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RONALD A. GUZMAN, JUDGE  
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Dear Honorable Judge Guzman:

Re: Mastro and Allen 12 CR 567-1 (and -2)

Thank you for your time and consideration of this letter. I am a collector of game used baseball jerseys from the deadball era, until the 1950's. I have been a customer of both Mastro and Legendary Auctions, and have seen some of the behaviors that have led to the guilty pleas. My view is that the scope and nature of their activities are much deeper and broader than they have admitted in public.

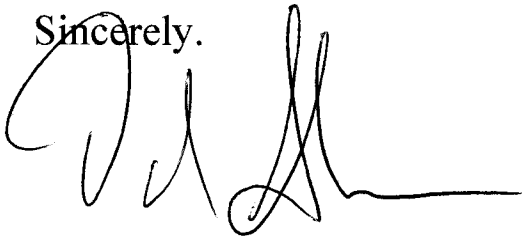
My purpose in writing today is actually not to rehash the harm done by shill bidding or by alteration of items, but instead to seek your help as you approach sentencing. My current belief is that each of these men has significant information pertaining to the authenticity of many items, and that to date, they have not been completely open with regard to that information. I would welcome them both being honest about which items they have sold where the items have dubious authenticity (or came from dubious sources).

Although I can only read newspaper articles, my sense is that neither defendant has made a commitment towards truth and that if both did, it would help many folks understand the objects they bought much better. In the case of Mr. Mastro, I was struck by incredible comments he left on a message board where essentially his

defense to everything was that most of his buyers had made money, even over the prices that he artificially inflated through his actions. In addition, I have seen both defendants attempt to minimize the scope of their actions by claiming only a small percentage of sales were impacted by their behavior. My personal belief is that both have significant knowledge that they in fact have not shared except when forced to and that there is an overwhelming public interest in learning the truth of what these men knowingly did. Serving jail time is of course necessary, but perhaps a more honest telling of their story might be worth a reduction in that time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If the defendants were to be truthful about the nature of objects they sold, it would help every collector understand what they bought and help the market establish clear valuations for objects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Scheinman', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Dan Scheinman, Jersey Collector