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Your best friend or a family member will appreciate a copy of this book. It is important that we continue to encourage ourselves in our walk with God. It is important that we continue to read, study and mediate (Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth"... (2 Timothy 2:15) so that in times of trouble we will not falter but gird our loins (2 Timothy 2:3 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus) and stand for right not evil. As Peter was a fisher of men, I shall be a farmer for life planting seeds of hope wherever I go.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

READING HELPS TO SHAPE A MAN'S THOUGHTS

And God said, "Son, pay attention to what I say. Listen to my words. Never let them get away from you. Remember them and keep them in your heart. They will give life and health to anyone who understands them. Be careful what you think, your life is shaped by your thoughts."

Proverbs 4:20-23

Since you are reading this page you are trying to make up your mind whether or not you want to purchase this book. The cover has attracted you, so you have decided to open the book and browse. As for the question do you want to purchase this book? My answer to you is 'Yes.' It is a resounding yes. Yes you want to purchase this book because reading this book will change your life. Reading is an activity like none other. The consequences of reading are extraordinary just as the consequences of not reading are extraordinary. Without reading you will live your life in darkness. You can sit before an orchestra where the music will thrill you to passion and for a while your spirit will soar. You can turn the radio on in your car and the music will carry you away but there is nothing like reading. Reading will not only transport you to another place and time, reading will change the circumstances of your life forever. Reading will carry you to the future where you will see possibilities and reading will send you to visit the past where you will see potential.

Music provides a temporary high to relieve you from your surroundings whereas reading can lead you to a permanent relief from everything around you. Reading can change your reality, transforming you into a new person. You can read one paragraph and say "Why not?" or "Of course!" You can read one book and say "I never thought of that" and read a second book and say "If only I had known this before!" You can see one word on the page

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and say to yourself “That can be me. I have possibilities in my life.” Once you begin reading in earnest you will realize that you can learn from reading about how a man failed in his life and as well as how a man succeeded in his life. In fact learning how a person failed is a good road map for success, because failure always provides you with an alternative point of view.

Think of the man who decided to construct the street light, or to design the fire hydrant, or to design the light bulb. Where did these ideas come from; what was the source of their inspiration? One source of these inventions was reading. Reading allows for the accumulation of information. When this information is assimilated in the human brain an idea is born. One invention sparks another invention that sparks another great idea until finally man is raised to an enhanced state of existence. Reading provides the recipe for originality.

A man says to himself there must be a better way. He goes to a library trying to find that better way. He reads and reads and reads assimilating information looking for that better way. If he does not find that “better way” in the books he has read, he has still learned something. He has learned that he has to invent the better way. This time he begins to read books looking for ideas to help him as he invents. In the book Father Hunt, by Rex Stout (1886-1975), who wrote over 70 detective novels, the character, Nero Wolfe, makes a brilliant point that I will never forget regarding how an idea is born. Rex Stout wrote Father Hunt in 1968. I read the book in 1976 and I still remember Nero Wolfe’s preoccupation of how his sidekick, Archie Goodman, came up with the idea of a silver abacus being owned by Paul Revere. Archie Goodman told Nero Wolfe that he used the possible existence of a silver abacus owned by Paul Revere to gain an interview with a wealthy businessman. Paul Revere never owned a silver abacus but the possibilities of such an item triggered the imagination that allowed for the interview.

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During the publication of this book I spoke to three men, each man made a negative comment regarding reading. One man said that no one would read each individual name on the list in the book; the second man said no one would purchase the books because people were too busy worrying about money to read or to purchase a book. In hard times no one buys books. What American woman would be interested in what I had to say to purchase a book? The third man said some of the books were too large that no woman would take the time to read the books. He said the number of pages in each book would immediately turn women off. No woman or man would purchase a book consisting of four hundred to five hundred pages. Needless to say I was disheartened for a second. Then I sat and thought about their comments. Their words were not complimentary to women or to people in general. There is nothing to life during hard times but meat and potatoes. Grayness had descended on the earth. Life was so brutal that reading could be ignored. I decided to persevere. These men had to be wrong. I continue to believe that reading, regardless of the number of pages in a book, is seen as an activity that enriches the soul and enlightens the mind leading men and women to greater and greater heights and inventions. The fate of America will be decided by how well we nourish our minds and assimilate information to continue our growth. I shall continue to believe that people will see that reading leads to a better life.

When you read you can learn to eat healthy and to better manage your money and life. Reading allows you to quickly prepare for a dinner party or help you impress a friend. When you read you are open to adventure and confidence bathes your spirit. Reading is the commencement of light and the cessation of darkness. Reading is the activity that puts the soul to flight. If you desire a change in the status and wealth of your life, then reading is an activity that you can ill afford not to do.

Knowledge is Your Best Weapon Against Evil

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"To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

President Theodore Roosevelt Jr., 36th
October 27, 1858 – January 6, 1919

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“ The belief in a supernatural source of evil is not necessary; men alone are quite capable of every wickedness. ”

Joseph Conrad, was a Polish-born British novelist

“There is no dignity in wickedness, whether in purple or rags; and hell is a democracy of devils, where all are equals.”

Herman Melville, novelist

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⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. ¹⁰And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:9-14

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Chapter 1

IF YOU BELIEVE IN GOD YOU DO NOT BELONG IN PRISON

_____ **T**his essay is written to the young man sitting at home holding a gun in his hand contemplating an act of violence.

If you believe in God you should put the gun down and reconsider your position.

You should walk into the bathroom, look in the mirror, and ask yourself these four questions:

Do I belong in prison?

Do I want to spend the rest of my life in prison?

Does my mother want me to spend the rest of my life in prison?

Is there anything else I can be doing besides holding this gun in my hands?

If you answer yourself with an affirming statement, then you should leave the gun where it lay, come join the rest of society, and face the day.

If you do not answer yourself in the affirmative, then you have made the decision that there is no God and what you desire should control your conduct or conversely you have made the decision that there is a God but at the present time you choose not to follow Him and that you are the author of your life or there is a God but you prefer to support the Devil in his mission.

In either case the decision you need to make is a simple one. You need to consider your position and answer your self in the affirmative and follow God.

