

## SUPPORT SB 563

Dear Chairman and Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Lisa Kane the mother of Abbey Kane. The Afternoon that Abbey came to me to tell me she has a voice mail stating that there is a warrant for her arrest still upsets me which is the reason that I am here. I hope that another person does not have to go through this situation again as it could have been avoided. Abbey was shackled and hand cuffed like a criminal. I know in the eyes of the law she was a criminal and we both respect the system but this was excessive and did not need to happen with a few changes in place. Abbey did not ignore her obligation to Jury Duty. She followed the directions to waive her right because she would be in a different state going to college at the time she would be obligated to Jury duty. In the mean time we sold our house and moved. This is where I think the system is broken because Abbey not only changed her address with the MVA but we also had her fill out a forward of mail to our new address. I was told that if you have a warrant with the court system any mail will not forward which is why she never received the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> notice of failure to appear for Jury Duty. Abbey thought it was taken care of when she followed the directions that was asked of her. I find it ironic that the Sheriff's office had Abbey's cell phone # to call her about a warrant for her arrest but can't find her new address.

We took that call very serious and went right to the court house as soon as we received it. Apparently we got there to fast because the workers at the front desk had no clue what we were talking about. After a few minutes a sheriff came out with hand cuffs and I said are you going to put them on her and his response was he had too. He did wait until he was behind the doors so I didn't have to see her with hand cuffs on. They told me to wait upstairs outside the court room as they were going to try to have her see a judge the same day. Needless to say I was very upset. She was put behind bars with shackles on. The judge did see her that day about an hour or so later. The judge thought that Abbey had done something worse because when she saw Abbey in shackle she said "you had to do something more." She spoke down to Abbey like she was a criminal and acted like Abbey didn't take her obligation to Jury duty seriously. Abbey was excited to be able to register to vote when she turned 18 and knew her obligation to Jury duty. She is also a full time student in a different state and working part time to support herself along the way. If the court system and MVA systems all worked together in tracking down people who moved then this would not have happened especially in Abbey's case where she did not know that she had a case open with the court system since she thought she did everything she needed to do to cancel her Jury duty obligation.

Thank you

