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19	BEFORE:	COMMISSIONER T. DRAKE COMMISSIONER C. DEMOSTHENES
20		COMMISSIONER E. SEGARRA
21	AT FACILITY:	ORC G. Schaaff
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24	VERBATIM REPORTER:	Lori Ciofalo
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- 1 COMM. DRAKE: Good morning, sir.
- THE INMATE: Good morning.
- 3 COMM. DRAKE: State your name, sir.
- 4 THE INMATE:
- 5 COMM. DRAKE: Tr. I am
- 6 Commissioner Drake, and with me today is Commissioner
- 7 Demosthenes and Commissioner Segarra.
- 8 COMM. DEMOSTHENES: Good afternoon
- 9 COMM. SEGARRA: Good afternoon.
- 10 THE INMATE: Good afternoon.
- 11 INTERVIEW BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE:
- 12 Q. Tr. you are here for a reappearance.
- 13 Your last decision was a deny and deport; is that
- 14 right?
- 15 A. No, it was actually modified, because my
- 16 judgment was not final, as you see on the letter from
- 17 Esquire.
- 18 Q. Speak up a little louder, sir. She reversed
- 19 that decision?
- 20 A. Yeah, because the entire decision was based on
- 21 my conviction, which it's not final.
- 22 Q. Tr. this is reappearance for you,
- 23 sir. I'm going to read the conviction, so please
- 24 have some patience with me.
 - 25 Sir, you were convicted for Grand Larceny, Not

- 1 Auto, in the First. Also three counts of Grand
- 2 Larceny, Not Auto, in the Second. Scheme to Defraud
- 3 in the First. Grand Larceny, Not Auto, in the
- 4 Second, two counts. Scheme to Defraud in the First.
- 5 Grand Larceny, Not Auto, in the Second, two counts.
- 6 Scheme to Defraud in the First.
- 7 These decisions were all by verdict out of
- Queens. You have an aggregate term of fifteen to
- 9 thirty years.
- I have read your packet, which the
- 11 Commissioners are also reviewing. I have read the
 - 12 letter from your attorneys that are helping you, the
 - 13 Appellate Advocates, yes?
 - 14 A. Yes.
 - 15 Q. So, I know that you are appealing.
 - I am going to read what we have here. For the
 - 17 record I need to state what the instant offense is,
 - 18 so please be patient. All right?
 - 19 A. Yes.
 - Q. It says here that between February 17th of 2000
- 21 and May 25th of 2004, you impersonated a lawyer and
- 22 participated in a scheme to defraud several victims
- 23 of their money. You took a hundred thousand from one
 - 24 victim. Sixty-three from another victim. And from a
 - 25 third victim you took approximately one million

- 1 dollars, about that, just over.
- 2 The fourth victim reported that you represented
- 3 yourself to be an attorney and took just under
- 4 three-and-a-half million, approximately, to invest at
- 5 a promised rate of twenty-six percent. You were to
- 6 provide statements of return of the victim's money
- 7 upon request.
- 8 You also took more than nine hundred thousand
- 9 dollars from a fifth victim, to purchase a particular
- 10 property. You did not complete the purchase and
- 11 failed to return the money to the victim. You also
- 12 sold a laundromat for that particular victim, for
- . 13 seventy-five thousand and you gave the victim twelve
 - 14 thousand.
 - A sixth victim stated that you represented
- 16 yourself as an attorney. You also represented the
 - 17 victim in the closing of a sale of a boat. You
 - 18 showed the victim a building in Queens. The victim
 - 19 gave you four hundred and fifty thousand for the
 - 20 purchase of that building. You did not purchase the
 - 21 building. You did not return the funds. You did
- 22 send checks to the victim, but stop payment on said
 - 23 checks.
 - 24 It goes on to say a seventh victim gave you
- . 25 approximately eight hundred thousand dollars to

