

The following are letters given in private to Judge Miller in a notebook early on the morning of Manuel Beliz's sentencing hearing. Many of these letters are offered by family members and all of them are composed by Jehovah's Witnesses. If you notice the way they are written they seem to follow a pattern in how they are composed. Do you think the home office of Jehovah's Witnesses gave them coaching tips on what to say? That will remain to be seen. Also note the references to Brother Beliz preaching activity, going door to door, as being evidence of how well he was doing. Once again, a few chose to mention that they wanted this twice convicted child molester to baby sit their children. The truth is truly stranger than fiction.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to Manuel L. Beliz. I am his daughter in law, and I am writing to tell whoever will listen about what kind of man I feel he is. In the time that I have known Manuel, I have seen nothing but an honest caring man who loves his family dearly. He does all he can to provide for them and his family, wife and kids love him in return. I can honestly say that if I for one second believed any or the accusations against him, that I would not be writing this letter. He doesn't always know how to express himself, but when it comes to his loyalty.

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Honorable Judge Miller,

My name is Rolando Beliz, I live in Red Bluff California. I'm writing on behalf of my brother Manuel Beliz. I would like to start by saying thank you for taking the time to consider my petition.

I have known Manuel all my life, he is not only my brother but a true friend for me. He is not a perfect man, like all of us he makes mistakes in life, for there is no righteous on the earth that keeps doing good and does not sin. What I respect in my brother is true honesty, his honesty is the reason he is before you. In my heart I believe my brother hold fast to the truths of the holy scriptures, "he that is covering over his transgressions will not succeed, but he that is confessing and leaving them will be shown mercy."

My brother is a god fearing man who understands that he cannot conceal his transgressions from the all-mighty God or man for the sake of his spiritual and emotional well being. Manuel could have avoided all the consequences by denying his error. He chose to do what was right regardless of the consequences.

I can truly say that he has been a good father and husband to this family and a sincere brother to me.

I conclusion Honorable Judge Miller, I would like to appeal to your conscience that you may judge my brother with the wisdom from above. May you be merciful like the all-mighty of whom King David wrote, "If errors were what you watch O Jah O Jehovah, who could stand."

Please your Honor, reflect deeply into the wisdom God has given you and be merciful with my brother Manuel.

Thank you,

Respectfully,

Rolando Beliz

September 20, 2001

Honorable Judge Miller

My name is Felmin Beliz, I am Manuel Beliz' brother As children, we grew up *in* Texas and California Later, we both started families and *resided in* Othello, Washington. Throughout that *time*, our families spent a lot of *time* together We frequently had *family* barbeques, many *times at Manuel's home on Scootney Street We attended meetings*

together at the Othello *Kingdom* Hall for many years. My three daughters went to Manuel's home *quite* often, to play with Manuel's daughter, Melissa. They enjoyed *being* there after school Manuel has always been a very honest person, very *responsible*. My wife and I never had any doubts about him when we left our daughters at

his house We left them there to stay over-night, and we have never known of anything happening to them while at *his* house. He and his wife Kathy, have a business cleaning offices He has always been a very honest businessman and a hard worker He has raised *his* children to be good, honest people I believe my brother to be a very straightforward and honest *person* In my *experience* with him, he has always told the truth He is known in, his congregation as a *kind*, generous person Nobody that really knows him would even *think* about questioning *his* integrity or character Your Honor, please take *into* consideration that this man has a family and friends who love him, and who have done without him *long* enough.

Respectfully,
Fermin Beliz

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September 20, 2001

Your Honor,

My name is Juanita Ramirez, I am Manuel Beliz' niece. I have known Manuel my whole life. As a child, I would go to his home to visit my cousin Melissa, his daughter, we were about the same age, and went to School together, at Othello High School. My sisters and I would go over to their house and stay the night sometimes. We had family barbeques quite often. A lot of the time, they were at Manuel & Kathy's house. We also went to meetings at the same Kingdom Hall- My uncle and his family always assisted the meetings regularly, and also participated regularly, in the preaching work. I never have considered my uncle a danger or threat to me in any way. He never gave our family any reasons to doubt his integrity. He has a business cleaning offices that my aunt has been running on her own since his incarceration. He has always been an honest business man, and an honest person through and through. He is a hard worker. He has always been. He loves his family, and has raised his children to be honest, loving people. He has always been a kind and generous person, to all he meets, not just his family. Please take into consideration that this man has a family, and has not been able to be with them for quite some time already.

