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To whom this may concern:

I am the sister (Nikea Zayas) of Orlando Pizarro who was murdered April 12, 2009 by a friend. It was Easter Sunday and we were having dinner my brother went to the store and never returned home, he was shot 5 times by a close friend Christian Ordonez, who was 15 yrs old at the time. My brother was like a father to Christian he gave him a place to live, gave him a ride to school everyday, fed him, clothed him and made sure he had everything he needed. Christian gave no reason to why he murdered my brother, he was not under the influence of any drugs and he knew exactly what he did. He was on the run for 2 days before the police finally caught him. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 24 yrs. I don't feel like justice would be served if you decided to give him a second chance, its just not fair, he took the life of a brother, son and uncle. Christian Ordonez did not give my brother a second chance, so why should he?

- The Justice Department estimated that about 10 percent of homicides are committed by juveniles under the age of 18. Nearly every year FBI arrest more than 33,000 young adults under the age of 18 yrs old for offenses.

- The number of violent crimes committed by young people declined substantially from the 1990s to 2003, but then surged again that year with estimated number of Juvenile murder offenders increasing 30 percent, according to the office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

- Since my brother's murder in 2009 there has been over 5 murders in Bridgeport Connecticut committed by Juveniles under the age of 18 yrs old, so what is that telling you?

Sincerely,

Nikea Zayas

Reyes Family