

To: Texas Parole Board of Pardon and Reviews
Re: Parole Review
Offender: Ricky Carter
State ID: 06227942
TDCJ ID: 01009150
Placed in parole review: 07/05/09

August 21, 2009

Angela McCown, Director
Victim Services Division
8712 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 265
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Dear Ms. McCown:

In 2007, an estimated **12,998** people were killed by drunk drivers in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Nearly 10%, or **1,292**, of those deaths occurred in the State of Texas (which represents **38.4%** of all 2007 Texas deaths). **Over one-third of all people killed in Texas annually are killed by drunk drivers.**

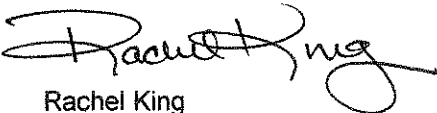
Mr. Carter is one such killer. This offender knowingly and voluntarily drank to intoxication (BAC over .16, over twice the legal limit) and then got behind the wheel. In so doing, this offender violently killed four innocent children: Mandi McWhorter (15), Lacey Osina (17), Staci Lee (16) and Whitney Welch (16).

This offender was sentenced to only 5 years per child, or 20 years in prison. And while I withhold opinion as to the sentence a child's life may be valued at, I will say that this offender's sentence was generous considering the devastation he caused the victims, their families and the community. These being indisputable, this offender should serve out each day of his 20-year sentence, as any suffering he could possibly claim or incur in so doing can never come close to that of the victims or those who love them.

Everyone deserves justice – 20 years behind bars is what the law meted out – let justice be served. Further, protect us, Texas citizens, from any further pain and anguish this offender could inflict upon us through his flagrant disrespect for the law and human life.

For the sake of every soul on the great State of Texas, I pray that the Texas Parole Board of Pardon and Reviews will fight to keep the emphasis on the consequences of this criminal behavior and DENY PAROLE TO RICKY CARTER.

Best to you and yours,



Rachel King
Dallas, TX