- 1 purchase a house and a bar. The purchase did not
- 2 occur and you did not return the money. It goes on
- 3 to say that you were not licensed to practice law in
- 4 the State of New York.
- Now, as you know, because these decisions were
- 6 by verdict, we do have a stenographer here taking a
- 7 verbatim account of this interview and anything you
- 8 say could be used for those purposes.
- . 9 So I just need to note from you, are you
 - 10 willing or not willing to talk about the case at this
 - 11 time?
- . 12 A. As per advice of counsel, Meredith Holt, she
 - 13 has advised me not to discuss the specifics of the
 - 14 case. As you said, we are concerned about the
- . 15 prosector using the statements or misusing it, for
 - 16 that matter, for the wrong purposes. She has advised
 - 17 me not to be specific and asks you for the same.
 - 18 Q. Okay, we respect that and we will move forward.
 - 19 This is your first time incarcerated. It says
 - 20 three arrests, but that's all in connection with
- . 21 these charges, but you've never been upstate before
 - 22 or convicted of a crime prior to this.
 - Now, in terms of your disciplinary record, you
 - 24 don't have much of a disciplinary record over the
 - 25 years. The last ticket was a Tier II for out of

- 1 place and that was in 2020, but, again, three tickets
- 2 in total.
- 3 You have programmed. You didn't have an
- 4 academic need. You completed a vocational trade.
- 5 What trade was that, sir?
- 6 A. They asked me to take a general business class,
- 7 and I did comply with that.
- 8 Q. You completed ASAT. There was no need for you
- 9 to take ART. You completed Transitional Services 2.
- 10 You do have a work assignment. What's that work
- . 11 assignment, sir?
 - 12 A. My work assignment is a shadow assignment. I'm
 - assigned as a porter in the house, but because of the
 - 14 medical department's recommendation, I really don't
 - 15 perform any tasks. I take heavy medication,
 - 16 seventeen, every day for my heart.
- . 17 Q. Prior to your health condition, did you have
 - 18 any other medical issues?
 - 19 A. Yes, I did. Besides the heart condition, which
- . 20 I had several heart attacks and surgery, I have GERD
 - 21 disease, severe acid reflux, and an enlarged
 - 22 prostate.
- . 23 Q. I read that. Now, so you have been
- 24 programming. Your COMPAS Risk Assessment scores are
 - low and unlikely across the board. You do have a

- 1 fairly detailed Case Plan. You have written two
- 2 books; is that right?
- A. That's correct, one is in the process of
- 4 editing, it's not completed.
- Q. What are those books about?
- 6 A. The first one is called Not In My Name. It's
- 7 an extensive book about Islamic extremism. It's a
- 8 references to people who use the name of God in Islam
- 9 to do barbaric acts.
- Q. And, now, your Case Plan goes on to talk about
 - 11 appealing your case. It says re-entry into the
 - 12 community, gaining letters of support, maintaining
- 13 close family relationships and strive to be healthy.
 - Now, I did read your Sentencing Minutes. Do
 - 15 you recall anything from sentencing, that you think
- . 16 is significant for us to know?
 - 17 A. Quite frankly, since I had my heart attacks, my
 - 18 memory is not sharp, it's nowhere what it was, so I
- 19 really don't.
 - 20 Q. I'm going to just read a couple of things here,
 - 21 because I found the statements to be compelling.
 - 22 Ms. (ph) wrote a letter, and she said
 - 23 that you stole her money. She said that she also has
 - 24 health issues, as well. She talks about not being
- 25 able to sleep. She said that the sicknesses came

- 1 from the stress that you gave her. She is not
- 2 financially in the same space that she was before.
- 3 She says in the eyes of my kids, I feel so bad how I
- 4 trust to somebody and was so naive. So, in other
- 5 words, it sounds like she is saying that she feels
- 6 shame in front of her children, that she was naive.
- 7 That's what my interpretation of that is.
- 8 It goes on to talk about a letter from
- 9 (ph). This particular victim states it was
- 10 you and your wife. He says that you have irreparably
- 11 damaged his finances as he entered his first year of
- 12 retirement, as well as his nature to trust his fellow
- 13 human. It goes on and talks about Doctor
- 14 (ph).
- 15 A. He is no longer a doctor. He has twice been
- 16 convicted of fraud, Medicare fraud. He is no longer
- 17 a doctor. He was forced to turn his license in after
- 18 getting caught for the third time selling his license
- 19 to chiropractor organizations. He is no longer a
- 20 doctor.
- I believe if you look at my personal statement,
- 22 you will see that he was introduced to me by his
- 23 attorney (ph). He and the rest of these
- 24 complainants will be the subject of a reverse
- 25 criminal proceeding that's already in place.

