

Support SB 919 – Felony Murder Limitation and Review

My name is Ed Sabin. I'm part of the Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform (MAJR) and Maryland CURE. Did you know that there are men and women serving life sentences in Maryland who did not kill anyone? They are serving life due to the antiquated felony murder rule which states that anyone involved in a felony during which someone dies can be found guilty of first degree murder just as if that person caused the victim's death.

I've been a volunteer at Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI) for over 20 years. In that time I've come to know inmates who are fine people and who improve the prison environment for themselves and others. Some are lifers in prison due to the felony murder rule.

Several Maryland prisons have active lifers' groups including the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women (MCIW); the Maryland Correctional Institution-Jessup (MCIJ); as well as JCI. I was invited to speak to the MCIJ lifers' group last year. I received a warm welcome from a group of 30 or so men packed into a small classroom. I asked for a show of hands of those who were serving life due to the felony murder rule. About 7 or 8 men raised their hands. This is good information because we don't know what percentage of men and women in Maryland prisons are serving life due to the rule. Besides reforming the rule, SB 919, if passed, would provide this information.

A picture is worth a thousand words. Meet some of the men serving life with possibly of parole at JCI in the attached photos. I'm sure you would be welcome to meet with the lifers' group at JCI or at other Maryland prisons. I urge your support of SB 919 to correct the injustice caused by this outmoded law. For information on the reform of the felony murder rule in California, please see the following excellent 5 minute YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jKGy8TlGMDI&app=desktop>

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INDIVIDUALS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @ J.C.I.



John Chesley
DOC # 9846
51 Years



James Grim
DOC # 103-948
50 Years



Lawrence Walker
DOC # 110-999
48 Years



Thomas Gaither
DOC # 115-720
47 Years



Robert Watson
DOC # 120-595
46 Years



William Young
DOC # 148-908
40 Years



James Wells
DOC # 146-304
41 Years



James Calhoun-El
DOC # 160-083
38 Years



Andrew Monge
DOC # 164-084
38 Years



Spencer Hurst-Bey
DOC # 151-540
38 Years



Frank Parker
DOC # 157-900
38 Years



John Martin
DOC # 158-955
37 Years



Robert Leisures
DOC # 159-827
37 Years



Ra'uf Matin
DOC # 164-350
37 Years



Richard Preston
DOC # 165-229
36 Years



Craig Muhammad
DOC # 166-850
36 Years



Ronald F. Drake
DOC # 164-569
35 Years



Glen Hudson
DOC # 169-076
35 Years



Kevin Rainsford-El
DOC # 169-296
35 Years



Gary Smith-El
DOC # 180-865
34 Years



Anthony Johnson
DOC # 192-387
30 Years



John Linde
DOC # 201-828
29 Years



Conrad Gains
DOC # 214-416
28 Years



Paul Brinegar
DOC # 228-412
25 Years



Stanley Beczeski
DOC # 231-175
25 Years



D'Quinta Uzzle
DOC # 279-793
22 Years



Steven Carrow
DOC # 279-942
20 Years

"THIS IS JUST A SMALL PORTION OF THE 2,700 LIFERS WITH PAROLE"

JUVENILE OFFENDERS SERVING LIFE WITH PAROLE @ J.C.I.



NO PHOTO

Leon Mack
DOC # 7899
54 Years



Kenneth Tucker
DOC # 130-850
41 Years



Donald Braxton
DOC # 163-023
37 Years



Calvin McNeill
DOC # 163-182
37 Years



Vernon Carter
DOC # 161-786
36 Years



Robert Davis
DOC # 161-787
36 Years



Marvin Patterson
DOC # 174-669
36 Years



Donald Young
DOC # 170-003
34 Years



Jeffrey Parmely
DOC # 172-043
34 Years



Paul L. Aytch Jr.
DOC # 175-629
34 Years



Alfred Chestnut
DOC # 172-992
34 Years



Dameron Smallwood
DOC # 176-009
33 Years



Earl Young
DOC # 178-197
33 Years



Arlando Jones
DOC # 179-799
33 Years



Keith Faulk
DOC # 192-008
30 Years



Carl Richardson-El
DOC # 192-352
30 Years



Calvin Pressley
DOC # 192-967
30 Years



Alonzo Turner-Bey
DOC # 205-291
29 Years



Tommy Bonilla
DOC # 213-291
29 Years



Marcus "Abu" Tunstall
DOC # 216-796
27 Years



Curtis Houston
DOC # 225-530
26 Years



Chester McNair
DOC # 229-324
25 Years



Delonte Kingsberry
DOC # 230-915
25 Years



Sean Jeff Andrews
DOC # 236-665
25 Years



Kenneth Bond-El
DOC # 263-398
22 Years



Harry Williams-El
DOC # 292-249
20 Years



Robert Pittman
DOC # 305-353
18 Years

"THIS IS JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF THE APPROXIMATE 300 JUVENILE LIFERS"