

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 18th, 1923.

Honorable Board of Pardons,

State of Utah.

Gentlemen:-

I respectfully represent to your Honorable Board of Pardons; that I am the father of Lorenzo Hitsman, aged 20 years, who is an applicant for Parole under a conviction of Burglary in the Second Degree and preliminary to a statement as to his case, I ask that if he is Paroled, that he may be given into my custody with the promise on my part that I will see that his conduct will be such as will cast no reflection on your Board during the period of the liberty granted and that I will, in the event of the slightest misconduct report same to the proper authorities and, without any charge or expense to the State, if notified so to do, have him returned to the Penitentiary. I am in a position where I can get my son employment which will greatly benefit me as I am of considerable age and have a large family depending on me for support.

I am sure that my son now realizes the result of wrong doing which I am free to admit that, while he has not been guilty of any serious crime and I do not believe that he is guilty of the crime involved, he was led into handling some stolen property which he was influenced to do through a man who I regret married a daughter of mine who finally divorced him.

The man referred to was Irwin Grow and it seems that he would get my son and Cowan to sell certain junk which may have been stolen by him.

I have investigated this case and I truthfully believe that said Grow committed this crime and that after the boys, my son and Cowan, had been arrested, when he was soon to be accused of it, in the presence of my daughter who will testify to the fact, he committed suicide. Assuring you as to my respect for the law and that I will act well my part should my son be Paroled, I am

Respectfully, *L. S. Hitsman*