With respect,

Juanita Ramirez

September 10, 2001

Honorable Judge Miller,

My name is Elida Yanez, I'm Manuel Beliz niece. I have known Manuel and his family my whole life. My twin sister *and* I went. to high School with his daughter, Melissa. We would go to their house after school and spend the night .sometimes, My uncle raised Melissa and her two brothers to be kind,

respectful, generous people. He and my aunt Kathy kept a very neat house and beautifully landscaped yard. Their home was where the extended family would often meet and have get togethers. When we were young, most of our Family members lived either in Othello or Moses Lake or Walla Walla

so they were pretty big gatherings. We also went to the same congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses in Othello. My aunt and uncle were very active in the preaching work. My uncle has a business cleaning offices. My aunt is running it now. He has always been a hard worker and an honest business

man, which is why he has been able to keep a successful business for so long. Your Honor in all the years I have known my uncle Manuel, he has never given me or my family any reason to see him as a threat or as a bad person. He loves his family and he loves his spiritual family. He has many friends and family who would like to see him more often. Your Honor, this man is a good man who needs to be with his family and his family misses him very much. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,
Elida Yanez

September 20, 2001

Honorable Judge Miller
Adams County Superior Court
Honorable Judge Miller:

My name is Celeste Beliz, I am Manuel Beliz' niece. I grew up near my uncle's family, in Othello, W A. My sisters and I used to go over to their house and visit a lot We would go over and spend time with our cousin Melissa. We would go over for family barbeques, where my aunt, Kathryn, would bake pies and pineapple upside-down cakes, and my uncle would barbeque. We would go over to their house and spend the night, like most kids like to do- I remember watching T.V. with my uncle, in the living room. My uncle never tried to do any thing improper with or to me. He has always been a respectful, kind and caring man. All of his children were raised to be the same way. My uncle based the rearing up of his children on the Bible. My cousins are grown-up now as am I. They are as they were raised to be kind, respectful and with a great love for the word of God. My uncle Manuel is a man of great character impeccable values. He knows God's teachings and lives his life by them. He loves his family and his spiritual family. Please remember these good things about this man. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,
Celeste Beliz

--- From the desk of... Celeste Beliz

Honorable Judge Miller:

My name is Manuel Beliz, Sr. and my wife is Guadalupe Beliz. We want to let you know about the circumstances my son Manuel is in. For us, he has always been a good son, and has never been in trouble with the law, until now. That is why it is so difficult for us to see him in this problem: we did not know it would get to this point. It could have been resolved amongst themselves. We know that we all commit errors. and that we are not free from sin. Therefore, Honorable Judge, my wife and I ask that all the circumstances be considered to see if there is a possibility that my son can be freed. He is not a threat to people, he has strived to be a good husband and a good father. The majority of our family and friends, we are agreed that he should please be given another opportunity to prove that he has strived to be a good person to everyone. Those who know him well would agree that he is not a criminal, that what happened ;-as a mistake that has not repeated itself, and that he has matured emotionally and spiritually, like God wants. I beg you please to listen to me, thank you.

Manuel Beliz
Guadalupe Beliz

September 20. 2001

Honorable Judge Miller:

I am writing this letter in regards to Manuel L. Beliz. I am his daughter-in-law, and I am writing to tell whoever will listen about what kind of man he is. In the time that I have known Manuel, I have seen

nothing but an honest, caring man who loves his family dearly. He does all he can to provide for them and his family, wife and kids love him in return. I can honestly say that if I for one second believed any of the accusations against him that I would not be writing this letter. He doesn't always know how to express himself, but when it comes to his loyalty, there's no question about it. Right now, everyone is being very quick to judge, automatically assuming that one person's accusation must be the truth, even when there is evidence to the contrary, but I hope that the things that you are reading in this letter might somehow help in making you realize what a good man Manuel is. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Respectfully,
Melanie Beliz

To the honorable Judge Miller:

My name is Elias Beliz. I am Manuel L. Beliz's son. I have been his son for the last 18 years.

I am writing this letter to tell you why my dad is a good person. My dad has many fine qualities; one of these is that he is a good listener. For instance if you had a problem and needed someone to talk to you could always count on my dad. Then on top of listening, he would also try to give helpful advice to your situation; his advice would usually help. Another quality that my dad has is that he doesn't hold any grudges in fact he is usually the one that tries to make the peace if he can. One last thing I should mention is that a lot of people still miss my dad and keep asking for him every day.

Thank you for taking your time in reading this letter. I hope that this has helped in getting to know what kind of man my dad is.

sincerely,
Elias Beliz

Kathlynn Beliz
Othello, Washington
September 21,2001

Honorable Judge Richard Miller
Adams County Superior Court
Ritzville, Washington 99169
Honorable Judge Miller:

Three years ago in your courtroom my family, friends and I gave passionate testimony during my husband's, Manuel L. Beliz, sentencing hearing. Today, we still support, love and believe Manuel. We know him to be an honest, hard-working, reliable man, and not a sexual threat to society. His clean record of the past decade proves this. While out on appeal, he made himself physically visible to the community so that if any one had any concerns they could ask freely of him. He is very serious about being open. We ask that you take these things into account as you pass sentence.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kathlynn Betiz

Honorable Judge Miller:

My name is Gabriel R. Beliz and I am writing to speak about Manuel L. Beliz. MY relationship to him is father and son.

The reason I am writing this letter is to let anyone know how I feel about him. I know my father is a good man. He has proven himself to me and especially to others. He is very kind, generous and caring. Many of his friends and companions miss him very Much! They miss his advice and counsel he would give them on problems they had. He treated them respect. Many of them still ask how he is doing and want to know when they can see him.