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We make this statement because a Christian does not belong in prison. If a Christian lands in prison, either the jury made a mistake { (N.Y,Jeff Deskovic, 16 (31) – TX Ernest Willis,42 (59) - NY Roy Brown, 31 (46) } {Timothy Cole, Texas, convicted of rape in 1985. He died in prison in 1999. He was innocent of all charges his alleged victim said, 'I was positive. I really thought it was him.' Her attacker was a smoker. Timothy Cole had asthma. Timothy Cole was posthumously exonerated} or the Christian forgot who he or she was and committed an act against God and man (OK Dennis Lee Hellar, 53). If you believe in God, then you do not belong in prison. You belong outside in society working toward a better world. Anyone can go to prison. Dope dealers make good prisoners (Tracy L. Frost, 30 – father of murder victim Makalya Ann Frost 37 weeks). It does not take a rocket scientist to be a prisoner. All it takes is a moment of indecision or a moment of impulsiveness and off you go into an arena where you may not survive. When you do not follow God, your conduct is saying there is no hope. When you do not follow God, your conduct is saying nothing is going to change. When you do not follow God, your conduct is saying I do not believe in God's promises. Before you make a decision to use that gun maybe you need to take some instructions from a minister and learn of God's promises before you decide to follow a path of no return. Also, maybe you should go to the library and read the life stories of men who resisted picking up a gun (Malcolm X) just to survive. There are thousands and thousands of men who get up every morning and go to work as dishwashers, garbage collectors, factory workers, window washers, street cleaners, tree trimmers, cement finishers, painters, etc. They face their day with courage and faith to provide for themselves and their families. They do not pick up a gun in anger and use rejection as an excuse for violence and to murder. The love the men have for their families goes beyond the love for themselves, that love keep them going back to work day in and day out. A man can feel miserable inside but love is everlasting and nothing will come before his wife and children. This is why adultery is such a dastardly deed.

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If you believe there is a God, then you cannot knowingly pick up a gun and commit an act of violence because your action is saying you are willing to accept God's judgment of your behavior, which is illogical. Also you are saying you are willing to accept man's judgment of your behavior which is also illogical. No man remains resolved into eternity. No man is willing to accept God's judgment unless the man believes that judgment is favorable. How can God's judgment of you be favorable when you violate one of His commandments? Can you truly conceive of a situation where you do not care what happens to your soul? Let us see how long Mr. Daniel Franklin, 34, remains resolved while he serves life in prison without parole for the murders of his ex-wife Mrs. Machekia Robinson (pregnant) and her daughters, Rockell Robinson and Taria Robinson, 8. He did not kill his child. He wanted to leave his seed upon the earth. She will be the only proof after his death that he existed. Let us see if he does not believe in something other than himself when he turns 50 and his hair is gray and his back is bent and his daughter ask why daddy.

Either there is a God or there is not a God. If you believe there is a God, then you should follow Him. If you do not believe there is a God then fare ye well. But it would behoove you to consider your options carefully. It would be smart of you to err on the side of caution and accept the possibility that there is a God and lay down the gun rather than take a chance and end up in Hell. You are quite right, we do not know definitively in this physical world whether there is a heaven or hell but if you are a betting man it seems it would be wise to gamble on the side of the angels. We know prison is hell. Putting a gun in your hands increases the possibility that you will end up there.

To date there are approximately 2 million men in prison, on probation, on parole, or in jail in the United State. Also there are approximately 3,700 men on death row. If you pick up that gun and use it, then you will be just another man among 2 million men going to prison to spend the rest of their lives there. How

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significant do you think your life will be among 2 million other men? Think about it. How significant do you think the lives of Mr. Jon Siesling, Mr. Robert Foster, Mr. James Castle, Mr. Randall Abbott, Mr. Wayne Kubsch, Mr. Ismael Cisneros, 26, Mr. Oscar A. Grande, 22, Mr. Chivous S. Robinson, 23, and Mr. Paul Bernard are now that they have been convicted of murder. How important is Mr. Ronald Brown now that he has been convicted of murder. June 7, 2005 Ronald Brown, 42, was convicted in the murder of Deva White, age 7. He picked up a gun and fired it. This act changed the destiny of his life. Mr. Brown was found guilty of first-degree murder in the state of Michigan. His conviction was a foregone conclusion, he murdered a child and there were witnesses against him. The jury was not going to let him walk away after killing a child. Mr. Brown had no defense. He murdered a child with a gun. His sentence is automatic. He shall spend the rest of his life in prison. Mr. Brown is 42 years old. He has approximately 30 more years to live which means he has approximately 10,950 days left to spend in prison, living the same day over and over again. The courts will never review his sentence nor does he stand a chance of having his sentence commuted by the governor. The last time a Michigan governor interfered in a criminal case was under extraordinary circumstances. All that is left of Mr. Brown's life are days in prison. Thursday, October 8, 2009, we learned another man is going to follow Mr. Brown into prison he too shot and killed a child. July 1, 2006 Mr. Leroy Larose, 31, and Damon Darling, 24, of Florida decided to have a shot out in a neighborhood where children played. Please note neither man is an expert with a gun. They were just two stupid men who pick up a gun and fired the gun without training mimicking what they had seen on television. Over 30 rounds were fired. During the shoot out 9 year old Sherdavia Jenkins was shot to death while she played with her sister. Mr. Larose pleaded guilty to second degree murder. He will serve seven years in prison then 10 years on parole. The only reason he got this sentence is the prosecutor needed him to testify against Mr. Darling. Mr. Larose will be a free man in 3 years. We shall see if Mr. Larose is stupid enough to pick up another gun in his life time.

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Mr. Darling was tried for second-degree murder October 2009 an anonymous tip led to his arrest someone did not like him. It was his bullet fired from an Ak-47 assault rifle that killed Sherdavia Jenkins. She was shot in the head while playing on her porch. She was making mud pies. She managed to crawl into the house where she died in her mother's arm. After a days deliberation the six person jury found Mr. Darling guilty of manslaughter. Here is the catch Mr. Damon Darling is a convicted felon who, by law, is not permitted to have a gun. A witness saw him with a gun.

