

February 8, 1996

Mr. James Nielsen, Chairman Board of Prison Terms 428 "J" Street, 6th Floor Sacramento, Calif. 95814

Re: P F Lazor #C73842 Mule Creek State Prison, Ione

Dear Mr. Nielsen,

I write to you on behalf of the AMERICAN CITIZENS & LAWMEN ASSOCIATION (ACLA). As trained police investigators, we have had a grave and long-standing concern over a case of quite obvious gross injustice involving the above-named California prisoner.

I have personally reviewed detailed and extensive documents in our possession relating to the case against Mr. P F Lazor, currently being held at the Mule Creek facility in Ione. Parenthetically, I assure you that our association has no personal interest in this case, only an unwavering commitment to seek true justice everywhere and at all times for everyone.

In our careful analysis of records related to Mr. Lazor's case, it became glaringly obvious to us that any and all evidence which might have tended to exonerate Mr. Lazor was concealed, altered, and, in some instances, destroyed altogether. The written record clearly shows this to anyone sincerely wanting to see. Based on our own reading of the record, it is our distinct conclusion that the action taken by Mr. Lazor on that January day in 1983 was one of simple self defense, a natural-born right of everyone of us.

In all the years of police investigative experience I have behind me, I cannot recall a case exhibiting so much blatant and indisputable forgery and alteration of the accused's writings by the very professionals sworn to uphold justice and liberty, namely in this case, the District Attorney and defense attorney! Where in our system of law does one find authorization for the withholding, alteration and even outright destruction of critical evidence by government and court officials. In the name of elemental justice and fairness, Sir, we beg you to please review the record and let it speak for itself. If it indeed shows that Mr. Lazor actually did commit a crime deserving of anything like the 13 years imprisonment he has already endured, then we here at ACLA will be among the first to insist upon a penalty befitting the crime. But if, on the other hand, the accused has himself fallen victim to crimes by others, we insist just as strongly that such facts be brought fully to light and justice served.

Thank you for seeing that this matter thoroughly re-investigated prior to any future deliberations affecting the fate of Mr. Lazor, to assure that all true and relevent information be made available and fully considered. Justice denied to any one individual, necessarily impacts and lessens justice for us all.

We will very much look forward to your kind response, and, most of all, your ernest and diligent investigation of this case.

Yours sincerely,

Officer Jack McLamb, Ret.

Executive Director, ACLA

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POLICE OFFICER JACK McLAMB

MOST HIGHLY DECORATED POLICE OFFICER IN ARIZONA HISTORY

Police Officer Jack McLamb, now retired, received more awards for outstanding service duty than any other officer in the history of the State of Arizona. This record was abated after more than a decade (1976-1986) only by an injury sustained in the line of duty. Jack McLamb, "Officer Friendly," was a neighborhood hero to the children and law-abiding citizens of his community.

Officer McLamb was named "Officer of the Year" on two separate occasions and received numerous other merit awards for outstanding police service.

McLamb developed a school crime prevention & safety program known as "Officer Friendly Program" which was promoted nationally by a major foundation.

Jack McLamb worked on the Phoenix Gang Squad and sustained serious injuries several times in the course of his duties. After a final major injury during the arrest of a violent drug pusher, Officer McLamb was forced to take an early medical retirement.

While still on the force in 1984, in the spirit of truly heroic cops like Frank Serpico, Officer McLamb refused to participate in an illegal and unethical act commanded by his superior, and was terminated from the force. The Civil Service Board voted unanimously to reinstate Jack with full back pay, and issued a public chastisement to the superior and the Department for Jack's termination. A second retaliatory termination by the same superior ended with the same results, and the Civil Service Board charging the superior and the Department with improper "vendetta" conduct toward Officer McLamb, who came out shining at the end of his career.

Officer McLamb continues to serve the public, now nationwide, with his police newsletter and other publications for police and the public, and as a radio host of the one hour "Officer Jack McLamb Program" Monday through Friday, on World Harvest Radio. Officer McLamb is active in public speaking, and is founder of The American Citizens & Lawmen Association, committed to preserving high American ideals.