I can also relate to how they feel about my dad. He has been a good teacher and example. He often encourages me to do well in my life and to take care of my family as well as others. His goal in life (which he had before he was even taken to court) is to help others learn the truth about the bible and to give hope to those in need. He continues to do so even while incarcerated. Quite a few men in prison have come out doing better in life thanks to him.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Gabriel R. Beliz

NOTE: According to court testimony Gabriel and his mother were in the room and aware when Erica was being molested.

September 21, 2001

Honorable Judge:

My brother is a good man, he does not deserve to go back to prison. I've known him all me life (35 years). My brother never touched me, not once. He's a kind and loving person and we need him at home and at the Kingdom Hall. My brother is a very responsible father. My children are constantly asking for their uncle and wanting to see him. I beg you Judge, to please not send my brother to a place he does not belong. We love our brother very much, and do not want to lose him to a prison, where only malicious people go. He's not a monster he is human, just like you and me.

Thank you for your time.

Ruth Reynoso-Beliz

September 21, 2001

Honorable Judge Miller:

My name is Philip B. Norman, I have known Manuel L. Beliz for 5 years. My daughter Melanie is married to his son Gabriel. In all the years I have known Manuel. I have never known him to be dishonest in any way. He has always been a kind and caring person. He is a good man who loves his family and the word of God. He has raised my son-in-law in a loving environment, and they've all turned out to be great people. I do not know of any mistakes that he has made in the past, but from what I know of the person he is today, I would say that I completely trust him. He is a very trustworthy man. He has always been very humble and generous and active in the service work of Jehovah God. Manuel has always and always will be a welcome guest in my home. He is not a threat to society. My daughter Melanie, is due to have her first child in February, 2002, and I know that he will be a great grandfather. This will be his first grandchild. Please take into consideration that he is a great man, with a great family who needs to be with him. Thank you for your tune and consideration

With respect,

Philip Norman

September 19, 2001

Your Honor,

My name is Maria Ocampo I am writing you these few lines speaking to you, Sir, about Mr. Manuel Beliz. I have known him for over 21 years and this time I have known this man for a very honest and straight forward gentleman. He has always been very responsible, about his family an his home. Whatever problem that has arrived he has been able to confront it head on. He has always been a person that has been there to help others. I know clearly that we all make mistakes and it is the person who goes forward, does NOT allow our life to end during it because of such things. I can clearly tell you that Mr. Manuel Beliz is such a Man, that you please have compassion and mercy on this man.

Sincerely,
Maria R.. Ocampo

September 13, 2001

Your Honor:

My name is Ramon Mayorquin, I am writing you these few lines speaking to you Sr. about Mr. Manuel Beliz. I have known him for over 20 years, and all this time I have known this man for a very honest and straight forward gentleman. He has always been very responsible about his family and his wife and his home. Whatever problem has arrived, he's been able to confront it head on.

He has always been a person that has been there to help others, I know clearly that we all make mistakes and it is the person who goes forward, doesn't allow our life to end during or because of such a thing. I can clearly tell you that Mr. Manuel Beliz is such a man, that you please have compassion and mercy on this man.

Sincerely,
Ramon Mayorquin

September 21, 2001

Honorable Judge:

My name is Jesus Quiroz. I am writ in you this letter to talk to you about \4r. Manuel Beliz. I have known him for 12 years now. For me, he has always been a good person. I do not believe what other people say about him. We attend the same meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses in Othello. He never misses meetings, and is always busy in the preaching work. He is a good person who always tries to help others, and his spiritual brothers. He has always been a humble and generous man He has always been a person who helps people instead of getting involved in their problems. Please consider that this man has family and friends who would like to see him with them. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Jesus Quiroz

9-21-01

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I'm writing this letter concerning Manuel Beliz, who I have known for 21 years. I am one of many nephews, my name is Josue Beliz. I know that Manuel Beliz has made mistakes in his life, just as we all do. But I know that we all change our way of being. I know he is an honest man that cares for his family and others to.

We all understand that is a hard situation to be in, to me he will always be a good person because growing up with our family's united was the best thing. We would like you to consider that Manuel Beliz knowing him as well as I do can have a chance to prove himself and care for his family again. Once again please consider Manuel Beliz as an honest and caring man and all of us are imperfect we all make mistakes.

Thank you,
Josue Beliz

September 21, 2001

Honorable Judge:

I humbly ask to give this short comment about Mr. Manuel Beliz. I have known him for 25 years Mr. Bells is a good man, a good father, an honest worker in every way. He is a man who lives for his family. A man who lends a hand whenever someone needs it.

Thank you, your Honor for allowing me to give this written comment.

Sincerely,
Estela Villarreal

September 21, 2001

Honorable Judge:

My name is Melania Quiroz. I am writing you this letter to talk to you about Mr. Manuel Beliz. I have known him for 12 years now. For me, he has always been a good person. I do not believe what other people say about him. We attend the same meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses in Othello. He never misses meetings and is always busy in the preaching work. He is a good person who always tries to help others, and his spiritual brothers. He has always been a humble and generous man. He has always been a person who helps people instead of getting involved in their problems. Please consider that this man has family and friends who would like to see him with them. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Melania Quiroz