

11 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Barnes, do you wish to
12 make any statement to the Court on your own behalf before
13 I impose sentence?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, Your Honor. I would
15 just like to say that going through this process, I have
16 had a pretty unique perspective of the justice system. I
17 sat as a solid defendant. I acted as my own attorney. I
18 have been an inmate. And shortly after being released
19 from detainment, I actually sat on a jury.

20 I was going at that jury very disillusioned. I
21 thought that the system was broken. But I was surprised
22 that I saw the system work. I did. And I didn't think it
23 would.

24 What I saw was that there was individuals in that
25 system; a Judge, a prosecutor and defense, that did their

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1 jobs. And I saw that judge as a protector of the rights,
2 of not only the Government, but of the defendants. And I
3 also saw that Judge to make sure that every piece of
4 evidence was able to get to that jury, because I sat there
5 and I watched as a theater; silent, but I saw the process
6 work from a different perspective.

7 I don't think that justice system is broke now, but
8 I do understand that it is a very delicate balance. And
9 it can be knocked off that balance by individuals inside
10 that system that do not fully respect what the
11 constitution and the rights of the citizens who sit before
12 that court, and also that they can do their job without
13 any sort of personal, whatever type, you know, reasons,
14 they just want the Government to win or whatever.

15 I watched very -- and listened closely to Piers
16 Morgan when he interviewed Justice Scalia. He seemed very
17 biased, but I heard him say that he could set aside his
18 personal beliefs to do the job. Even though he agreed, he
19 said, I don't agree with everything, but he believes in
20 the Constitution.

21 I don't think I am done yet. I do believe that the
22 jury could have made a different decision if they had the
23 right to see all of the evidence, hear all of the
24 witnesses, let them make the decision. Not let it be
25 orchestrated away from them to get a portion of what they

1 could have saw, I do believe that there would have been a
2 different outcome.

3 What I would like to say is that things -- everyone
4 needs to do their job; from the court reporter getting all
5 of the information, to the Judge making sure that there is
6 a referee; making sure that the rights, my rights, the
7 public's rights, every one is respected. When that is
8 done, I think the system can work.

9 By the grace of God, I believe that I saw all of
10 these things from a different perspective for a reason. I
11 do believe that I don't think this is over. I do believe
12 that the wisdom of the Forefathers who made this system
13 also understood there could be mistakes, and made an
14 appellate court so that, you know, someone could take a
15 second look.

16 That is what I am basically hoping and putting my
17 faith in now, is in God. And I put my faith in the system
18 that there are going to be judges who look at this without
19 any sort of bias; not caring who I am, but look at what
20 this whole goal in the judicial system is about, and what
21 is the Constitution set there for, and I believe I will be
22 exonerated.

23 That is all I would like to say. Thank you.
