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Teina Pora
C/o Jonathan Krebs
Shakespeare Chambers
PO Box 754
Napier

Dear Mr Pora

Statement of innocence and apology for wrongful conviction and imprisonment

I am writing on behalf of the Crown to formally apologise to you for your wrongful conviction and imprisonment for murder, sexual violation by rape and aggravated burglary.

The Crown accepts that you are innocent of the offences for which you were convicted in 1994, and again in 2000. I acknowledge that over the past two decades you have suffered considerably, including the many years you spent away from your young daughter, as a direct result of your convictions and imprisonment.

To compensate you, the Crown has agreed to make an *ex gratia* payment to you of \$2,520,949.42. While it can never completely remedy the injustice you have suffered, I hope that the Crown's offer of compensation can go some way in helping you and your family build a better future together.

I believe that, by and large, New Zealanders enjoy a fair and effective criminal justice system. However, mistakes are possible in any system that relies on human judgment. On behalf of the Crown and the criminal justice system, I apologise unreservedly for the devastating impact the wrongful conviction and imprisonment has had on your life.

Yours sincerely

Hon Amy Adams
Minister of Justice