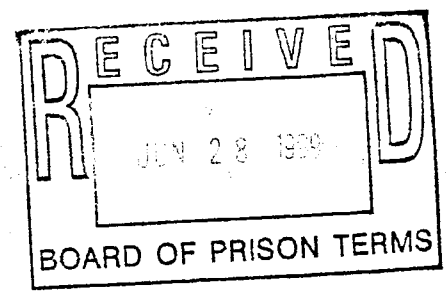


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To the Attention of: Mr. James W. Nielsen,

RE: Parole Hearing for PF Lazor C73842 at Box 921,C3-247
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How his conviction was obtained is still a question for me, and I fear that there are no valid answers. I am not related nor am I acquainted with him or his family. If we know of a wrong in our midst, we should try to correct it. The numbers of innocent persons inside our prisons is increasing due to failure to thoroughly investigate and to make arrests before all evidence has been evaluated.

I. Self-defense is used daily in defending police officers who kill unarmed persons. They are exonerated. Almost daily innocent persons are winning their freedom after years of wrongful incarceration. The rush to arrest and to convict places innocent persons in helpless situations while courts and correction officials fail to review or to allow new trials at which omitted witnesses or evidence can be presented.

II. Mr. Lazor did not stalk his attacker nor seek him out to do him harm. The attacker came to his apartment using a lethal weapon. When we are "in a place that we have a right to be, we can use level of force required to protect his life. Most of these cases never go to trial, but if they do, the person is exonerated for his action.

III. How was it that this attacker appeared with a dangerous weapon and proceeded to come through Mr. Lazor's door? It is extraordinary that a person would come onto the premises without discussion or trying to clarify his anger. Reaction in the face of danger is immediate, instinctive and uncalculated.

IV. Some cases result in a manslaughter charge, but not a charge of murder, so I beg you and your committee to review this case and to find good reason for releasing this young man who has spent too many years incarcerated..for his action which lacks any elements of crime.

Considering the case load, I take a chance with brevity, but hope with all my heart that this man can return to society very soon. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Lou Graham