- ■. Sir, sir, I want to say before we get too far
- 2 into this, I'm reading what the document says. Thank
- 3 you for that, but I'm reading from the document.
- 4 A. I apologize if I sound aggressive.
- Q. I'm just letting you know that I'm reading from
- 6 the official document.
- 7 So, he goes on to say that you took his money.
- 8 He said: The defendant took me in full confidence
- 9 and stole all of my savings, which was after paying
- 10 taxes, and my pension plan. He not sold me property,
- he second mortgaged my property and kept the money.
 - 12 It says and the never came to me, he promised my
 - 13 family. He paid periodically, which only did happen
- and a few checks bounced and he gave a very hard time
 - 15 to my wife and my children.
 - Then there was a Mr. , he was seventy
- 17 at the time of the sentencing. Was he a doctor, as
 - 18 well,
 - 19 A. No, ifetime criminal, who
- · 20 only spent a few years outside of prison. He is now
 - 21 deceased. I am urging you to look at the
 - 22 statements --
- 23 Q. Oh, I'm going to look at the statements. Now,
 - 24 I'm reading from the Sentencing Minutes.
 - 25 A. I understand, ma'am.

- 1 Q. So with that, he goes on to state his name. 2 said he is seventy. He says, my life was full and rewarding. There were two great tragedies, his wife 3 that passed from cancer, and a few years later his 5 daughter was killed by a hit and run driver. He 6 said, what was important to me was living my life as 7 a decent, loving and trusting human. He talks about 8 how you stole his property, you stole his money, you 9 stole things that were in his storage, sentimental 10 items from family, wedding albums, his daughter's 11 baby shoes, photos, audio tapes where I was talking to her as a little girl and everything that belongs 12 to me. His diplomas. He said his degree from the 13 14 Bologna Medical School. He talks about how he didn't 15 have much and that your actions took a lot away from He also talks about having to wait for money 16 17 that you promised him. He specifically talks about a Thanksgiving, where he wanted money for Thanksgiving, 18 and you told him something to the effect of you can 19 20 get Thanksgiving dinner for fifteen dollars, or something to that effect. He also discussed how you 21 22 had no remorse.
- $\,$. The assistant district attorney went on to talk
- 24 about -- is it Mr. or Ms.
- 25 A. Ms.

- 1 Q. And property (ph), how their lives were
- 2 in upheaval as a result of your actions. Apparently,
- 3 Doctor lost approximately three point two
- 4 million dollars. Doctor (ph) says you stole
- 5 nine hundred and ten thousand dollars from him.
- 6 There is your statement, and I read your
- 7 statement. You talked about all of the people who
- 8 came to court or read a letter that day. One of your
- 9 victims you called a crack-head, several times here.
- 10 You know, when you read your statement, it does read
 - like a person who has no remorse, unfortunately.
 - 12 A. I realize that.
- 13 Q. It does. It reads like a person who would
 - 14 rather blame his victims.
- 15 A. I was in emotional disbelief over these
- 16 charges. It was so surreal that I just basically
 - 17 couldn't think correctly. I was acting emotionally.
 - 18 It has been very, very painful to watch my family
- 19 suffer as much as they have.
 - I do regret some of my outbursts, it wasn't
 - 21 calculated. I have no doubt if I had been able to
- 22 think about some of my statements, I would have
 - 23 probably phrased it in a much more humane manner.
 - Q. But you knew you would have an opportunity to
- 25 address the court.

