

Covenant Christian Church

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Scott Kernan
Director of Corrections
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Re: P.F. Lazor C73842

Dear Mr. Kernan:

I saw your appearance on "60 Minutes" last night, and then awoke at 3 a.m. knowing I must write to you on a matter of great personal concern. You appear to have a character of mercy, so please hear me out. I have written to you in the past about your inmate P.F. "Free" Lazor, without a response.

I have seen and experienced a lot in my 78 years. I served as a Navy fighter pilot leading missions from a carrier over Vietnam and now am a retired airline captain. I also traveled 46 states leading my family's bluegrass gospel band for 15 years and have had a prison ministry. However, I have never seen a case crying out for justice such as the one involving Mr. Lazor. He is in his 35th year for 2nd degree murder involving a case of self defense. (Totally disproportionate.)

Lazor's case began with a terribly ineffective counsel. California's "castle law" was passed subsequent to his crime of killing a man who broke into his bedroom. He was sentenced 17 years and with good time should have been out in 8 ½ years. His parole hearings have always been neutralized by some "recent" write ups. A glaring example of one unjust write up was for fighting in his cell. The enclosed 7 page affidavit by Inmate Harwood is a very unsettling record of what really happened, and a frightening revelation of the sort of treatment Lazor has received while on your watch. Another complaint just prior to last year's hearing was for "raising his voice to the librarian". Other inmates volunteered that it was just the opposite.

I am also enclosing some other items for your review. i.e. Two articles from a national publication, and previous letters to your staff.

I would appreciate you looking into this matter, and responding in a positive, merciful way.

In His Majesty's Service,

Ken Masat, Minister