Mr. Ronald Brown committed a stupid act with a gun that cost a child her life. Now he will spend the remainder of his life in prison awaiting death in one form or another either at his hands, an illness, or at the hands of another. He allowed the Devil to lead him to commit a violent act all because of his injured ego. He refused to exhibit self control and to walk away after a perceived injustice. He allowed anger to lead him to murder, the worst sin of all. He shall now wear the mark of Cain on his brow. Consider all the visiting days that he will not spend with a familiar face. Slowly everyone will disappear from view. He will be the relative everyone whispers about attributing his fate to chance. Those close to him will say, "If only Ronnie had not picked up that gun." With respect to Mr. Darling there is no doubt in my mind the judge is going to give him the maximum sentence for every charge that he was found guilty. No one likes Mr. Darling. The jury judged him fairly but no one likes him. He was paroled after serving time for one felony rather than trying to improve his life he returned to the world of drugs and violence. I believe there will be a surprise for him when he is sentenced in November. No one likes a man who kills a child. Soon Mr. Darling will find out that he does not like himself. He will have a1000 days to think how he killed a child with a gun he put in his hand. His callous actions left Sherdavia Jenkins' mother shattered her daughter died in her arms. December 23, 2009 Miami Dade Circuit Judge Marisa Tinkler Mendez, told Mr. Damon Darling, "For you, sir, I have not particular sympathy" after she sentenced him to 50 years in prison for the shooting death of 9 year

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old Sherdavia Jenkins. His lawyer had told the judge that Mr. Darling was remorseful and would give his life for Sherdavia if he could. Fifty years in prison is worse than the Kansas Hard 40. By the way every time the reporters referred to Mr. Darling in the newspapers they called him Damon "Red Rock" Darling. What do you think the purpose of that was? He exist for their amusement forever more. The reporters also called him a petty thug.

There are hundreds of men in jail awaiting trial who will soon follow Mr. Brown and Mr. Darling. When you pick up a gun and use that gun in an act of violence, you will end up in prison. February 3, 1979 Vadah L. Warner was murdered in her home in Flint, Michigan. June 11, 2005 a Flint judge ordered Ronnie L. Bullock, 45, to stand trial for murder of pianist, Vadah Warner, 69. Mrs. Warner was found beaten and sexually assaulted in the bedroom of her home February 3, 1979. Vadah Warner was smothered to death with a pillow and sexually assaulted with an aerosol can. Do you think Mr. Bullock wants to go to prison at his age for a crime he may have committed when he was 19-years old? Ronnie L. Bullock was doing acid in 1979. He saw nothing wrong with his behavior so he continued to do acid. He also continued to disrespect the law like Mr. Darling and Mr. Brown. When he was arrested in 2002 for drunk driving, his fingerprints were taken. He was caught for the murder of Vadah Warner because his fingerprints were entered into the state data base in 2003. Genesee Circuit Judge Richard B. Yuille sentenced Mr. Ronnie L. Bullock to 20-30 years in prison. Mr. Bullock apologized to the family of Vadah Warner through his attorney, Frank J. Manley. Do you think Mr. Bullock believes there is a God? Let us see if Mr. Darling can mouth an apology to the family of the child he murdered. Let us see if he mans up.

In 1975 Regina Marie Reynolds was raped and murdered in central New York. April 20, 2004 Mr. Donald M. Sigsbee, 68, was sentenced to 25 years to life for her murder. Do you think Mr. Sigsbee wants to go to prison at the age of 68 for a crime he

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committed 29 years ago? August 7, 1995 Deborah Hunt, 30, was shot to death in her home. She was shot in the back. Deborah Hunt was the mother of five children. Her children were with relatives at the time of her murder. For ten years her murder case remained unsolved while her family suspected her boyfriend. April 14, 2005 the wait was over Louisiana state probation and parole agents detained Mr. Larry Mack, 52. Mr. Mack was later charged with second-degree murder. Do you think Mr. Mack wants to go to prison at the age of 52 for a murder he committed ten years ago? How much would you wager he regrets the decision to pick up a gun? Not so much that Ms. Hunt is dead but that he now faces a lifetime in prison. Mr. Mack knows Louisiana has the worst prison system in the country.

January 7, 2003 Stephanie Pepper Sims, 29, a Tech University English professor, was reported missing from her home. A few days later her body was found in the wooded area in Ansley, Louisiana. Later that night her ex-boyfriend, Mr. Wayne Guidry Jr., 26, was arrested. Mr. Guidry is scheduled for trial in 2005. Mr. Guidry is now 28 years old. He too has a life expectancy of 70 years. If convicted he will spend 15, 330 days in prison before his death. The prosecutor is not seeking the death penalty. All of the components for a death sentence cannot be met in this case. Yet we do believe if convicted mid way through serving the next 42 years in prison Mr. Guidry will have some regret. Mr. Guidry was convicted of second-degree murder in 2005. In Louisiana this conviction carries a punishment of life in prison without parole. Mr. Wayne Guidry Jr. shall die in prison for murdering Stephanie Sims. He took her life now the state of Louisiana shall take his life. March 1, 2007 The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeal in Shreveport upheld his conviction in a 12 page opinion.

In 1979 Sylvia Durante, 25, was raped and murdered in Washington. For twenty-five years she lay dead and her case unsolved. February 2, 2005 the wait was over. Mr. William Bergen Greene, 49, was found guilty of murder. What makes this

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conviction unique is that Mr. Greene was an inmate in prison when he was charged with this murder but he had hope. He was in prison only for three counts of rape and under a law that might be overturned in the future that would allow for his parole. Please note very few states have severe punishment for rapists. The average wait time for a man in prison for rape is approximately 8 years.

Prison inmates always sit in prison waiting for new rulings from the United States Supreme Court negating their sentences (See Hands Across America). In Mr. Greene's case do you think he wants to return to prison now under a conviction of murder? The answer to this question is a resounding "No". This conviction removes all hope. He shall never walk the streets again as a free man. When a person is found guilty of committing an act of violence against another person the state has the power to order a man or woman to spend the rest of his or her life in prison. You do not want to find yourself in the position of either Mr. Guidry or Mr. Greene. Neither of these men will see another flower grow unless it is on television.

Mr. Chris McClendon, 40, is another man who shall have regrets for his behavior. He too was arrested in prison for the rape and murder of Tracey Barker, 22, a single working mother. He murdered her May 2, 1989 at 2 a.m. after she left her job as night supervisor of a Pizza Hut. Mr. McClendon was 24 years old in 1989. He is now 40 years old. As far as New Mexico is concerned he started his career as a rapist in 1983. He was convicted in 1985 for two counts of rape. He served four years and was paroled. The judge allowed his two 9 year sentences to run concurrently. Shortly after his parole he murdered Tracy Barker and left her child motherless but he was not apprehended. In 1995 he assaulted two other women. This time he was apprehended and was sentenced to two, two year terms in prison. He was paroled again in 1996. In 1999 he raped another woman and was convicted in 2000. He was sentenced to consecutive two life terms in prison. He had to rape five women before he received this

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sentence. In 2005 he will stand in front of a prosecutor and tell the court what he did to Tracey Barker. This was the plea agreement he made to escape the death penalty. He will then return to prison to spend his 10,950 days in prison. Mr. McClendon's history with law enforcement demonstrates the problem in this country. Men who are rape suspects are never considered murder suspects in cold cases. It should be automatically assumed that when a person is accused of a violent act against a woman he is a candidate for other violent crimes against women. Look at the number of women Mr. Chris McClendon attacked before he was charged with murder.

