Needless to say, I am heartbroken that my son has been charged with such horrendous crimes. As I said earlier, our family joins the Milwaukee community in mourning the horrific death of Sade Robinson. Our condolences to her family for their incomprehensible loss.

It's alarming to read some of the comments about my son that say he is already guilty of the charges. Under our legal system, he is still presumed innocent until the charges are proven before a court of law.

Social media would have you believe that I have a habit of bailing him out of bad situations, but I can assure you that nothing could be further from the truth. In the case of his past legal problems, when he's done wrong, he's had to accept personal responsibility for his actions. In his run-ins with the law, that has meant using a public defender or representing himself.

Unconditional love has not meant unconditional financial support from his family. Yes, I have helped him buy a 2002 used Monte Carlo and a modest home, but he has in no way had a carefree lifestyle. In this specific situation, however, the consequences of a mistake in justice would mean his loss of freedom.

His mom and I both love and support Max. Being a parent isn't always easy. Relationships can be complicated, complex and change shape over time. But today, Max is still presumed innocent and we pray the public will not rush to judgment. With that being said, I love my son unconditionally, and that means I am helping him defend himself and making sure he has a good attorney to present his defense.

Thank you, Steven Anderson