

Mitch Simpson Statement of Responsibility

It is with great shame that I am writing this to you. I cannot fully express the regret that I have for even being involved in this matter. It has been an absolute tragedy for my family and loved ones. I take full responsibility.

My heart breaks thinking of the pain my family has endured for the past 5 1/2 years as a **direct** result of my actions. Life is complicated, and while I think I never intended to cause harm to anyone, now understand how badly I messed up.

Because of my bad judgement many people have suffered. I fully accept the many mistakes that I have made. As I look back at this entire situation I see bad mistake after bad mistake compounded into a series of many others, which is so much more horrible than anything I could have ever imagined while it was happening.

I can look back now and see many opportunities where I should have simply quit. When I divorced my-ex wife, when I had to undergo open heart surgery to replace my heart valve, but instead, I made the horrible mistake of staying because I trusted the people involved. Because of my mistakes many people have suffered. I beg of the court to please forgive me and be merciful when determining my sentence.