Another man, Mr. Walter H. Emeney, 59, if convicted will be following Chris McClendon to prison. Mr. Emeney is accused of murdering Patricia Clark, 32, also a single working mother. She was his coworker. The prosecutor is alleging that Mr. Emeney stabbed Ms. Clark to death because she refused to marry him. If Mr. Emeney is convicted of this crime, he destroyed Patricia Clark's family. Her children were split up after her death. One son was sent into foster care; a daughter went to live with her grandfather; and another son was adopted by his first-grade teacher. Do you think Mr. Walter H. Emeney wants to go to prison at the age of 59 for a crime he committed twenty years ago? We can safely say the answer is no. Try sleeping on a prison bunk with arthritis. June 25, 2007 Mr. Walter H. Emeney age 61 was convicted by a jury in Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge, Massachusetts of the killing of Patricia Clark, who was found stabbed to death in November 1985. Mr. Emeney was given an automatic life sentence without the possibility of parole. He shall die in prison.

Can you image yourself standing in court apologizing to a woman for murdering her son? This is what happened to Mr. Billy Ray Deshawn Johnson, 18, in 2007 after he was convicted of second-degree murder. He decided to pick up a gun the consequence of his action cost a man his life. He or his accomplice shot Michael Zebuhr, 25, a graduate student, to death. March 15, 2007 Billy Ray Johnson found himself in court a convicted man

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having to face the mother of the man he murdered. He had to lift his eyes and stare into her face and say, "I apologize for the loss of your son. ... I hope you will forgive me for what happened to your son." He had the pleasure of shooting Michael Zebuhr, a graduate student, now he will spend 30 year (10,950 days) of his life in prison answering the question why did he not make another choice. He had to stand in court and listen while Michael Zebuhr's mother read a four page victim impact statement telling the court that her son was a doctoral candidate in bioengineering at Clemson University with an interest in becoming an orthopedic surgeon, and that her son was a West Virginia state champion wrestler in high school. Image the jurors noting the contrast between the victim and his assailant. There is no doubt Mr. Johnson will always remember Michael Zebuhr's mother telling the court that she was disappointed in the 30 year sentence and her saying, "I wonder what kind of society are we to allow Billy Ray Johnson to receive anything less than what he did to my son." Billy Rae Johnson and another man robbed Michael Zebuhr and his mother as they left a restaurant. One man took Mrs. Zebuhr's purse and the other man shot Michael Zebuhr in the head. Neither person resisted the robbery so there was no reason for Michael Zebuhr to be shot. What was hidden from view is Billy Ray Johnson had to accept the plea bargain offered to him otherwise he would have been convicted of first-degree murder receiving a life sentence. There was no attorney in Minnesota that could keep him out of prison. Although he probably wanted to run he had to stand and listen to Michael Zebuhr's mother tell the court, "I have not been able to enjoy my life as I did before he was murdered." Billy Rae Deshawn Johnson probably finally realized what he had done to his grandmother. His grandmother who raised him will probably die alone as he languishes in prison all because he decided to pick up a gun to rob someone. Her death will probably be hasten through grief and anguish all because of the actions of her grandson.

Also, please do not think we have finished naming men who are scheduled for conviction in this country in 2005 - 2007. We have

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not. Imagine being indicted for murder when you are 62-years old and being told that you are going to trial for a murder you committed March 20, 1969 when you were 26-years old. This happened November 2004 to Mr. Gary Leiterman. He was charged with murder in a Washtenaw county courtroom. He will now answer for the murder of University of Michigan law student, Jane Mixer. He is linked to her death through DNA. July 22, 2005 Mr. Leiterman was found guilty and in September he was sentenced to life in prison without parole. He shall die in prison.

We can tell you the names of men all over the country where it is almost certain that within the year they shall be in prison, many under the sentence of death. There are ten men who will be going to trial in 2005 and 2006 in Alabama, California, Georgia, Indiana, Missouri and Louisiana, who are going to be convicted and sentenced to death. It is almost a certainty. It is a foregone conclusion they will be convicted. The district attorney in either state can walk in to court blindfolded, wearing a clown outfit, and get a conviction. These ten men are suspected in the murders of 76 women and one child. One of these men is suspected of murdering women in two states. And one of these men has already been convicted of murdering three women in another state. Imagine ten men are almost certainly going to be sentenced to death in a country waffling with capital punishment. Can you imagine the chagrin of the defense attorneys? There is no dance a defense attorney can make to save these men. Juries are now finding themselves unhappy with the insanity plea or the statement "poverty made me do it".

How important will the lives of Messieurs Victor Paleologus, 44, a California parolee, or TaJuan M. William, 30, Terrell Anthony Bird, 24, and Mr. Anthony DeLeon be if these men are convicted of murder? All of these men are charged with murder. They will be tried in 2005 or 2006. There are three men in California who are special, Mr. Jesus Guadalupe Velazquez Penuelas, 20, Victor Aaron Alburto Lozada, 31, and Mr. Sergio Rojas Arias, 22. The

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prosecutor has asked for death if two of the men are convicted of murdering a young woman they are accused of robbing. Three men are charged with robbing, raping and killing Miss Jessica De Da Torre, a woman known to two of the men. She was Mr. Penuelas' coworker. This is what Ingrid Wyatt of the district attorney's office in California said, "The death penalty was being sought because they tortured her, they killed her, they dragged her behind a car. It's just the sheer callous nature of the crime." Sergio Arias allegedly held the Miss Torres down while Jesus Velasquez sliced her with a knife to get her to reveal her ATM pin number. Jesus Velazquez Penuelas, 22, is charged with slicing Jessica De Da Torre with a knife before running her down with her car. He raped and assaulted her in her home. He threw her body in the back of her father's car, drove her to the Jurupa Hills in Rubidoux to dispose of the body. While Miss Torres was being disposed of, Mr. Sergio Arias went to the ATM machine to get the money. Mr. Lozada allegedly drove behind the car to Jurupa Hills then drove Mr. Jesus Velazquez Penuelas to Fontana California to dispose of Miss Torre's car. The pair drove back to town to pick up Mr. Arias and learned he was not successful in getting the money out of Miss Torres' account. Mr. Lozada allegedly drove Mr. Penuelas and Mr. Arias to several ATM machines to get the money, but to no avail. Miss Jessica De Da Torre was brutally murdered for naught. The men wanted the opportunity of spending \$7,000. The devil and his suggestions led Mr. Penuelas to commit murder and all he and his friends got out of situation was a lot of drama and several days in court.

