have been more focused on making sure that Alyshia was okay

than she was. And then, our grandmother told two of her children (our aunt and uncle), both of whom are very religious. They got on Alyshia about what a bad choice she had made. I was really thankful that Alyshia had our father during that difficult time.

26. When I think about our father's impending execution, I am struck by the fact that Alyshia already does not have one parent, and that she is now facing the loss of her other parent – the only biologic parent she has ever had or known. I think the only reason Alyshia does not hate our father for having killed her mother is because of the relationship she has with him and the fact that she does not know anything different. For Alyshia, being raised by our grandmother, Joyce Knox, and being emotionally supported and guided by our father, Richard Strong, is the only constant she has ever known. When I think about Alyshia trying to find her way in life if our father is executed, I think it would be beyond cruel to put her through that. Why would anyone want to cause that kind of trauma – especially in someone with Alyshia's background?

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BEFORE THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI
THE HONORABLE JAY NIXON

In the Matter of:

RICHARD STRONG,

Petitioner.

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) Scheduled for Execution by the State
) of Missouri on June 9, 2015
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DECLARATION of JOYCE KNOX

1. My name is Joyce Knox. I am Richard Strong's mother. Richard is the fifth of my eight (8) children.

2. I am seventy-four (74) years old. I have several serious health problems. I suffer from arthritis, glaucoma, and I was hospitalized about three (3) weeks ago because I have blood clots in my lungs. I also have a heart condition. I am on seven (7) different medications right now.

3. I have raised Richard's youngest daughter, Alyshia Strong, who is now fourteen (14) years old since she was about five (5) months old. Alyshia's mother was the late Eva Washington, one of the victims in my son's case. Immediately following the offense, Alyshia was placed in foster care. I made it known that I wanted to raise Alyshia, and as far as I know, I was the only relative who ever expressed any interest in raising her. I am Alyshia's legal guardian, and she calls me "Mama."

4. The social worker who was involved at the time informed me that none of Eva's relatives would be permitted to raise Alyshia because of the maltreatment Eva suffered as a child. It is my understanding that Eva's family had substance abuse issues, and I have heard that she was sexually abused before she was removed from their care. I do not believe anyone from Eva's family ever expressed any interest in raising Alyshia.

5. Eva's family did not make funeral or burial arrangements after her death. I know it has been said that I took care of the arrangements, but, actually, the church we attended at the time, Love Joy Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis, took responsibility for the arrangements. We had a funeral service at the church, and then a burial. I furnished the clothing that Eva was buried in.

6. I have never met anyone from Eva's family. I know Eva had lived with some cousins in the St. Louis area at some point in time after she was discharged from the residential treatment program she lived in as a teenager, but I had never met them.

7. I met some of Eva's relatives briefly during my son's trial. I did not know who any of the people at the trial were, or how they were related to Eva, but I had the impression that none of them were her parents. I had a picture of Alyshia with me at the trial and one of the women, who I think was one of Eva's cousins, asked me if she could have the picture. I gave it to her. As far as I know, no one else related to Eva has been involved in my son's case over the years.

8. Eva's daughter, Zandrea Thomas, was two (2) at the time of her death. I never knew much about Zandrea's father, and I do not believe he was involved in raising Zandrea before her death. I think that maybe some of Zandrea's relatives attended the trial, but I did not know who they were or how they were related to her.

9. According to my daughter, Paula Strong, who worked in a residential treatment program that primarily cared for adolescent wards of the state, Eva Washington lived in the facility for many years. My daughter does not believe that Eva ever went out on a home pass. While we are not clear on the details of Eva's childhood, I knew as soon as I met her that she was not right in the head. I worried about the intensity and tension I saw in her relationship with my son, Richard Strong.

