

Victim Impact Statement
Submitted by Richard B Freibrun

I would like the court to know that Dr. Ronald Shlensky was my brother in law. I knew him for over 50 years. I knew him before I met and married his sister Geraldine.

We first met in college and were in several classes together. My memories of him from that time are very clear. I knew him as a fun loving but serious student who questioned and debated his professors. Later on I knew him as a medical student who studied hard and made it look easy. Ron was my best man at my wedding to his sister. In addition to all of his accomplishments as a doctor and attorney he had a lovely singing voice and even serenaded us at our wedding. He was a man of many accomplishments and talents and admired by all that knew him.

He was a loving and giving Uncle to my children. He would give them gifts out of the blue such as old Volkswagens that were really his treasures. He gave advice when asked and it gave him great pleasure to see my kids do well. He would call them often and their Uncle Ronnie, their only uncle, was very special to them. Whenever he and I talked, which was often, he would always remark how lucky we both were and what a good job we must have done because our kids turned out so well. Where did we go right he always asked as compared to others. It was one of those others that took his life.

Just two days before Ron was killed he and Evely had taken my wife Geraldine, his sister, out for her birthday while they were in Chicago.

It is still incomprehensible to me to think that Ronnie Shlensky is gone, killed by a drunk driver while doing no harm to anyone. A drunk driver who did not even report that she had hit him and caused his death. A hit and run driver. A person who confided in others, but not the police about what she had done. A person with no conscience and no human feelings except those that fostered her own anti-social and selfish life style. A person who has shown no remorse, no guilt, no contrition. A person whose habitual drunkenness and illegal behavior is well known to this community. It is difficult to understand how a young woman, at the time still a teenager, could be as callous and self centered a person as she is.

Ron Shlensky can not be brought back to us. His death is a void in this family's heart and will be so forever. The culprit, the perpetrator, the killer of Ron must be held responsible for her actions. The laws of the State of California provide for this. It is a terrible responsibility laid upon the judge to pass sentence on this person because of her relative youth. But the court and the State must stand for a person assuming ownership and responsibility for her actions. She must be made to stand as an example and a warning to others that actions of this nature are not acceptable.

I ask the court to sentence her to the maximum sentence provided by law, with not less than 50% of the maximum sentence to be spent in incarceration and that the balance of her sentence, up to the maximum, be spent on probation performing community service. Additionally this person should not be allowed to drive during the time the probation is in force.

Respectfully submitted:
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