

Dear Mr. Hammond,

I received the news that my case is out of the appeals process. It's a disappointing end to such a long and arduous effort that you all put into it. I believe that all who got involved in my case did a great job, put forth coherent pleadings that exposed the error and confusion AZ used to obtain and maintain my conviction, and treated me as a human being instead of what I've come to expect.

I want you to know that your efforts and resources were not wasted on a liar. I did not do what they convicted me of and examination of the colposcopic slides would've proven that. I believe the State knows this and is why they banded together to keep them out of my hands. I've never heard of not being allowed to examine the evidence against someone!?!'

Thank you all for the monumental effort you put forth on my behalf. Words cannot express my appreciation. I'll never forget what you've done for me.

I pray for God to bless you richly in every aspect of your life and He reward you for what you do.

Very truly yours,

James L. Smith