10. While I have been like Alyshia's mother since I became her guardian, she also has a very close relationship with her father – my son, Richard. Alyshia's father is very good about staying in touch with her, and calls her two (2) to three (3) times a week. Alyshia mostly talks to her father privately, in her room, so I do not hear much of their conversations. When Richard calls, Alyshia goes to her room and talks to him for the longest – they have a great relationship. While Richard keeps most of what they talk about between the two of them, because he respects Alyshia's privacy and he does not want to lose her confidence, I know that they talk about important things – the same kinds of things a father would talk to his daughter about if he were living at home with her. I do not press Richard to share things that Alyshia has shared with him with me. They keep their conversations between the two of them, and I think that that is right.

because it is important that Alyshia be able to trust her father, and to confide in him. Richard talks with Alyshia about her education and about how she is doing in school. They talk about whether or not Alyshia is dating, and I know that if she tells him she is Richard discourages her, because he does not want her dating yet. Even though he is in prison, Richard is a very good father – he always has been.

11. When I was younger, I took Alyshia to see Richard at Potosi Correctional Center regularly. We have lots of photographs taken over the years of Richard and Alyshia together. Now that I am older, and do not see well and do not have reliable transportation, it is harder for me to get Alyshia to Potosi Correctional Center to visit with Richard. I have not been able to get Alyshia to Potosi Correctional Center as much as I would have liked over the last two (2) to three (3) years. Because it is so much harder – physically – for me to get to Potosi Correctional Center, if I want Alyshia to be able to visit Richard, I have to have someone drive us there. At this point, Alyshia sees her father about four (4) to five (5) times a year. Recently, Alyshia has gone to Potosi Correctional Center with her half-sister, Lauren Strong, and Lauren's mother, Kim Strong, two (2) or three (3) times.

12. Richard and Alyshia write to each other some. Richard writes to Alyshia more than she does to him. When Richard writes, he likes to send pictures or drawings along with his letter. Sometimes he has a dog through the Puppies for Parole program and whenever he gets a new dog to work with, he always sends us a picture. While my son

and granddaughter visit, and write, most of their relationship is based on their conversations.

13. I never wanted to keep anything from Alyshia, because I do not believe in lying to children. That said, I knew that I would need to tell her what happened to her family slowly, over time, as she was ready to learn about it. When Alyshia was about six (6) years old, I sat her down and talked to her. She has always been very smart and wise, and I still remember that I started by telling her that even though she called me "Mama," I was not actually her mother. I explained that I was her grandmother, and then I told her that I was raising her because her father had killed her mother. At the time, that is all I told her, although over the years she learned more.

14. Eventually, Alyshia knew pretty much everything there was to know about the offense. Even once Alyshia knew her father had killed her mother and her half-sister, she never had any questions. She knew her father was facing the death penalty because of the crimes. None of that knowledge never impacted her desire to have a relationship with her father. I still remember that one day, a few years ago, I found Alyshia crying. When I asked her what was wrong, she said, "They are going to kill my Daddy." While Alyshia realizes there are always consequences for our actions, I think it is hard for the consequence to be her father.

15. When Richard's execution date was set, he talked with Alyshia in more detail about the facts of the offense. I was not a part of the conversation, but it is my

understanding that Alyshia has new information about what happened the day of the offense that she has been processing. She told me that she's not quite finished processing what she has learned, but that she is working on it. I know that whatever new information she learned has not changed the way Alyshia feels about her father. She still loves him. I also think that, as she has gotten older, she has come to understand that there are some things about her father that are not quite right. She knows that her father has some problems, and she still loves him.

16 Even though I know my Richard did a terrible thing, I always felt it was important for Alyshia to know her father, and while she will be devastated if Richard is executed, because she cares so much about him, I am still thankful for the relationship they have had. Richard has been a great part of Alyshia's life.

