

1 ability to understand these proceedings?

2 THE DEFENDANT: No.

3 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with the services  
4 of your attorney, Mr. Creizman?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

6 THE COURT: I see you are looking at him.  
7 Mr. Creizman, you are retained?

8 MR. CREIZMAN: I was concerned there for a  
9 second.

10 THE COURT: I saw that. However, contrary to  
11 that little nanosecond of concern, I have to compliment or  
12 I don't have to, but I am going to.

13 I noted to our intern that this is one of the  
14 best submissions I have seen on a sentence. You were very  
15 precise. You hit all the issues, and you depicted what I  
16 consider to be a fair portrayal of Mr. [REDACTED]'s situation  
17 in regard to what the sentence should be.

18 So you should be complimented. I'll show it to  
19 my clerk later. Oftentimes we get grandiose statements  
20 from counsel, and this particular submission is not one of  
21 those. So I thank you.

22 MR. CREIZMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

23 [REDACTED]

24 [REDACTED]

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