- 1 A. I was brought in to make a last minute
- 2 statement, after I was warned that I was facing fifty
- 3 years. I do regret some of my statements, without a
- 4 question, because I basically had held high standards
- 5 of behavior for myself.
- Q. I need to go back, because I'm confused. I
- 7 thought I heard you say that you were surprised that
- 8 you were hearing, for the first time, fifteen years.
- A. Fifty years.
- 10 Q. Fifty?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. But that's not what you got, you got fifteen to
 - 13 thirty with all the charges.
 - 14 A. Actually, initially, I was sentenced to
 - 15 seventeen years to fifty, and it was deemed an
 - 16 illegal sentence and it was changed to fifteen.
 - 17 Q. But you had attorneys, you were working with
 - 18 attorneys, and they had to at least tell you what you
 - 19 were facing; that's why you took it to verdict,
 - 20 right?
 - 21 A. I was given a range of sentences.
 - Q. What was the range?
 - 23 A. Um, basically anywhere from fifteen years up to
 - one hundred and thirty-two years.
 - 25 Q. So you knew at least you were going to get a

- 1 minimum of fifteen years, if you were convicted.
- 2 A. Somewhat, yes.
- 3 Q. So, again, you knew what you possibly could
- 4 have been facing. You knew. You also knew, and if
- 5 you did not know then that's an error from your
- 6 attorneys, but they should have told you, you should
- 7 have also known that you would have an opportunity to
- 8 address the court during sentencing, so you had time
- 9 to think about what you wanted to say.
- 10 A. I will be frank with you, ma'am. First and
- foremost, the attorneys who represented me at the
 - 12 trial were 18B state appointed attorneys.
 - The attorney that represented me at the
 - 14 sentencing was not the same attorney, it was someone
 - 15 that was brought in just for that purpose, and I had
 - 16 a ten-minute conversation with him.
 - I think the larger picture is that I personally
 - 18 failed to recognize the total circumstances, the
 - 19 totality of the whole situation, the gravity of what
- 20 I was facing. If I could go back today, I would be
- 21 much different than I was then.
- 22 Q. How did you not understand the gravity of what
- 23 you were facing?
- 24 A. I was in disbelief. My life was turned
- 25 upsidedown. I could not accept that this was

- 1 happening to me.
- Q. So what you're saying is that you're totally
- 3 innocent of this crime, and that's why you were in
- 4 disbelief?
- 5 A. That's correct.
- 6 Q. Well, I must say to you that I have reviewed
- 7 those Sentencing Minutes in full. I reviewed your
- 8 presentence investigation. I reviewed your packet,
- 9 which we will get into.
- I must say that we do reach out to the judge,
 - 11 the DA and defense attorney, about your possible
 - 12 release, sir, and we did receive a letter from the
- · 13 district attorney that we must consider. In your
 - 14 packet is the letter from your attorney, that you are
 - 15 working with now.
- Now, let me ask you, from your words, of all
 - 17 the programs that you have participated in, what do
 - 18 you think was the most transformative program for
- · 19 you?
 - 20 A. I wouldn't call it a single program. I would
 - 21 call it the experiences I've went through. Today, I
- 22 consider myself extremely naive, shallow. I did not
 - 23 have very much social contact because of the nature
 - 24 of my profession. I had seen myself more valuable
- 25 than I was. I was cocky. This experience has been

- 1 very humiliating for me, and it has humbled me. Even
- 2 though I thought I was very compassionate to others,
- 3 I think I was judgmental of other people. I did not
- 4 think anyone should be speaking to me.
- 5 Q. Why did you think that?
- 6 A. I was very naive. I was mind washed to believe
- 7 that criminals are people who are less than human. I
- 8 was pretty much programmed to believe that they are
- . 9 below the standards of humanity.
 - I am just opening my heart to you. I am
 - 11 ashamed about my thought process about people in
- . 12 general. I have been in a cell with people who are
 - amongst the toughest people I've ever met and I have
 - 14 witnessed them crying under a blanket. People in the
- . 15 the streets eating out of garbage cans.
 - 16 Q. But that wasn't your reality, though.
 - 17 Sir, I would like to get to your packet. I
- 18 found it interesting when you outlined your story.
 - 19 You are originally from Iran; is that right?
 - 20 A. Yes, ma'am.
- . 21 Q. It says here that you were working on becoming
 - 22 a doctor, that you come from a family that was a very
 - 23 prominent family, and those are your words. There
- 24 was a war going on in Iran, at that time when you
 - 25 left?