Mr. Jesus Guadalupe Velazquez Penuelas, 20, had five special circumstances added to his murder charge: rape, sodomy, torture, kidnapping and robbery. He was the monster man walking around in a man's skin. Mr. Sergio Rojas Arias, 22, was charged with murder and had three special circumstances added to his murder charge; robbery, torture and kidnapping. He let Mr. Penuelas talk him into this abominable crime. The special circumstances charges made both men eligible for the death penalty. Mr. Victor

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Aaron Alburto Lozada, 31, was charged with murder and aiding. He was Mr. Arias' roommate. The reason why Mr. Penuelas is a monster is Miss Torre was allegedly his girlfriend. Remember they were coworkers this is how he knew of her saving habits. He had sex with her just before he killed her (remember attorney Fletcher of Michigan). Mr. Penuelas beat Jessica De Da Torre unconscious before putting her body into the trunk of her father's car. Just before disposing of her body he ran her over five times with her father's car to make certain she was dead. He told investigators he did not want a witness. Coroner Mark Fajareo said, "There's so many injuries, it's hard to keep track of what's there."

The thought of robbing Miss Torres incubated for a while before the deed was done. The robbery could be so easy and no one would know just like a computer game, a taste of surrealism. Now the state is going to ask for the lives of these two men in exchange for the life of Jessica de la Torre. It is alleged that the two men found out that Ms. Torres' father saved most of his wages to purchase his daughter a car. They wanted the money so they tortured and killed Jessica Torres. They stripped her naked and threw her in the trunk of the car. The murder weapon was the victim's own car. Aaron Lozada, 31, faces life in prison if convicted. The other two men face death. Police found Jessica De La Torre's body on August 15, 2003 in Rubidoux, California. Her body was found by off-road motorcyclists a few hours after she was dumped in the woods. She was eighteen years old. Mr. Jesus Velasquez Penuelas and Mr. Mr. Sergio Rojas Arias stupidly believed the \$7,000 saved by Miss Torres' father was accessible through her account and that they could withdraw \$7,000 from an ATM machine at one time.

Do you think Jesus Velasquez Penuelas will not be sentenced to death after attorney Wyatt gets through with him in court? Attorney Ingrid Wyatt is going to lay waste to these men in court. There is no way she will accept anything less than death for them. Their bond is set at \$500,000. Who is going to post their bond so

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the men can flee the country? Jesus Velasquez worked with Jessica De la Torre at an Ontario, California market and was considered a friend. He knew she worked and saved her money and her father was saving money to buy her a car he wanted this money. He did not have the character to work and save his money. He saw Jessica De La Torre as the perfect victim. It would be so easy to take her money and buy the things he wanted.

If Jesus Velasquez and Sergio Arias are convicted of this crime and they are not executed, there is no justice in the world because this was a crime where a man told this country to go to hell. I shall do just as I please. They gave no acknowledgement to God or the greater society. Out of curiosity why not check in 2007 and see how these men fared in their trials, especially since you are a betting man. Yes you are a betting man. You are betting when you use that gun that your act of violence will go unnoticed, unreported or uninvestigated just as Jesus Velasquez and Sergio Arias allegedly thought. You are gambling just like Jesus Velasquez and Sergio Arias gambled that the only outcome to your violent act is an outcome that you can foresee. If convicted we shall see how well Mr. Jesus Velasquez and Sergio Arias deals with being executed. Three separate juries heard Miss Torre' murder case in 2008. The juries were color coded. Deputy District Attorney John Molloy told jurors "She was dead from the moment he walked in the house that day." Apparently the jurors believed DA Molloy because they brought back a guilty verdict. The fact that one of Mr. Penuela's attorneys was a female (Judith Gweon) did not help him. The presence of a female attorney during a trial is supposed to tell the jury, "See the defendant likes women." One of Mr. Penuela's attorney said the murder just happened. Mr. Penuela was angry because Miss Torre told him she was seeing another man. June 5, 2008 Jesus Guadalupe Velazquez Peñuelas, 25, was convicted of three special circumstances in the murder of Jessica de la Torre, making him eligible for the death penalty. He was found guilty with the special circumstances of robbery, torture and committing a felony. Mr. Arias' attorney,

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Jeffrey A. Van Wagenen Jr., told jurors that his client was not involved in Miss de la Torre's death and characterized District Attorney John Molloy's allegation as "wild, crazy talk", a little drama for the courtroom.

Jeffrey A. Van Wagenen Jr. said just because Jessica Torre's stereo was found in Mr. Arias' home does not make him a robber. This statement did not help Mr. Arias. How did the stereo get in his home a little birdie dropped it off? June 6, 2008 Mr. Sergio Rojas Arias was found guilty of first-degree murder and the special circumstance of robbery. A mistrial was declared during the trial of Mr. Victor Aaron Alburto Lozada, 34. The jury deadlocked, 11-1, in favor of a conviction. Monday, June 30, 2008, the jury said Mr. Jesus Guadalupe Velazquez Penuelas, 25, shall be put to death for his efforts in murdering Jessica Torres. The jury recommended that Mr. Sergio Rojas Arias, 27, be sentenced to life in prison without parole for his participation in the death of Jessica Torre. In California and Florida the judge does not have to follow the recommendations of the jury. August 8, 2008 Riverside Superior Court Judge Terrence R. Boren sentenced Mr. Penuelas to death and he sentenced Mr. Arias to life in prison without parole. What do you think is now on the minds of these men surely not all the fun they had spending Miss Torre's money? Mr. Lozada will be tried again. The prosecutors in California are tough they do not back down nor are they cheap. They do not allow their citizens to be murdered and their assailants not tried. California is known for extraditing men from other states to stand trial for the murder of California citizens. Mr. Lozada's third trial began Wednesday, August 19, 2009. One of the prosecutors called Mr. Lozada a team member in his opening statement. Riverside County Deputy District Attorney Ambrosio E. Rodriguez said "Her family deserves all three men who killed her to be punished." "He's been lucky. He deserves to be held accountable." So far 22 people say Mr. Victor Lozada is guilty two people say he is not guilty. During the 2009 trial Mr. Lozada's attorney, Mike Schaaf, tried swaying the jury by saying, "On August 15, 2003, an angel went to heaven, and an animal sent her there. "Jesus Penuelas is an animal.... Lozada

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didn't know what his alleged co-conspirators had done to De la Torre, and he didn't participate in the robbery, rape or killing.” It is Mr. Lozada’s contention he knew nothing about nothing. September 3, 2009 a new release was issued that a Riverside County jury convicted Mr. Victor Aaron Alburto Lozada of second-degree murder in the death of Jessica De La Torre's on his 36th birthday. Imagine all this happened because a girl told her friend her father had saved \$7,000 to buy her a car.

