

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Office of the Parole & Commutation Board
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RE: Joshua Puckett
MDOC # 250645

Dear Ms. Sampson:

Hello, my name is Sean Kosofsky and for twelve years I was the Director of Policy for Michigan's **Triangle Foundation**. I was one of the leading voices in Michigan challenging anti-gay and lesbian hate violence. I worked closely with the Michigan State Police, the FBI and the State Department of Corrections. I have spent my life battling crime but also am committed to compassion to those that do not need to be in prison. Although I now live in North Carolina, I am still a homeowner and tax payer in Michigan. I have dedicated my life to public service and have received numerous proclamations from state legislators and Governor Granholm for my work. I currently work to increase voting for underrepresented North Carolinians.

I am asking for the commutation of Mr. Joshua Puckett. Mr. Puckett has endured a lot more in his young life than the average person does in a lifetime. On top of that, he should never have been held in prison under first-degree murder in the first place. This is why I am writing you today, knowing that a man sits in prison for life for something he would have only gotten ten to fifteen years for, or even less, had he plea-bargained prior to the trial.

Joshua was an orphan at fourteen with no siblings and had nobody to guide him in his life after that point. He unfortunately though of the kids he was hanging out with during the crime committed, as his family. He did not want to be a whistle-blower on the shooter, so he chose not to take the plea, which cost him life in prison. This was a bad decision but it should not cost him any more time behind bars.

Please take my letter into consideration with the parole board, regarding Joshua Puckett's application for release. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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