- 1 A. There was a revolution that took place in 1979.
- 2 There was a hostage crisis. My family members were
- 3 high cabinet members, ranking officers, large scale
- 4 entrepreneurs.
- 5 Q. What about you?
- 6 A. I was here.
- 7 Q. You were here when that happened to your
- 8 family?
- 9 A. Yes, I came here in 1977, I was sixteen-years
- 10 old.
- 11 Q. So, how did a war over there affect you here?
- 12 A. It explains that in my personal statement. My
- 13 family had to take off right away. I had no means of
- 14 contact to receive funds and pursue my education.
- 15 Q. One second, sir. Yes, you did say that. And
- 16 who was executed?
- 17 A. Some of my close family members.
- 18 Q. Was it your immediate family, that you were
- 19 living with?
- 20 A. No. Uncles, first cousins, a great uncle.
- 21 Q. I know that's traumatic, I understand that.
- 22 When you came here with your family, was it your
- 23 mother and your father?
- A. No, I came here by myself.
- Q. What happened to your parents?

- 1 A. My father passed when I was six-years old. He
- 2 was an engineer.
- 3 Q. And your mom?
- 4 A. My mom passed away from heart disease at the
- 5 age of forty-six-years old, in 1978.
- 6 Q. So when you came here, who were you living
- 7 with?
- 8 A. By myself.
- 9 O. At sixteen?
- 10 A. I had help for a few months from family that
- 11 took care of me, and then I rented an apartment in
- 12 the same building, 110th Street and Broadway.
- 13 Q. 110th and Broadway?
- 14 A. Yes, ma'am.
- 15 Q. What year was that?
- 16 A. This was 1977. Back then it was the College
- 17 Residence Hotel. It was primarily occupied by
- 18 Columbia University students and Barnard College. I
- 19 managed to rent a studio apartment.
- Q. With what job at sixteen-years old?
- 21 A. Well, I brought some funds with me. I also had
- 22 my uncle, Doctor (ph). He passed away last
- 23 year. He was a ophthalmologist surgeon. He was
- 24 helping me, and I managed to survive. I was
- 25 receiving funds from Iran. I had no problem getting

- 1 money from there. I came here with I believe
- 2 nineteen thousand dollars in my pocket, which was a
- 3 good sum of money back in the 70's. My rent was a
- 4 hundred and seven dollars a month. I went to the New
- 5 York Institute of Technology. My college fee was
- 6 thirteen hundred dollars for the year.
- 7 Q. Okay, so you had some money coming over. You
- 8 didn't have your immediate family, so it was just
- 9 you. You went on to start working towards your
- 10 education and things of that nature; is that right?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. I do have the letter from the Appellate
- 13 Advocates, who discusses your case and how they are
- 14 working on it. We also have a Jacqueline Pierce.
- 15 A. That's correct, ma'am.
- 16 Q. She is also your attorney?
- 17 A. If I may, I would ask you to please read the
- 18 contents of Meredith Holt's letter to you, in respect
- 19 to sufficiency of evidence at the trial.
- 20 Q. One second, sir. Oh, yes, I read that. I read
- 21 it. I just didn't see the name. Is there something
- 22 specifically you want to state briefly about that?
- 23 A. I would like to make a general statement that
- 24 basically when a person is charged with a crime, they
- 25 are demonized rightfully or wrongfully. I'm not

