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Dear Father John,

This letter is regarding my drug trafficking case on January, 2020. This letter details the facts of the case and I wish after reading this letter, you will be able to help me.

My boss, Ken, called me for a job regarding bringing some souvenirs back from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in December. Unfortunately, I lost my passport and had to apply for a replacement. After I got my replacement passport, Ken arranged my trip to Kuala Lumpur from 19th to 21st, January, 2020.

Later, he said to me that he had arranged his assistant, Hung, to contact me later in my job. Hung arranged me everything, whatsapp'd me the trip details, and gave me HK\$3,000.- cash advance for the trip's living expense.

On 19th January, 2020, I took the plane to K.L. and arrived there about 18:30 in the evening. Hung had arranged a local driver to wait for me outside the airport, and took me straightly to the hotel.

About 2 hours later, 20:30, I arrived the hotel, then, I went to the reception counter there to check-in and went to my room upstairs. After half an hour, I went to a local shopping centre nearby the hotel for dinner and shopping for a short moment. I went back to my room and went to bed after an hour, 22:00.

On the next day, 20th January, 2020, at about 16:30,

a local Chinese called (phoned) me, and said he would drop off some souvenirs, with jade stones (tiny), for me to take back to Hong Kong. At about 17:30, I met him at the hotel lobby and he gave me 20 packages in 2 separate bags. He instructed me to keep these packages in my checked luggage and not to open them. I followed his instructions.

On the next day, the last day of the trip, 21st January, 2020, I had my breakfast at about 08:00, after that, I did a little bit of shopping, and the driver, who took me from K.L. Airport two days ago, picked me up again from the hotel to K.L. Airport at about 11:00. On my way to the airport, Hung called me and instructed me to call him when I arrived to Hong Kong.

I took the 1330 flight out of K.L. and went through custom clearance without issues. I arrived back to Hong Kong at 1730, then, I turned on my mobile and called Hung as instructed. I passed through immigration counter and went to the luggage belt without any problems. Later, I picked up my luggage and approached customs for clearance.

At customs, the officer stopped me and told me that my luggage needs additional clearance procedure. At first glance, they checked my bags and did not find anything out of the ordinary. However, they took a closer look at the souvenirs, and inspected a box containing coffee powder. The other officer found tablet-like pills inside the coffee bag and used a screw-driver to take a little bit powder for checking and exam-

ination. After that, the drug examination machine confirmed that the pills were "Ketamine". I was shocked on spot as I believed that I was only bringing back some small jade stones ~~and~~ together with the souvenirs. I did not know I was bringing back any drugs.

A short moment later, I was taken away by a team of Police Officers from the Drug Investigation Bureau. I told them that I did not know I was bringing back drugs, however, they threatened me that I would face more than 20 years imprisonment if I do not plea guilty and co-operate with them. I was really worried at that moment and in emotional distress.

I agreed to co-operate with them, I admitted I was controlled by my boss to traffick drugs, but I did not know what the drugs were. I felt that this was a forced admission as I was in emotional distress and mentally weakening. I ~~was~~ could not be thinking logically at that moment.

At about 21:30, after the initial investigation and making statement, I was escorted to Wan Chai Police Headquarters. We arrived there about 2300 already. Then, they proceeded another detailed interviews and ~~no~~ further investigation for me and I was questioned until 0300 on the following day, 22nd January, 2020. I can pass you the official Police Statement at another time.

As I co-operated with them, they said that I might only face about 6 years imprisonment and offered me some assistance to my family if necessary. At about

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0500, they went to my home to proceed an additional search but they did not find any more drugs.

I have been remanded for more than a year. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the people thinking about "drug-trafficking" that this is really a very serious offence that carries a maximum imprisonment for 35 years. Don't let it happen to you.

Finally, I will have a hearing of plea guilty on _____, in High Court. My lawyers said I would face 19 years imprisonment in my above case.

Father John, that is the end of my story. Please write me soon and I am looking forward to receive your letter soon.

Yours faithfully

10/3/2021