You are probably not impressed by anything that I have said thus far but consider this: Mr. Lozada will be sentenced to so many years to life in prison which means he is eligible for parole. Being eligible for parole does not mean he will be paroled. He may appear before the parole every two or three years and he may still be denied parole like Susan Denise Atkins. Susan Atkins was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility for parole after she and several women were convicted of the murder of actress Sharon Tate, 26, August 1969. Mrs. Tate was 8 months pregnant. Also killed were Jay Sebring, Abigail Folger, Voityck Frykowski and Steven Parent, a few days later the group murdered Leno and Rosemary LaBianca. Susan Atkins appeared before the California Parole Commission several times. The last time she applied for parole was September 2, 2009. Her parole was denied. What was unique about this parole application is Susan Denise Atkins was diagnosed with brain cancer. One of her legs was amputated and she was given only two months to live. She appeared before the board on a gurney. She was in an out of consciousness. Susan Denise Atkins died September 24, 2009 at the age of 61 in a California prison nursing facility in Chowchilla California. Her confession and her contrition did not help her with the parole board, nor did her conversion to Christianity help her. The crime she committed could not be forgiven by society. Society felt Susan Atkins gleamed too much joy out of her deed. At the time of her conviction she said during the penalty phase of her trial, “I was stoned, man, stoned on acid. I don’t know how many times I stabbed (Tate), and I don’t know why I stabbed her. “She kept

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begging and pleading and begging and pleading, and I got sick of listening to it, so I stabbed her. I felt no guilt for what I've done. It was right then, and I still believe it was right. How can it not be right when it's done with love?" Susan Atkins served 40 years in prison. At the time of Atkins' death she had been in prison longer than any woman currently incarcerated in California. As you can see parole is not guaranteed it is just a carrot offered used to control behavior. Therefore, if you commit an act of violence with your gun that society considers unforgiveable you will spend your last days in prison regardless of your eligibility for parole.

Robert Turner age 29, of Illinois is another man who allowed an evil thought to incubate until he believed murder was feasible. Governor Ryan saved him from the much deserved gallows.

Do you see how the value of your wager has grown? Pick up the gun and you are almost certainly facing death either at the hand of a police officer, at the hands of your intended victim, or at the hands of the state. Do not follow the fool who tells you how many times he has broken the law and gotten away with it. His tales may be nothing more than male bravado laced with a lot of lies. Anyone can make a daring get away from the police in their mind it is another thing to escape the police in reality.

Take a look at the list of names below.

1. Mr. Anthony Olszewski III, 23
2. Mr. Carl L. Girouard Sr.
3. Francisco Lake, 27,
4. Henry L. Meinholz Jr., a 52
5. Michael Adams, 17, and
6. Patrick Nerette, 17,
7. Jamie P. Fuller, 16,
8. Eusebio Rodriguez, 36,
9. Ervin Triplett Jr., 26
10. Joseph W. Sleeper

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11. Michael Lodge
12. Robert Darren Ruddock, 37,
13. Brian Sirois, 34,
14. Charles Thompson, 32,
15. Ervin Johnson, 36,
16. Kevin Montez, 24,
17. Herman Cruz, 22,
18. Joseph Buckman
19. Edward Donahue,
20. Richard Kenney, 35
21. Jason Pierce, 25
22. Thomas Toolan
23. Oscar Urrea
24. Damion Linton,
25. Darrell Sharpe,
26. Niles Reavis
27. Kenneth Scott Richards, 49
28. Lastarandre Bell, 31,

Sentenced to Life in prison in Massachusetts.

1. Keith Dunn, 36,
2. Donald R. Thompson, 43
3. Joshua Nilsson
4. Joseph Facella
5. Seymour G. Townsend

Life in prison without parole in other states

1. Richard C. Powell, 36
2. Damien and Shirikiana Draper
3. Aaron Mitchell, 23, and Warren Mitchell, 24
4. Raymond Smith, 46
5. Joey Bazzetta, 24,
6. Michael Alan Root , 30,
7. Herbert Helton

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8. Reco Jones
9. David Stappe
10. Michael Stacy
11. Leonard Durham and Kimberly Simmons
12. Gerald Tuttle
13. Lynn Jackson
14. Kevin Holtzer, 25,
15. William E. Carr Jr., 18
16. Benjamin Atkins
17. Joseph Allen, 23
18. Richard Moorman, 25
19. Mr. Steven Stout
20. William Curtis, 54
21. David Richard
22. Jarvis Lee Jackson, 23
23. Augustin Pena
24. Cornelius Copeland, 17,
25. Joseph Green, 18
26. Mabelle Yvonne Pearson, 20
27. Anthony J. Bonelli, 17
28. Theodore McGoldrick, 40
29. Samuel Sharad Shabazz, 18
30. Robert Pann
31. Matthew Copeland, 19
32. Robert Gambrell
33. Darryl Donnell Turner, 38
34. Eric Vincent Martin, 20, and Eric Dennis Allen, 18,
35. Mr. Donald Thornton
36. Steven Kado 44,
37. Michael Neal
38. Bradford King, 45
39. Robert Thomas Nauss Jr.
40. Darrell Mease
41. Scott E. Stewart
42. John Eric Armstrong, 26
43. Guz Howze, 21

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44. Tony Raynell Hampton, 30
45. Jon Vermeulen
46. Joseph Thomas
47. Scott Stoughton, 21
48. Jeffery Wayne Gorton, 39
49. Michael Walton
50. Victor Lamar Waterford, 16, Alex Vernal Waterford, 19, and Willie Labrown Hill, 19,
51. Gus Trevino, 32,
52. David Goodreau
53. Kevin Joseph Campbell, 26, Jessie Hilton, 19, and Fathiree Ali, 25,
54. Richard D. Ferguson, 43
55. William Diefenbach, 42
56. William McAlister
57. Dirk Goelz, 44
58. Angel Carrasquillo
59. Alton J. Fields, 51,
60. Aaron L. Henderson, 19,
61. Antonio J. Swanson,
62. Rosemary A. Jackson, 34
63. Christopher M. Kapeller, 42
64. Dr. Richard Sharpe, 47,

