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Shawn Clark sentence review

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Wed, Apr 27, 2022 at 7:40 PM

Hello Briana,

My is Craig. Shawn is my best friend, that's me in the blue and that's Shawn.

Case no. CT-93-2302X

CT-94-0747X

He has never had his sentence reviewed.

He's been in prison for 29 years. He grew up as a country boy until his mom moved to South East D.C.. She became addicted to crack cocaine and Shawn was left to the mercy of the streets. His dad who was on drugs and alcohol lived in the country, but couldn't take him. Shawn quickly turned to selling drugs and using drugs and alcohol. He had to take care of his mom while navigating the dangerous streets of his neighborhood. I remember visiting him at his home in the city. I didn't feel like he could trust anyone of his friends except possibly two. When we were younger I was his protector. I couldn't help him up there. They were dangerous and they didn't settle their problems with fist like we did in the country. I wanted him to come back to the country, but he refused to leave his mom and she refused to leave the city, despite my parents efforts in trying to convince her to do so. Shawn is an incredible artist and was offered a scholarship to the Art Institute of Washington, but declined because he was so entrenched in the street life. A year later he was shot and arrested at the age of 19. He was sentenced to 2 life sentences plus 40 years.

Now I'm going to tell you about myself so that you can see the contrast in our future due to the environment differences.

My dad was extremely violent when he was on drugs and alcohol. He abused me and my mom for the first 6 years of my life. He brought out an anger in me that caused me to have extremely violent episodes when pushed or challenged. I remember adults telling me at a very young age that I would be the one either dead or in prison. Most people didn't know the horrors my mom and I experienced so they couldn't understand my rage. When my mom left my dad and remarried Shawn's uncle. Things changed for me. My mom was never on drugs and rarely used alcohol. My step dad was a high functional drug addict and was never violent or physically abusive to me. And I had the water life with my grandfather that really brought me peace. So while Shawn was in the city trying to survive. I was learning how to live. I went to college and played football. I joined the Airforce. I got married at 21 to the love of my life. We have 5 children. Clearly if the tables had been turned. Shawn would be writing this email.

Since Shawn has been in prison. He's completed an anger management course. He hasn't had a discipline ticket in over 10 years. He's currently enrolled in AA. He's joined every art club possible. When possible he's done face paintings during family day visits. Most importantly he hasn't lost his sense of self and humanity during those years. The mental toughness he has exhibited has really inspired me. Especially during the times I was feeling down about trivial things we take for granted. Talking to him and knowing what he is going through really puts things in perspective for me. He's always been a positive voice in my children's lives. He is still emotionally invested in our lives. Our calls are rarely about him. He always wants to know how everyone is doing.

The life that's waiting for him when he gets home will allow him to make a major contribution to society. I'm an consultant in the health and wellness space. I am also in the entertainment industry. My partners have over 40 years of experience in the entertainment industry. They've made or was a part of major movie and television productions. We have a position

waiting for Shawn that will utilize his brilliant art mind. The world to him will be like it is for a child. Full of wonder and infinite possibilities. Please give me a call so that I can explain exactly what we have waiting for Shawn after his release. He'll be an inspiration to many people. His life will make a positive change to this world.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration. It is greatly appreciated.

V/r,

Craig Gross

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Shawn and me.jpg

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Ford, Brianna M. <BMFord@co.pg.md.us>
To: Craig Gross <craig.gross@apexconsultingus.com>

Mon, May 2, 2022 at 10:53 AM

Thank you very much for this. I will be in touch when I'm ready to discuss the case.

Best,

Brianna

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Mon, May 2, 2022 at 10:58 AM

You're very welcome. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Thanks in advance for your time.

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Wed, May 18, 2022 at 7:37 PM

Good evening Brianna,

Can we schedule a call so that I can let Shawn know what his options are please? Thanks in advance for your time.

V/r,
Craig
(800) 300-7247

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Ford, Brianna M. <BMFord@co.pg.md.us>
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Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 10:45 AM

July 13 at 12pm. What is the best number to reach you?

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Craig Gross <craig.gross@apexconsultingus.com>
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Tue, Jun 7, 2022 at 11:38 AM

Thank you so much. (808) 300-7247. I'm really looking forward to this conversation.

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Ford, Brianna M. <BMFord@co.pg.md.us>
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Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 12:03 PM

Good afternoon,

I just tried to call you for our 12pm scheduled call. Are you still available?

Thanks,

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Craig Gross <craig.gross@apexconsultingus.com>
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Wed, Jul 13, 2022 at 12:43 PM

Yes i am. I'm so sorry. My phone died unexpectedly.

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