17. Alyshia has had a difficult year. She just finished her freshman year of high school in the Jennings school district. She has always – up until last year – been a very good student. She is in an accelerated program in which she is doing college coursework along side her regular high school level work. We just learned that Alyshia failed algebra, which means she has to re-take it in summer school. Alyshia does not like the idea of summer school, but she knows she has to go – and do well in Algebra – so that she can make up the credits she is missing. Alyshia does not know what she wants to do when she grows up, but she has talked about everything from becoming a veterinarian to being a “thin piece of grass.” No matter what she decides to do, she wants options.

18. I hope Alyshia does not lose her father now. She is fourteen (14) years old, and like most teenagers she is very confused about life. In the last year, she has really been struggling with depression. She is a typical teenager in that she wants to experience life and she is too young and inexperienced to safely experiment. I think Alyshia is seeking out love in all the wrong places. She knows that I love her, and that her father loves her, and that we care about her and that only want the best for her, but her confusion is driving her to look for love in other places. I think we have come to an understanding, but I know we are at a vulnerable juncture, and I worry about what it would do to Alyshia if she were to lose her father now.

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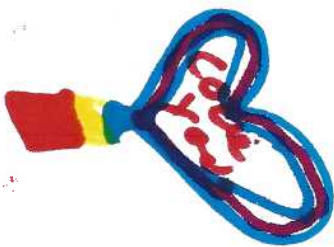
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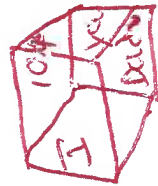
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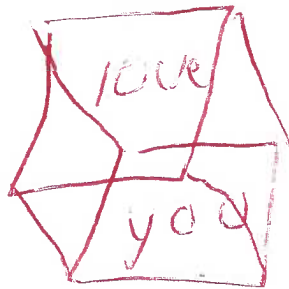
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Feb. 22, 09


Dear Dad,

I love you so much I
would give my life for you.
No matter what you've
done I'll always love you
don't forget that at all because
my love will never end
for you. And I'm sure you
love will not end for me
With you I'm tighter than
family. You are my dad.



August 30th



Dear Dad,
I'm glad you gottttt (got) my letter. I got your's too mommy got her's as well. I loved my letter and I can't wait to come and see you agin. Ready for the food!? Well if you are I'm ready to! See this is why people can tell I'm your daughter. Richard is doing good so is mom. Now in 4th grade it's a little complacated. But I'm still going strong and I hope you are too. Kiss Kiss Kiss  I love you dad. Sincerely, Lee.

You are my light too. Extra Kis
Kiss Kiss.



October , 2010

Dear Daddy,

Hi.' I miss you and hope to see you soon. Mommy told me something and I want to ask you about it. Please answer my letter ~~que~~ question through a letter or call mommy's phone because I still can't find my charger. I really don't want to acuse Breann of any thing but she is acting like she did it. :- I don't know but she just is being mean with it too. Any way my ~~que~~ question: You used to be a friend of Greg's, and why did you almost through him off a rail road track? You don't have to answer the question if you don't want to but please try. KISS KISS KISS extra KISS KISS.

