

Dear Readers,

I am very surprised and saddened by the outcome of Ajay Dev's trial and I wanted to express my opinion to our community.

I have read some of the blogs on the internet and I understand why those blogs are there. The reason those blogs are there is because you have read the news stories that have been published in the media and you have reacted. The news media covered what they saw on June 28<sup>th</sup> "Ajay Dev, convicted of a crime".

Now I am claiming that the truth of Ajay's life between 1999 and June of 2009 didn't get discovered by the US court system in a one month trial. I also want to encourage you to be careful about making a quick judgment. The reality is we are witnessing one of the biggest injustices in our community. An innocent man has been separated from his year and half old son, and his beloved wife. A woman is forced to raise her young son by herself. A young, innocent boy is missing his father's daily touch.

I have known Ajay and his family for several years. I visited the court a few days during his trial. I was there when ██████ testified. I witnessed her testimony when 95% of her answers were "I don't remember" and the remaining 5 % were clearly lies. Ajay was convicted, not because of any evidence or ██████'s credible testimony; he was convicted because of one hypothetical comment made by Ajay during a recorded conversation. A hypothetical comment was made in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute of recorded conversation where Ajay was trying to persuade ██████ not to be crazy and stop the allegation. This one hypothetical comment by Ajay got twisted and the DA grabbed the opportunity to convince the jury to convict Ajay for the crime. The translator testified that he found no proof of Ajay admitting guilt of the abuse during the conversation. When asked how many times he listened to it – his answer "60 times".

Understand that those of us who have been in the US for sometime can tell you that an innocent person being convicted in the US court system doesn't surprise any of us. This is your time to show some courage and speak out. Anyone who went to court during the trial witnessed the unfairness. Ajay's family has become the major victim. It's our moral duty to say something when we witness injustice. I encourage you to pay attention to what happened. If you think we have an innocent man convicted in front of us, please join us.

What's next?

There is plan to appeal this case shortly. Immediately, we are planning to stage a protest. We will update you on the date and time.

Sincerely,

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