- 1 judging that specific part.
- 2 The statements that are put out by the
- 3 prosecution are usually exaggerated. I have no doubt
- 4 in my mind and in my heart that the truth will come
- 5 out in this case, and I'm looking forward for that to
- 6 happen before I pass away.
- 7 Q. What she said is she identifies a number of
- 8 appellate issues, including that the evidence at
- 9 trial was insufficient to prove him guilty beyond a
- 10 reasonable doubt, and that his Constitutional rights
- 11 to due process and a fair trial were violated by
- 12 various actions of the prosecution in court rulings
- 13 during his trial. If successful on appeal, Mr.
- convictions could be vacated and dismissed
- or his case could be reversed and remanded for a new
- 16 trial. Those are her words.
- Now, this is your resumé of your doctor, Laura
- 18 Ucik.
- 19 A. She is one of the doctors who has examined my
- 20 medical records about my medical condition. She is
- 21 one of two doctors. The other one was appointed by
- 22 New York Lawyers for Public Interest. The report is
- 23 not complete, because they were frustrated in not
- 24 being able to get the full records of my medical
- 25 condition.

- 1 Q. I will tell you what we have and you can
- 2 confirm or deny. It looks as if you have coronary
- 3 artery disease. You talked about having a heart
- 4 attack at one point. You discussed GERD. Recurrent
- 5 chest pains. There are a couple of really long
- 6 words.
- 7 It says this particular condition is in excess
- 8 of cholesterol in the blood and the other one is in
- 9 excess of fat in the blood. It says that these
- 10 things could form plaque, that can potentially lead
- 11 to a heart attack or stroke. I'm paraphrasing. I'm
 - 12 not reading every word. Does that sound about right,
 - 13 sir?
- A. I had seven heart attacks here, since 2017.
 - 15 They had to resuscitate me on the way to Orange
 - 16 Regional Medical Center. I have four stents in my
- 17 major arteries. I am taking seventeen prescription
 - 18 medications for my heart.
 - 19 Q. You also have it says benign prostatic
- 20 hyperplasia, so that's what we have here. She also
 - 21 discusses how COVID-19 could affect you being
 - 22 incarcerated.
- . 23 We have another letter from Joseph Robinson,
 - 24 from the Appellate Advocates, Director of Reentry
 - 25 Services. We also have the Osborne Association, you

- 1 have reached out to them. You also have a release
- 2 plan here and you discussed that.
- Now, you have letters from your family. Your
- 4 wife, she has written and of course you have her full
- 5 support. Your oldest daughter, , has also
- 6 written. She's a medical assistant. It says she was
- 7 diagnosed with a rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
- 8 You also have a granddaughter. We have some
- 9 beautiful pictures of your family.
- 10 A. Thank you.
- 11 Q. Your ex-has wife also written in, and she gives
- 12 her support. There's a cousin,
- 13 A. He's a dentist.
 - Q. He just says , he didn't say doctor.
 - 15 A. He is a dental surgeon.
- 16 Q. He didn't sign it MD. The next person is
 - , he is a friend of yours. and , you
 - 18 know them for many decades. We also have
 - . This is your --
 - 20 A. -- brother-in-law.
 - 21 Q. You have support there. This one I'm having a
- 22 hard time reading, (ph).
 - 23 A. They are Serbian. Those names are from Serbian
 - 24 origin.
 - Q. Here's your family. You have some beautiful

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- 1 pictures here of your wife, children and grand-baby.
- 2 That's the one that always tugs at the heart, right?
- 3 And more pictures here, sir.
- 4 COMM. DRAKE: I am going to ask my
- 5 colleagues if they have any questions. Commissioner
- 6 Demosthenes?
- 7 COMM. DEMOSTHENES: I have nothing
- 8 further. Thank you.
- 9 COMM. DRAKE: Commissioner Segarra?
- 10 COMM. SEGARRA: I have listened carefully,
- 11 I have no further questions.
- 12 CONTINUED BY COMMISSIONER DRAKE:
 - we went over quite a bit, sir.
- 14 Why should we give you the opportunity at parole,
- 15 today, sir?
- 16 A. It's an excellent question. Um, I think
- 17 because of my innocence claim. I want you to
- 18 remember what I said in my personal statement. I was
- 19 offered to be released in 2005. I have sixty-seven
- 20 offers of time served.
- 21 Q. Repeat that again. Repeat what you're saying,
- 22 because I need my stenographer to be able to hear
- 23 you.
- 24 A. I'm sorry. There are sixty-seven recorded
- 25 offers of time served that I rejected in terms of

