

I'm Grady's father, and I ask that anyone reading this go to his defense attorney's closing statement that appears on this site. He opens by thanking the members of the jury for maintaining their focus during the national events of September 11, 2001. He also thanks them for having the courage to ride the building elevator while the destruction of the World Trade Center was still fresh in their minds. To me, this seems like an indirect plea on the part of the defense counsel to get the juror's minds back on track.

Am I alone in wondering where the jury's collective and private thoughts were the day they returned the verdict against my son? I can even imagine that the brevity of the jurors' deliberations had something to do with their wanting to get out of the courtroom, and quick. It is understandable, of course, that their thoughts may have wandered under these circumstances. Unfortunately, there is no way to know; and just as sadly, no way to reverse a decision influenced by events that had no relation to the trial itself.

I did not attend this trial, as I was mad at my son at the time for reasons that had nothing to do with the charges. This seems, now, a poor excuse for not - at least- showing up.

By the same token, it would have been inexcusable to find my son guilty because you were mad at the terrorists. The questions I am raising do seem incredible, even to me - but it is possible that the accused in this case stood accused of more than even he knew.

Yes, I believe the jury got it wrong. - for whatever reasons.

I did write a letter to the judge, at the time of the trial, attempting to convey my belief in my son's innocence. It was brief and to the point, not like the material posted on this site. In both cases, however, we are still waiting to hear from anyone in a position to help. I have been told - by people in the legal community - that to get justice, you must be able to pay for it. How could we even ask an attorney to put in hundreds of hours without compensating him for his effort?

It seems that justice itself is a prayer at least partially dependant on our own ability to work miracles.

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