These are men sentenced to life in prison without parole in the state of Massachusetts. The next five men are men who were sentenced to life in prison in Massachusetts with some possibility of parole. These two lists may not impress you but I assured you without any effort at all I can assemble a list 20 to 30 times greater than the two lists below of men sentenced to life in prison in any state of the union (maybe not Wyoming). Now look at the third list. This list consists of men sentenced to life in prison without parole throughout the country. It took me about 5 minutes to assemble these lists. I present them to you so you can see the number of men you will be following into prison after you use that gun you are holding. These men were just like you until they decided to

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participate in a violence act. Look at their ages. Imagine being sentenced to life in prison without parole at the age of 16, 17 or 18. No one in their state spoke up and said a child should not be sentenced to life in prison without parole at their age. Or let us build a prison for teenage offenders who are sentenced to life in prison without parole so that these teenagers will not be exploited by older prisoners.

Again, please do not be impressed with the sentence of just life in prison because parole can be hard to obtain. The relatives of your victim(s) can write letters or appear before the parole board, or have petitions signed to prevent your parole. There are only a few states where relatives cannot appear before the parole board (Wisconsin). I can cite you several cases where the relatives were diligent in preventing the parole of the offender who murdered their love ones. The brother of one of the nurses murdered in Illinois attended every parole board meeting of Richard Speck to keep him in prison. There was a man whose wife was murdered he appeared before the parole board until his death even though he had remarried. After his death his second wife appeared before the parole board on his behalf. She made this gesture to honor her husband. There was a case in Missouri where a teenager murdered his neighbor. The victim's family worked tirelessly to keep him in prison. If you live in Florida or Louisiana, any thing goes if you are a teenager who commits a capital offense male or female. So please do not think because you are a teenager your age will protect you from being charged as an adults. There are people in this country who are sick and tired of teenage violence and they do not care what happens to a juvenile offender just as long as the police and courts keep him or her off the streets. There is a 15 year old male being tried as an adult in Minnesota for the murder of Mrs. Roszak, a 93 year old Radisson woman. He and a 27 year old man are accused of breaking into the woman's house May 3, 2009 and stabbing her 15 times while she lay in her bed. The papers are calling the murder a "thrill kill." The attorney of the 15 year old says the adult murdered Mrs. Roszak and he

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exerted undue influence over a child. The mother of the 15 year old said her son called her from jail and said, "Mom, I want you to know I didn't do it. I didn't hurt that lady. I was scared for my life."

This was a brutal murder how much understanding do you think this 15 year old will receive from a jury. Probably very little because people are being influenced by what they see on television. People see children making adult decisions in movies and sitcoms not realizing these movies are fantasies that these movies are not real (Home Alone). How many of the jurors do you think will say to themselves, "well he must be guilty or the judge would not have allowed the prosecutor to try him as an adult?" It is this type of thinking is what led to a boy in Florida being convicted of first-degree murder for conducting wrestling moves that killed a young girl. Children do not think like adults and they never will and allowances must be made for their lack of perception. The above 15 year old had just met this man and probably felt proud that the older male accepted him as a friend by smoking marijuana with him. When the situation turned nasty, the 15 year could not extricate himself.

This happened in Michigan. Two men entered a young girl's home to steal. While there the young girl was raped and murdered. The two men were apprehended and brought to trial. Clearly both men were guilty but the question to be answered were both men guilty of the same crime. The judge said no. He admonished the prosecutor for trying to treat both defendants the same. One of the defendants was mentally handicapped. He did not have the where with all to conceive, plan nor execute this crime. He was seduced and was being used. His buddy needed his physical strength just in case he encountered an adult in the home. He also needed the mentally handicapped male to help him carry the loot. The judge demanded that their cases be severed and that the charges against the mentally handicapped defendant be reduced. When the young woman was being murdered, the handicapped male was fearful he tried to run. The prosecutor ignored his mental handicap. The

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handicap defendant did not know how to extricate himself from the situation. He did not come to the house to steal or to murder. He came to the house to help his friend carry some items. He believed the story that was told to him.

Do you want to be a 15, 16 or 17 or even 19 year old facing life in prison? Think about it, if you do pick up a gun to solve your life problem some day your name may appear on this list sentenced to life in prison without parole in Massachusetts.

The reason why I know how many men are in prison in the United States is because I researched the number. One day I decided to see if the men who had been convicted of murder were still in prison. We began this research when we thought that a man who committed murder in New Jersey was allowed to return to Korea. In fact we had a difficult time finding several foreigners who committed murder in the United State. We wanted to know if these men were allowed to return to their native country after serving only a few years in prison. We wanted to know if this was a trend. We wanted to know how effective the judicial system is when people are not looking. We went looking for certain men to see if they were still in prison, to verify the number of victims. We went looking for Edmund Ko. He was sentenced in 1998 to 25 years to life for the murder of one of his girlfriends, a Columbia University Law Student. In 2003 he was tried for the assault on a second girlfriend. We wanted to see how the judge dealt with these two distinct sentences and how long Mr. Ko would be in prison.

This research led us to find out how many men there were in all prisons. Some of the men we went looking for we could not find in prison. We looked everywhere for them. We reviewed the trial information and verified their names and ages. We verified the sentencing dates, the judge's name and the name of the prison. We knew the men were convicted and we knew their sentences were life in prison without parole or their sentences were life with parole after 30 or 40 years. Still we could not find these men in

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prison nor did we find any record that the men had been exonerated. Finally a light bulb went off in our heads when we saw the data from the Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics. We realized what the problem was. The men had been incarcerated but rather than serve their sentence the men committed suicide. These men decided suicide was a better alternative than incarceration.

So now we introduced a fifth question for you, while you are holding that gun in your hand, "Do you think when you enter prison you will have the guts to commit suicide once you decide you can no longer tolerate prison?" Male bravado aside, do you think you can pull the trigger and kill yourself? Actually you will not be using a gun to kill yourself. You will be using any implement you can find to kill yourself so your death may take awhile. Death will not be instantaneous like using a gun. You will probably have to use a sharp object to slit your wrists then sit and wait until enough blood has drained from your body to cause unconsciousness. Killing yourself with a gun is a luxury only for men living outside of prison. That is, unless you choose to attempt a prison break then maybe one of the guards will shoot you (suicide by police – this has happened in Texas and Florida). Suicide by police is a technique used by men who are not able to kill themselves. The men wave a gun or point a gun at the police forcing the police to fire.

