

25 September 2012

TO: Angela McCown, Director
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RE: Parole hearing for Offender--CARTER, RICKY
State ID: 06227942
TDCJ ID: 01009150

Placed in Mandatory Review

I am in **STRONG** opposition to an early release for Ricky Carter. Mr. Carter's sentence was adjudicated, pronounced and it should be assumed that the full penalty would be paid. Mr. Carter should be required to serve his sentence of 20 years in full.

Mr. Carter's careless regard for the law and the lives of others robbed four families of their precious daughters not solely the night of the accident but for the rest of their lives. There is not a grief-free day for the mothers, fathers, siblings and extended family, in these 14 years. These families still suffer as a result of Mr. Carter's recklessness actions on 19 December 1998.

I knew Lacey Osina from the moment she was born, the first child for Mark & Liz. She was the light of their life and, later when Emily arrived, the best of big sisters. Lacey, like her 3 friends who also lost their lives, was a model student, active in school & church organizations.....but we will never know what she would have become because she and the other three girls were **ROBBED** of their lives.

Twenty years incarcerated is a small price to pay for four lives. I am certain that any one of the parents would have gladly given 20 years of their own lives in order to spare the life of the daughter who was lost. Mr. Carter didn't give anyone the choice of life or death for these girls. +9

Make a statement, send a message to ALL, including Mr. Carter, that there **WILL** be consequences for such cavalier behavior.....**DON'T** drink and drive.

Respectfully,

Gail K Shaw, PhD