

\*\*\*\* My son was brutally murdered in Charlotte and what happened to my son was never represented, just diminished because of the power shift when there can't be a trial. And there won't be a trial if there are hundreds in line. Justice was blurred with every long step it took to bargain with a murderer that the state had ample evidence to convict.

Gang members or any predator that use violence to terrorize our citizens cause irreparable damage and devastation to their victims. The heinous nature of the actions of the arrested predator is what the predator is ACCOUNTABLE for. They deserve to be pursued and removed from our streets for the safety of society. Our sentencing guidelines and punishment for murder are not comparable to the harm the murderer inflicted on the victim, family and community.

Guns are the weapons that make predators powerful. Our gun charge laws should be more powerful to deflect gang proliferation and rewards.

There are real people in huge numbers that are horribly victimized over and over from pampered predators free to victimize over and over. The services, representation and considerations are mainly extended to the violator. The victims are left with disappointment, and indifference by our justice system and government.

Amanda Rae the little girl who was brutally raped and murdered. The last act she saw was Fred Coffee destroying her while being murdered. Her parents are eternally devastated and cannot recover the terrifying loss of their murdered child; Pain that is impossible to bear is every day for them till they die. Fred coffee suspected in many more child murders was convicted and sentenced to death. As typical and state paid for, the sentence was commuted to life while the victimized family, stuck with their life sentence are forced to revisit the nightmare every year for parole hearings to keep him accountable, punished, incarcerated, to represent Amanda, her grieving family. Their loss eternal.

The justice system is what insures society's moral standards, constitutional rights, safety and quality of life.

To budget leniency for violent predators is misguided, and dangerous to society.

I, my family and city thank you for your recent support and ask you respectfully, to please consider modest increases in gun laws, violence laws, sentencing guidelines for violence, ADA, judges, staff, modern equipment and prison space.

If you would adopt stiff fines for non-victim related drug offences you could make money to help pay for this, while freeing up prison beds as well. Leaving room for violent destroyers of life.

The disappointment in our government's budget regarding Justice in my city runs very deep. And our growth has brought much need for safety related increases in fair revenue our citizens provide.

Thank you  
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