- 1 compromising a plea bargain.
- Q. Why did you reject them?
- 3 A. I could not look at the rest of my life being
- 4 known as an ex-con and walk the streets. It was
- 5 directly against my moral values and my principles.
- 6 My biggest fear today here is that I am being
- 7 represented as a person who does not understand the
- 8 pain of other people. I am representing myself as
- 9 such, I am not accusing the panel of that. I think I
- 10 am lacking in terms of explaining myself properly. I
- 11 want the panel to know that I care about people, from
- 12 my heart. I don't have any delusions about the
- 13 painful effects and mental anguish of someone losing
- 14 their entire pension and savings; I am facing it and
- 15 my family is facing it.
- All human beings have a right to live in peace
- 17 and harmony without being abused, especially mental
- 18 abuse.
- 19 Q. Anything else,
- 20 A. Thank you for your time today. I appreciate
- 21 it.
- Q. One more question. You have a final deport
- order. You are appealing that, as well, sir?
- 24 A. Yes, that will be set aside. The reason for
- 25 that was the conviction of the crime mandates the

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      Department of Homeland Security to deport me, but I
 2
      am confident that problem will be resolved.
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      Pierce had an affidavit sent to you.
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            Say her name, again?
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                     . It's in the packet.
 6
           Yes, Make the Road New York, it's a nonprofit
 7
     community based organization that provides legal
 8
     services on a pro bono basis. She is working on the
 9
     immigration piece, and she is evaluating the medical
10
     records, as well.
           That's correct.
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                 COMM. DRAKE: So that's all we have, sir.
     We are going to deliberate and we will get a decision
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     to you and it will be in writing, so give us a few
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15
     days. Thank you.
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                THE INMATE: Thank you for your time.
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                 (Interview concluded.)
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1 2 (After due deliberation by the Parole Board Panel, 3 the following Decision was rendered:) 4 5 DECISION 6 7 parole denied. Hold 24 months. 8 Next appearance 7/2023. Careful review of the record and interview lead the 9 10 Panel to determine that if released at this time there 11 is a reasonable probability that you would not live and 12 remain at liberty without again violating the law, and 13 that release at this time would be incompatible with the welfare of society. Parole is denied. 1.4 15 The Board's decision is based on the following factors: The Instant Offense, where on multiple 16 17 occasions you defrauded approximately eight victims, by fraudulently entering into business ventures. You took 18 19 their money promising services as an attorney, that you 20 were not legally allowed to do. Further, other victims 21 were defrauded of money and property. 22 Records indicate you stole approximately five point five million dollars, causing great financial and 23 psychological harm. You have no other crimes in your 24 25 past.

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     acquired tickets since your last Parole Board interview.
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     And the COMPAS Risk Assessment indicates low and
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     unlikely across the board. The Panel departs from the
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     COMPAS, most specifically arrest and criminal
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     involvement, as during the interview you denied total
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     involvement in this very detailed case. You extensively
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    tried to discredit one of your victim's character and
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    displayed minimal remorse for the victim's suffering.
         Most compelling you defied the trust of your
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    victims and the community at large and since you
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    minimized your culpability in such an intense and
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    detailed case, the Panel questions your credibility and
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    as such puts you at risk for committing similar crimes
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    in the future. Release at this time is not appropriate.
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                (All Commissioners concur.)
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Your disciplinary record is minimal, although you

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2	CERTIFICATION
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4	I, Lori Ciofalo, Court Reporter and Notary Public
5	in and for the State of New York, do hereby certify that
6	I attended the foregoing proceedings, took stenographic
7	notes of the same, and that the foregoing, consisting of
8	27 pages, is a true and correct copy of same and the
9	whole thereof.
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11	Lori Ciofalo
12	Lori Ciofalo, Court Reporter
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