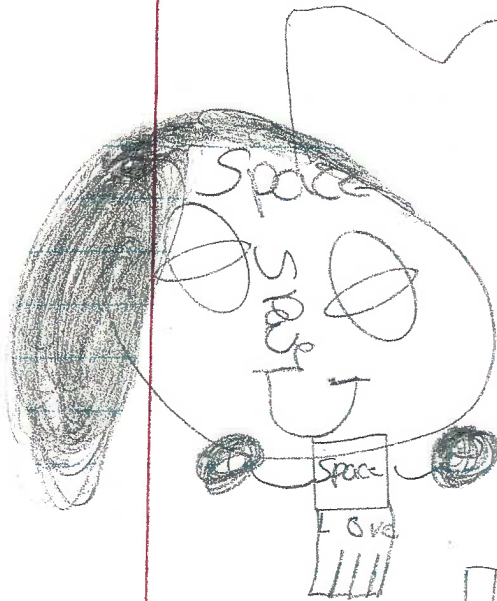


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To : Dad

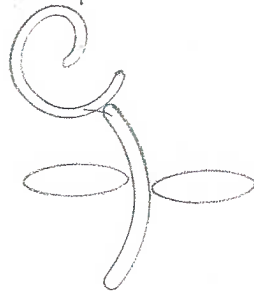
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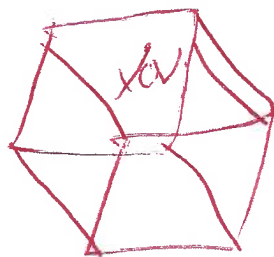
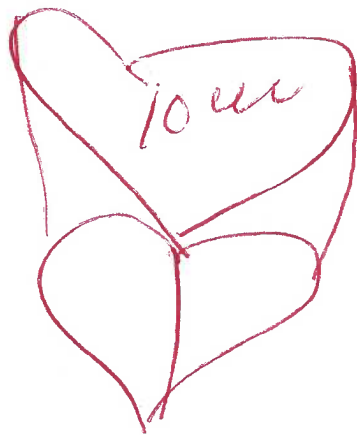
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I love you dad and
don't forget that. I love
you dadda dadda!!! I would
walk so many miles just
to see you smile I love
daddy!!!



1st Quarter Conference Held?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Parent Signature

Joyce Knox

2ND QUARTER COMMENTS

Alyshia is a wonderful student. She has very good manners and she works hard. Keep up the good work!

Signature

3RD QUARTER COMMENTS

Signature

4TH QUARTER COMMENTS

3rd Quarter comments - Alyshia is a sweet girl. Keep reminding her to make the right choices in class.

Alyshia is a very sweet girl. She will do well in 3rd grade

Signature

Progressed to Grade

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JENNINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT



SECOND GRADE REPORT CARD

NORTHVIEW ELEMENTARY

8920 Cozens Avenue Jennings, MO 63136 (314) 653-8050

Name of Student

Alyshia Strong

Name of Teacher

Rowan

PLEASE CHECK THE EVALUATION CODES

A - Excellent

☐ Acceptable Progress

B - Above Average

☒ Indicates Help is Needed

C - Average

☒ Indicates Skill has not Been Taught

D - Below Average

F - Failure

Reading Only

AL - Above Grade Level

OL - On Grade Level

BL - Below Grade Level

ATTITUDES AND WORK HABITS

A ¹	A ²	A ³	A ⁴	1	2	3	4
Is courteous and considerate							
Listens to and follows directions							
Uses time effectively							
Starts work promptly							
Recognizes rights and property of others							
Pays attention to class discussion							
Cooperates with other children							
Completes work on time							
Understands and adheres to school rules							
Does neat work							

READING

INSTRUCTIONAL LEVEL

A ¹	A ²	A ³	A ⁴	OL ¹	AL ²	AL ³	4
Reads fluently				1	2	3	4
Uses reading strategies							
Comprehends written text							
Comprehends oral language							

LANGUAGE

A ¹	B ²	A ³	A ⁴	1	2	3	4
Expresses ideas clearly using oral language							
Uses capitalization appropriately							
Uses punctuation appropriately							
Is able to compose sentences correctly							
Is able to write a paragraph							
Is able to write a story with beginning, middle, & end							

SPELLING

A ¹	A ²	A ³	A ⁴	1	2	3	4
Learns assigned spelling words							
Spells correctly in daily work							

HANDWRITING

A ¹	A ²	A ³	A ⁴	1	2	3	4
Forms letters correctly							
Uses correct spacing							
Writes neatly							
Forms numerals correctly							

MATHEMATICS

A ¹	B ²	B ³	B ⁴	1	2	3	4
Knows addition facts (0 to 18)							
Knows subtraction facts (0 to 18)							
Tells time (1 hour, 1/2 hour, minutes)							
Measures using inches/centimeters							
Knows multiplication facts (0 to 5)							
Can interpret and construct graphs							
Can apply problem solving skills							
Can count money							
Uses writing to explain math methods							

