

October 2, 2012

Re: Re-sentencing hearing for Jaquam McCoy, inmate number 350273

Your Honor:

I am requesting that you consider significantly reducing the sentence for Jaquam McCoy, a twenty-year-old inmate at Robinson Correctional Institution, Enfield, Connecticut. Having years of experience working with men and youth who have been arrested, Jaquam McCoy is the first inmate for whom I have made this request.

Some prisoners are real con men, who have mastered the "art" of deception and manipulation. With seventy-five years of life experience, I dare to say that Jaquam is truly ready and profoundly desires to be an honest, positive, law-abiding, compassionate citizen. He has not asked me to advocate for him. My request comes out of my sincere belief that Jaquam has indeed learned his lesson and has great potential to accomplish much good in the world. He truly regrets his former antisocial, criminal behavior, and has come to a positive understanding of himself and his responsibility in society. I am convinced that our criminal justice system has achieved it's stated purpose - Jaquam's correction.

Having lived at the above address since 1991, I am a retired United Church of Christ pastor with Clinical Pastoral Education* internships at Lancaster General Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and at the Hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven, Connecticut. Working as a volunteer with Family Reentry**, I am a Connecticut Department of Correction authorized mentor to young men incarcerated in Connecticut DOC facilities.

Jaquam has been one of my mentees since June 29, 2009. If you reduce his sentence, I pledge to continue to mentor and assist him after release, as I would my own son.

I stand ready to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

* Accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., these internships train clergy in contemporary psychological counseling skills, augmented with a concern for the counselee's spiritual well being. Information at **www.acpe.edu**

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My supervisor at Family Reentry is John Mele, Jr., phone 203-641-0284

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