

Dear Delegates,

Please do not pass House Bill 853.

McDonald Abraham 3rd, the man that paid for the murder of our late daughter, Stacey Lynne Seaton, aged 17, in 2005, should STILL be incarcerated, as his 30-year sentence doesn't end until 2039. However, he gamed the system, by repeating courses multiple times, (he repeated one five times), thereby "earning" more diminution credits than other offenders. He also worked two half-day jobs, earning diminution credits for two separate jobs. He was actually **eligible for parole at 7 1/2 years**, due to the extra diminution credits he "earned", and was released after serving 10 years, in 2019. Pretty sweet for receiving both a 20 year and a 30-year sentence. Corrections kept him for as long as possible.

While he's still on parole for over 10 more years, we're concerned he will be involved in another serious crime (because his nature is to outsmart others). While Abraham told the parole commissioners Stacey was only an acquaintance, he could not explain why his current wife, looked just like Stacey. He actually said he could not explain that.

Since Abraham's release, he received citations for driving 70-mph in the middle of Ocean City, MD, in a 35-mph zone, and then 80mph on rt. 270, in a 55-mph zone. These infractions are only what is publicly known. However, we know he has not learned any lessons, and he certainly has not changed. Our hearts are with his next victim(s).

The impact on me, upon upon viewing my Stacey, lying lifeless, in Bowie, MD was immediate. I literally passed out, while still standing. I could not see anything, for almost a minute. The EMTs held me upright, as they saw my situation. I still have challenges focusing, at times, and had to leave my job in the Intelligence Community at Ft. Meade.

Once Abraham found Stacey never crossed him, he still unrepentant, and mocked my efforts to get Justice. He encouraged me to take my own life, stating society would be better off, with me dead. Absolutely **ZERO SYMPATHY OR REMORSE**.

I was in the Intelligence Community, supporting both our National Agencies, and warfighters, and while I tried to focus on work, I had lost the ability to remember what I used to know extensively. It was brought to my attention several times, I wasn't "the Gale everyone remembered." In an effort to maintain my level of professionalism, I took several years off, trying to regain the memory I used to have, get Justice for Stacey, and to heal. Unfortunately, that never happened. Many colleagues, military, Intelligence Community leaders, and neighbors all told me I changed. It crushed me to leave the workforce, but it was best.

We spent a lot of money trying to obtain Justice, and my not working impacted us significantly. This is what McDonald Abraham III did to me. Abraham never took responsibility for Stacey's murder, and learned how to play the diminution system, while incarcerated. He knew how to duplicate the credits he "earned", thereby reducing his sentence. By any stretch of the imagination, he should still be incarcerated. What once used to mean the death penalty in Maryland, became a Misdemeanor.

McDonald Abraham III ***was eligible for parole after serving only 7 1/2 years***, and released after serving only 10 years. What if this was your loved one? The leniency afforded murderers, in Maryland, is both shameful and insulting. Please make the punitive measures stronger, and keep convicted murderers incarcerated for AT LEAST 20 years.

Sincerely,

Gale and Michael Seaton