

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Barbara S. Sampson, Chair  
Office of the Parole & Commutation Board  
Grandview Plaza Building  
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206 E Michigan Avenue  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

RE: Joshua Puckett  
MDOC # 250645

Dear Chairperson Barbara S. Sampson:

Hello, my name is Mary Jane Gazda and I began my practice in 1984 as a Social Worker. I returned to school and earned a Ph.D in Psychology. As such my work is diverse and open. I specialize in working with adults of all ages; children, adolescence, and adults. I have utilized ideas from Carl Jung, Victor Frankle, Deepak Chopra, Dr Christiane Northrup and Dr. Phil McGraw. I employ a variety of techniques such as cognitive restructuring, insight oriented inquiry, existential explorations, and traditional talk therapies. I also use cinema and music as a way for one to identify with their struggles and resolutions.

I have heard much about Joshua Puckett and although I have never personally met him, I would most certainly meet with him after his release from prison for a therapy session. After the first meeting, I would make an assignment of Mr. Puckett and his needs. From there we would discuss the possibility of meeting together again for future sessions or the possibility of finding someone else that would best suit his needs. All that would depend on the initial first meeting.

From what I know of Mr. Puckett, I do not find him to be a danger or a threat to myself or to society. I actually look forward to meeting this young man that I have heard so much about. I have personally worked with people in the court system so meeting with Mr. Puckett would be something that I would feel comfortable doing.

I want to thank Ms. Sampson and members of the Parole and Commutation Board for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

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