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Dear [REDACTED],

This has been addressed to myself so I will respond.

You have no legal standing to make representations on behalf of Mr. Gresta or to address the court.

When Mr. Gresta pleaded guilty, he was legally represented and had the benefit of an interpreter. His legal team and the court would have satisfied itself as to his capacity to make the decision to plead guilty.

A Pre sentence report was commissioned and he again openly admitted his guilt to his probation officer.

A sentencing hearing took place on the 22nd of November at which again he was legally represented and had an interpreter present. No application was made to vacate his early guilty plea.

The matter was transferred to the Crown Court for sentence and the Crown Court will ask him to confirm his guilty plea on the 22nd of December before sentencing him.

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Dear Mr. Jones

Dears Magistrates' court

I, [REDACTED], former carer of Mr Riccardo Gresta, feel the duty to provide information to honour the truth and justice.

On 22nd April 2022, Mr Riccardo Gresta wrote a letter of appeal, printed on both sides of a single sheet of paper, and asked me to send it by post and provided me with his debit card, also.

Mr Riccardo Gresta was going through a period of great stress and it is very likely that he was not able to remember what really happened on that day.

In any case, I sent this appeal on his behalf, on the afternoon of 22nd April 2022. It was printed on both sides of a single sheet of paper and was included in an envelope, sent then via a postal service called "Signed for". To confirm what I declare, I invite you to ask Mr. Riccardo Gresta copy of the postal receipt, which confirms the weight of 10 grams, which is equivalent to an envelope weighing 5 grams and a sheet of paper weighing 5 grams. This proves that the envelope sent on behalf of Mr Riccardo Gresta contained nothing but the letter of his appeal. The postal tracking confirms that the envelope I sent on 22nd April 2022 was received by ESSC, St Mary's House, on 25th April 2022. My understanding is that Mr Mark Jobling refused to show to Mr Gresta the original envelope and its content, that ESSC received by post.

On 30th June 2022 I accompanied Mr. Riccardo Gresta to Hailsham for the interview under caution as requested by Mr. Mark Jobling. He was waiting for Mr. Gresta at the entrance to the building, and when we entered the building itself, Mr. Jobling approached Mr. Gresta with an attitude that I would define aggressive, stopping a few inches from Mr. Gresta, in what appeared to be an intimidating act. I remind you that Mr. Gresta is a disabled and vulnerable person. While Mr Riccardo Gresta was explaining that I was both his carer and interpreter, Mr Jobling prevented me from staying in the interview room to assist Mr. Riccardo Gresta from a linguistic point of view, as his conditions required. I was invited to stay in the reception, where I was joined by Mr. Jobling after a few minutes. He asked me whether Mr Gresta was able to understand and speak English or not. I answered that he was not able to fully understand everything and above all not to know how to respond adequately in English, but my statements didn't seem to be a problem for Mr Jobling, who went back to his office to talk to Mr Gresta. While I was sitting outside the interview room, I heard that Mr Mark Jobling started to raise his voice, which I considered aggressive.

I accompanied Mr Riccardo Gresta both at the hearing of 19th July 2022 and at that of 16th August 2022, but unfortunately for him, on 27th August 2022 I left the UK and moved abroad permanently for work reasons. I am now in probation time for my job and for this reason I cannot travel abroad. However, I learned that on 20th September 2022 Mr Riccardo Gresta pleaded guilty to a crime he did not commit. I'm afraid he made this decision under conditions that may have altered his decision-making capacity and under pressure or threats or circumstances that I do not know. I inform you that Mr Riccardo Gresta, since the beginning of August 2022 at least, has been under medical treatment for mental health conditions (I accompanied him to the Eastbourne DGH on 3rd August and we left the hospital on the following morning), where he was visited by doctors and psychologists, because of the devastating psycho-physical effects due to this absurd and false accusation. He is still taking medication for this reason.

For the sake of truth and justice.

