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Dear Reuven:

Last year Danita Marcum and myself met with you at your office and discussed a certain situation involving Pete Rose. You expressed shock and concern after learning about certain activities Mr. Rose was involved in. Also discussed was a personal loan made to Pete Rose by myself which dates back to June 1987. After following this meeting with a phone call several days later, you told me you didn't want to get involved. I have a feeling that you and Mr. Rose discussed our meeting and concluded that a non-committal stance by yourself might discourage me and I'd dry up and blow away. Well, I haven't and don't intend to.

The word friendship and trust to me must have a different meaning than it does to Pete Rose. I've gone to bat for him dozens of times involving his personal affairs. I spent hundreds of hours at his home working, whether it was building a play area for Tyler or chopping down tree limbs in the backyard, I never asked to be reimbursed. But not only was I used for my time, but he borrowed money from me so he didn't have to come to you and ask for it. He never wanted you to know everything. Don't feel left out. His wife, Carol, was kept in the dark about a lot of things also.

A personal loan was made to Pete Rose by myself in June 1987. His promise to start paying me back came and went each month with a new excuse why he couldn't come up with any. He kept falling back on the same promise that if he didn't pay me by December 1987, he would use money from the sale of his 4192 Mizuno bat he broke Cobb's record with to settle up with me. It never happened. Then when his wife started building their new house in Florida, the idea of paying me back seemed to vanish from his mind. Only after I contacted you in March 1988 did I receive partial payment by check.

Since that time, my relationship with Pete and Carol Rose went completely down the tubes. Because I covered for him with his wife, while he was sleeping his way around town, she no longer wanted me in their house. It's the same thing that happened with Tommy Helms years ago. Carol doesn't have the guts to leave him, so she has to blame his friends for his disgusting behavior. If she ever blamed him, she'd have to leave the lifestyle of fame and fortune behind and she can't do it. Pete must have felt fortunate that my presence was no longer welcome because now he could avoid me and his responsibility of paying me back.

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For years I heard the stories that Mr. Rose didn't like paying his debts and had left several people hanging out to dry. Well they certainly were true. I've watched many times as he dug a hole for himself financially, and he always needed someone else to bail him out. Evidently he's living a lifestyle he can't afford and he's using his so called "friends" to feed off of. It's really sad when a man making the money Mr. Rose does has to borrow from people around him. But this is nothing new. I've recently spoke with a couple of people who have known Pete for many years, and they told me of similar situations where he abused his friendship with others. They say the same thing, "A great ball player, a zero as a human being." It would be a fitting epitaph for Pete, wouldn't it.

Well Reuven, so much for my personal feelings about the man. My intentions are that if I can't settle this quietly and quickly out of court, then let's jump into the ring and take it to court. What we have here is a situation that calls for the truth, the stuff that our court system is based on. I know Mr. Rose can't back up his stories with proof. I can!

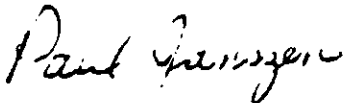
I have given Mr. Rose ample time to take care of this problem, but I guess he's too ignorant to understand what a court appearance would do to his credibility as a man and a manager. His friends have asked me to talk to you before going ahead with my suit so that's what I'm doing.

Your only problem is defending a man who doesn't know the truth if it hit him in the face. I actually think he has lied so much he's starting to believe them as actual facts. It seems everything in his life has been a lie, from his marriages to his relationship with you.

Just the other day, I met with a Cincinnati jeweler who informed me that Pete owes him thousands of dollars for jewelry bought over a year ago and now avoids their attempts to contact him to settle up his past balance. Just another example of the kind of man we are dealing with.

Reuven, I've waited for over a year now, and enough is enough. I don't care what story Mr. Rose tells you, I know and he knows the truth and I'm prepared and anxious to prove this in court if necessary. I wasn't put on this earth to be Pete Rose's doormat. It's time for him to take responsibility for his actions and if need be get some professional help along the way before he has nothing left.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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cc: Marilyn Shivendecker, Attorney

P.S. A meeting with my lawyer can be arranged at your request.