ELIMINATE Maryland's Diminution Credits Applied Towards Time Served – 1st & 2nd Degree Heinous Murder Convictions







It's Time to **BALANCE** Maryland's

for All Victims

On January 13, 1990, our 67yr. old, 105 lbs. mom was murdered in her Suitland, Maryland home, and left to bleed out on her bed. The police report stated her throat was cut; she incurred over 30 stabbed wounds throughout her body; and the knife was left plunged in the side of her throat. She was gagged; and suffocated; and was found with the pillow still on her face. Thanks to a *DNA Cold Hit List'* - 15 years later (2005), while being booked in another state on a Breaking & Entering (B&E), mom's killer's DNA, was flagged as a *Cold Hit*. It was confirmed as a match to the DNA evidence found at our mom's murder crime scene. Maryland's law enforcement issued a warrant, and Michael Lamont Johnson, with priors of B&E and drugs, was finally going to pay for mom's violent-heinous death. Once completing his out of state incarceration (2007) for the B&E, Johnson was transported to Maryland, booked on five charges that included first degree murder and four charges of B&E including robbery with intent.

Johnson was offered an *Alford plea* and in return for accepting the plea, he received a split sentence- <u>reducing life</u> <u>down to 40 years</u>, with, <u>parole</u> (2025) upon serving 50% (20 years). <u>Diminution Credits was **NOT** mentioned</u> during the hearing. So in early spring of (2015), we were stunned to received notice that our mom's killer was up for a parole hearing, after only serving less than10 years of his sentence. And, that is when we learned about good behavior rewards known as **Diminution Credits**. These are credits used towards reducing time served despite the law, which states, 50% of the sentenced time must be served before parole can be offered. In addition, the time he served on his prior offense in the other state, was also credited towards time served in our mom's death!

FYI: Diminution Credits are <u>NOT</u> awarded in murder convictions for victims <u>under the age of 16yrs</u>.

This is **NOT FAIR** and/or **EQUAL JUSTICE** for ALL - Just for some.

Please, for once let us be a 'UNITED' State of America, and

UNITE to ELIMINATE Maryland's Diminution Credits used towards early release- It's Against the Law!

Parole, Educational and Career Skills Training Programs should be enough of an incentive.

It's Time to STOP!

The Judicial Leniency and Misjustice of the Major Violent Crimes Committed in Maryland!!

Dedicated to Our Mom

October 22, 1923 - January 13, 1990



We Love and miss you