

July 9, 2022 is a day my entire family will never forget. My mom, who is Jamari's great aunt had spent the night at my apartment in Abberly Crest. She woke me up in the wee hours that morning saying there was a bad accident in front of the neighborhood. My friend had told me earlier he was on the way to my house but never arrived. I panicked and got up and got dressed just to make sure he wasn't involved. I drove up the street but didn't see his car. What a relief I was thinking to myself. Still sending a prayer up to whomever was involved because the scene looked pretty bad. I got back home and told my mother what I saw. We talked and dozed off just to be awakened by a phone call that Jamari was involved in that terrible accident. I just hugged this young man a few nights before at his job. He always showed any of his family the utmost respect and genuine love whenever we encountered each other. We gathered at the hospital with some kind of glimpse of hope. Praying our hearts out that Jamari would pull through. He didn't. Our family is still devastated by the loss. And to know that the person who took this precious soul away from us will be able to walk freely in such a short amount of time is unbelievable. How is it that a young man that just graduated with his entire life ahead of him be taking away from us so soon? But the person who took Jamari from his family will be allowed to be free. He can see his children. He will be able to breathe this fresh air that law abiding citizens breathe. A life time of prison is not enough yet alone 10 years. So I am asking on behalf of my family to please increase the maximum penalty to 20 years. Jamari was a son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend to so many. This law needs to be passed to hold drunk drivers responsible for taking someone's life.

Respectfully,  
Michelle Bennett