



Pardon and Parole Board

ATTN: Board Communications

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Re: Kwane Rashid #0000486907

November 15, 2022

Dear members of the Pardon and Parole Board,

My name is Angela Stanton King, and I am the Founder of The American King Foundation Inc. I, along with the undersigned community partners, write to you in support of the parole of Kwane Rashid. Over the past several months, my organization has researched Kwane's case and spoken to members of his family. I have also spoken to him many times and believe he should be granted parole.

In each encounter with Kwane Rashid, I have witnessed a man who still has the desire to contribute something of worth to the world. Mr. Rashid is remorseful, fully aware that his prior arrest made him a viable suspect for the events that took place on 6/15/1992, but he remains adamant that he was not connected to the crimes that night and has suffered unjustly for 30 years.

While reading the court transcripts, several points made me feel that a conviction was improper. The prosecution had several witnesses who stated that they did not see Kwane in the apartment where the incident took place. How then could he be found guilty of a possession charge for a weapon he did not possess? There was no fingerprint evidence to connect him to the crime scene, one witness said Kwane was not in the apartment and said it was another drug dealer, she met in the apartment. Each of these facts in the record raise questions and together, I sincerely believe they would fail the reasonable doubt standard.

Kwane has taken every available opportunity to better himself during his incarceration. His time has been used to encourage others and stay connected to loved ones in his community. Kwane has talked about his dreams for the future, with his hopes of parole, he plans to inspire other young people to live better lives.

I strongly recommend that he be considered for parole for the following reasons:

- 1)Kwane has served nearly 30 years for a non-violent crime he says he did not commit.
- 2)He has been a model inmate with a clean record.
- 3)Kwane is nearly blind as a result of an injury he sustained during his arrest and at his age, he poses no threat of living a life of crime.
- 4) He has maintained positive relationships with family and has strong ties to his community.
- 5) Kwane Rashid has spent most of his life behind bars but is not bitter, he wants to use the remainder of his life in service, sharing his life experiences to inspire young people to live productive and healthy lives.

We sincerely ask that you grant Kwane Rashid's petition for parole. His life still has value, and he has served the required time for an offense he may honestly have never committed. The State can restore Mr. Rashid and our faith in the system; by releasing Kwane, the State can prove that incarcerated men can return home and lead productive lives. The American King Foundation along with the organizations represented by the undersigned community leaders are committed to assisting Mr. Rashid on his journey.

Thank you,

Angela Stanton King

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