SOCIAL STUDIES

N/A ¹	N/A ²	N/A ³	A ⁴	1	2	3	4
Participates in classroom activities							
Understands/demonstrates basic concepts							

SCIENCE

N/A ¹	N/A ²	N/A ³	A ⁴	1	2	3	4
Participates in classroom activities							
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ART, LIBRARY, MUSIC, PHYSICAL EDUCATION

S-Satisfactory N-Needs Improvement U-Unsatisfactory

Art	1	2	3	4
Library				
Music				
Physical Education				

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Student's Name Alyshia Strong 1 QUARTER Date 9-26-07

☒ 1st Quarter ☐ 2nd Quarter ☐ 3rd Quarter ☐ 4th Quarter

SUBJECT	SATISFACTORY	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED	UNSATISFACTORY	STRENGTH & SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT
Reading	A 99%			
Language Arts	B 89%			
Spelling	A 100%			
Mathematics	A 97%			
Social Studies	A 100%			
Science/Health	N / A			

Strengths:

- ① Good attendance
- ② Contribute to class
3. Completes work on time
4. Cooperate with teachers
5. Asks for help when needed
- ⑥ Follows directions
- ⑦ Positive attitude
8. Always has necessary supplies
9. _____
10. _____

Suggestions:

1. Attend school more regularly
- ② Avoid careless errors - math
- ③ Complete class work on time - math
4. Achieve better test scores
5. Complete homework on time
6. Cooperate with others
- ⑦ Ask for help in timely manner
8. Follow directions accurately
9. Bring necessary supplies to class
10. _____

☐ Conference Needed

Comments Work on math skills at home

Sign and Detach

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Student's Name Alyshia Strong 3 QUARTER Date 2/22/08

☐ 1st Quarter

☐ 2nd Quarter

☒ 3rd Quarter

☐ 4th Quarter

SUBJECT	SATISFACTORY	IMPROVEMENT NEEDED	UNSATISFACTORY	STRENGTH & SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT
Reading	A 90%			
Language Arts	A 97%			
Spelling	A 115%			
Mathematics	B 88%			
Social Studies				
Science/Health				

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Comments Keep Working hard!

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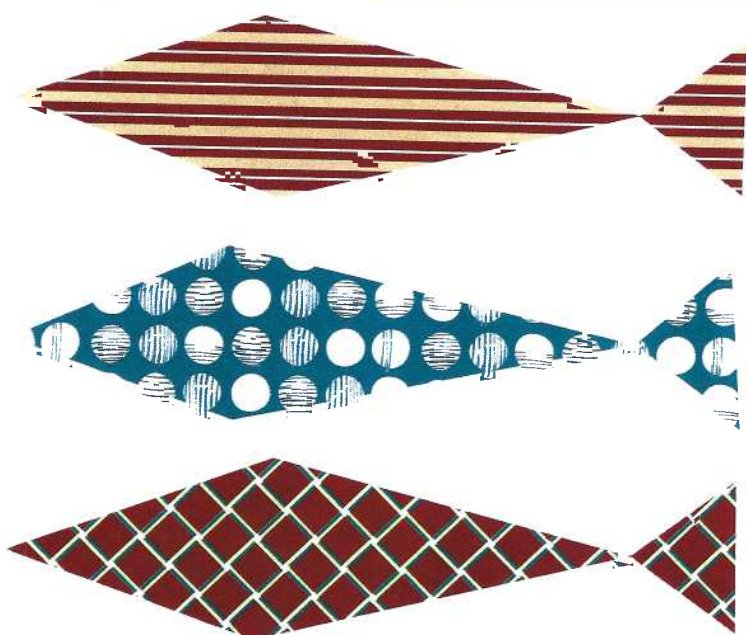


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FOR YOU.

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LOVE-

Baby girl



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