

Mr. J. Nielsen, Chairman
Board of Prison Terms
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4-17-96

Ref: P.F. Lazor # 679842
Mule Creek Station
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Dear Mr. Nielsen:

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself as long time friends of P.F. Lazor.

This could be a very long letter telling you about P.F.'s character as we know it. How he spent many hours with the elderly and sick, how his concern for others was genuine. How he gave many hours to our community.

But, I would rather take this opportunity to tell you what we witnessed in the court room in San Jose the day P.F. was on trial (?). As many others were, we were there to testify on P.F.'s behalf - about his character.

Thinking we would leave after our testimonial (we had our young granddaughter with us) we were prepared to leave - but - the trial started and we could not move from our seats -

We started hearing tapes being lost, P.F. writings disappearing, things in his writings being taken out of context - we couldn't move. It was unbelievable - and worst of all - how his attorney made no effort

to defend him!

It was shocking to us both!
When the judge made the statement about hurrying this all up he had a vacation to go to - as though P.F.'s future meant nothing (we were speechless).

The real crime here is not that someone defended themselves, as P.F. did - the real crime is that he has spent 13 yrs. behind bars because he did so.

Perhaps if he hadn't, we would have been attending P.F.'s funeral instead of his trial.

Please consider the evidence which I am certain you have had an opportunity to review.

This young man has more than paid the price, with his youth, his lost income and lost faith in the judicial system.

Please help restore some of that faith -
for us all.

Our hope is PF will finally be released
he has many, many friends that are
waiting to hear and see him once again.

I want to thank you for taking the
time to read my letter, our hope is that
somehow, it will make us all feel
better about our justice system.

Sincerely,

Aune Vincent Peay

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