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DATE: January 12, 2014

RE: Parole Denial for Thelette Brandon, TDCJ-ID #339778

Dear: Sir

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support and concern for the safety of our community. Faced again with the parole review process of Thelette Brandon, who murdered my husband, Waco Police Sgt. Roger Barrett, on June 12, 1976, I am seeking your assistance to continue Mr. Brandon's incarceration in our correctional system.


I am enclosing a bio and fact sheet about the crime. Enclosed too, is a fact sheet on How To Effectively Protest A Parole. Please study the format and include those things that are imperative to the case. As you write your letter, please be aware of the two most important considerations of a parole decision, the nature of the crime and seriousness of the offense. Please note that the TDCJ-ID # for Mr. Brandon should appear on all written material. Please do not forward the enclosed confidential correspondence, but develop your original letter from the information.

To effectively keep convicted criminals off our streets and away from our families we need to send a strong voice to the Board of Pardons and Paroles in Austin. If you feel this perpetrator still poses a threat to this community and are willing to join in keeping him in the correctional system then please write along with fellow community members to keep him behind locked walls and away from the public.

All correspondence should be dated no later than January , 24th 2014. Should you have questions or need additional information please contact me at the number listed above.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, I remain...

Sincerely,


Shirley Barrett

Enclosures



1933 - 1976

Waco Police Sgt. Roger Earl Barrett, who was killed June 12, 1976, while apprehending murder suspect Thelette Brandon, died of multiple stab wounds in the chest and back which caused massive hemorrhaging and collapsed lungs. Brandon also shot Sgt. Barrett once in the lower right arm and once in the back and engaged in a shoot-out with other police officers before his capture.

Brandon had stabbed to death 21-year old Frank Johnson, Jr. of Cherryvale, Kansas minutes earlier inside a bus terminal.

Brandon was found guilty of capital murder and was assessed the death penalty in 1976. Brandon escaped his death sentence by the use of an opinion in a higher Court (Estelle v. Smith). He ultimately pled guilty to two counts of murder with a deadly weapon and was assessed two consecutive (stacked) life terms in prison.

Thelette Brandon is NOW being reviewed for parole. Parole Board members may make life-changing decisions which have the potential to negatively impact victims as well as the public safety of all free citizens.

If you think Thelette Brandon should NOT be paroled, please express your opinion by writing to:

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice
Victim Services Division
8712 Shoal Creek Blvd, Suite 265
Austin, TX 78757-6899**

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HOW TO EFFECTIVELY PROTEST A PAROLE

Be sure to **IDENTIFY** the individual by name and TDCJ number.

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All letters should begin with (or as near the beginning as possible) **"I WANT TO PROTEST.."** followed by **WHAT** you are protesting (parole, furlough, parole review). This statement allows the Parole Analyst to route your letter correctly.

List the exact reasons **WHY** you are protesting. For example, "I feel (name) would be a threat to the safety of the community because of the nature and seriousness of the offenses."

Letters should be signed with your full name and address.

The following are suggested reasons for denial of parole in this case:

- ◆ parole is not in the best interest of society at this time
- ◆ the nature and seriousness of the offenses (murder)
- ◆ the number of current offenses (two murders)
- ◆ use of a weapon in the current offenses (deadly weapon)
- ◆ assaultiveness in the instant offense and past offense

It is important not to Xerox or photocopy any sample letters. Please draft your own, original letter.

Address all Parole Board correspondence to:
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SAMPLE FORMAT FOR LETTER FROM AN ORGANIZATION, CLUB OR BUSINESS PERSON:

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Dear Board Member:

(CREATE YOUR OWN LETTER USING YOUR OWN THOUGHTS AND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION ATTACHED.)

Respectfully yours,

Joe Smith