

September 18, 2012

Ms. Angela McCown
Director, Victim Services Division
Texas Department of Criminal Justice
8712 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 265
Austin, TX 78757

TO: **Texas Parole Board of Pardon and Reviews**
Offender: RICKY CARTER
TDCJ ID: 01009150
Placed on parole review on 7/6/10

Dear Ms. McCown:

We adamantly oppose the granting of a parole to **RICKY CARTER, TDCJ ID: 01009150.**

In 1998 the Brock, Texas girls' basketball team included **Lacey Osina, 17, Mandy McWhorter, 15, Staci Lee, 16, and Whitney Welch, 16.** On December 19, 1998, **Lacey, Mandy, Staci, and Whitney** were killed by Ricky Carter because he made the decision to drink and drive.

Mr. Carter was sentenced to 20 years in prison for **INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER** of these **four** teen-age girls.

We cannot forget the horror of this crash and the devastation of four families, students, their friends, and the entire town. These four girls were the cherished children of four families, the darlings of the basketball team, and the friends of the people in this small community. Ricky Carter degraded the lives of many, many people by making the decision to drink and drive. The entire community suffered the consequences of his irresponsible decision.


Mr. Carter should emphatically be denied parole at less than his full 20-year sentence. It would be an outrageous insult to the families he has devastated as well as to the whole community.

My husband and I lost our only daughter, Kara, to an underage driver who was drinking and killed both our daughter and the young man she was dating. So, we know the agony these families are experiencing and we can understand how they feel: their futures have been destroyed, their lives damaged forever, all because of Ricky Carter's choice to drink and drive.

I volunteered for more than 15 years as a MADD Victim Advocate in Collin County and have spent many, many hours helping the victims get through the trials, listened to many, many heart-broken parents, friends, families as they try to put their lives back together in some kind of peace. My husband has also listened, written to the legislature, attended workshops to try to help find some help for all the unnecessary carnage on our roads. We know this crash did not have to happen. These four precious girls and their families suffered the consequences of Mr. Carter's lack of concern for anybody but himself with his irresponsible decision to drive while impaired by alcohol.

Please do not grant parole to Mr. Carter short of his full term. The families of these girls need to know Mandi, Whitney, Staci, and Lacey are worth more than that. The community needs to know they are all worth more than that. Mr. Carter should serve his entire sentence.

Sincerely,


Lillian and Max Stracener
Richardson, TX