We found something else peculiar when we went looking for certain men in prison. Some of the men were removed from prison and sent to mental institutions because they deteriorated into nothingness. Our research also revealed that medical care in prisons is not too hot. There are thousands of men suffering from chronic diseases in prison, many dying of cancer. They receive minimal if any drug treatment for pain. We tried researching to see if the prison provided chemotherapy and radiation treatment to prolong the life of a prisoner suffering from cancer. We did not get a consensus on this question. Some men die strapped to a gurney screaming in pain from the cancer eating their bodies. Later their

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bodies leave prison in a box. There are no oncologists working in prisons. An oncologist does not need prison employment. An oncologist can pick and choose his place of employment. Think about this could it not be possible that the only physicians that seek prison employment are the physicians paying off student loans or physicians that have had problems in the pass and their licenses are cloudy. I know you do not think that a state can pay a doctor more than he or she can make in private practice. By the way one of the men we investigated who died in prison strapped to a gurney screaming in pain was an innocent man. He died on death row in Florida. This man believed in God, he held out hope until his death. He knew he was going to die but he wanted to be exonerated before his death. He was cleared of all charged after his death. The state refused to allow this man the dignity of dying at home surrounded by his family. He was a common criminal so he deserved what he got as far as they were concerned. He had to be guilty of something even if he was innocent of the charges that put him on death row.

The prosecutor had to show his constituents that he was tough on crime. The citizens of Florida could count on him to uphold the law even if it meant holding an innocent dying man in prison. Remember power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. You should remember once you use that gun in a crime you may be tried by an unscrupulous district attorney who doesn't mind fudging evidence or ignoring evidence. This is why the state of Illinois has such a horrible reputation. There are all types of men and women serving in our court system, including weak public defenders who would rather you plead guilty than try your case in court. Remember Perry Mason and Ben Matlock are fictional characters, creations of Hollywood. I know of only one case when an attorney went all out to save a child from a conviction of first-degree murder. That attorney is now under an indictment. He is the envy of the legal community. Some of his fellow attorneys feel that he should be taken down a peg or two. They are envious and jealous of his defense record. Notice anytime a person tries to

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relieve the suffering of the poor, he becomes a target. His enemies look for any and all information to slay him. Jealousy is definitely a green eyed monster. Abe Fortas' enemies kept him from becoming a Supreme Court justice. It has probably never occurred to you the amount of politics there are in legal profession. It has probably never occurred to you that a group of attorneys could conspire to get rid of another attorney (have his license taken) just because they are filled with envy and jealousy. Imagine having a legal system of mediocre lawyers; lawyers who are afraid to argue with the judge or put themselves on the line for their client. What change would you have then? Yes there are attorneys who do not want to offend a judge, fearing the results of future cases he will bring before the judge. What will happen to your life if you have one of these attorneys defending you? Why should an attorney jeopardize his future earnings to defend you?

The attorney that is under indictment was very vocal. When he was indicted people of color thought he was being railroaded. Many people said they smelled a rat. Someone's college friend from Washington was called in to make him shut his mouth. He criticized the state attorney general and the Michigan Supreme Court. To a lot of citizens in his state this particular attorney's criticism was correct. The Michigan Supreme Court is now just a rubber stamp for big business, insurance, and drug companies. They have done little to protect the rights of small men and women of the state who do not have money to pay to take a case to appeals court. Years ago the state attorney general and the Michigan Supreme Court were intricately involved in the every day life of the people in the state. They did much to insure equal treatment under the law for those without money; now many of the justices were aloof. You probably cannot find one person other than a party member in the state who can name one of the Michigan Supreme Court judges now, which shows how unimportant these judges have become to the man on the street. Years ago people believed in the court. People felt that once a case arrived at the court's door fairness would prevail. Now the

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court is covered in cobwebs for all of the public traffic it gets. The court seems to think it is immune to scrutiny. We shall see. God said everything will be revealed in due time. Imagine Michigan, one of the greatest industrial states is a state where its citizen cannot sue a drug company. There is a fraud case that is making its way through the courts, we shall see whether the Michigan Supreme Court will hear the case or evade its duty.

Remember very few people if any have money enough to file an appeal beyond the state level into the Federal system therefore putting the case out of the reach of state influence. So just imagine if you were railroaded by a prosecutor, what are you to do? You have no money for an appeal so you will sit in prison and serve your time whatever it may be. In some states DNA testing is not mandatory once a man has been convicted of rape. An innocent man can languish in prison if the judge does not rule that the state release forensic evidence for testing. All court cases beyond the first trial cost the defendant money. DNA testing is costly. Suppose the district attorney says you not only murdered a person with your gun you also raped your victim. Then what? There was a man who was convicted of rape we believe in the state of Illinois. He did not commit the rape. He was innocent. He languished in prison for years. His family saved for years to get enough money to pay for DNA testing. How many states allow for DNA testing at the state's expense when a person says he was wrongfully convicted and that DNA evidence would exonerate him? You are lucky if you live in one of these states. The man was finally cleared and released from prison. The man was convicted before DNA testing. Remember we said Perry Mason and Ben Matlock were creations of Hollywood. Well Jack McCoy and the police detectives of Law and Order are also creations of Hollywood. Remember evil can be found anywhere and in any profession. Don't you think for a moment there are not prosecutors in this country who do not want men exonerated and released from prison proving our legal system is not infallible? These prosecutors like to walk into court with their chest stuck out condemning the defendants being tried. Imagine a

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prosecutor's chagrin having to explain to the public and news reporters years later how he or she prosecuted an innocent man or woman. The first question out of a reporter's mouth is what evidence did you used to convict this person?

Being wrongfully convicted happened to several men in Illinois. One man said he was tortured into confessing, other men said they were intimidated, one man said the police didn't try hard to find the real rapist. He said the police arrived at the conclusion he was a rapist and that was all there was to it. His family fought for years to get him released from prison. No one believed these men were innocent but they were. These men were convicted of first degree murder and criminal sexual conduct. Two were sentenced to death and four were sentenced to life imprisonment without parole. These men were innocent. Governor Ryan finally had the courage to say the system was broken and removed everyone from death row. Governor Ryan's logic was correct. How can any state keep men on death row with the number exonerations being granted by the state? Illinois was releasing innocent men from death row. This is a dangerous situation for a democracy.

The number of innocent men released from death row in this country has grown more than the number of your fingers and toes. It is like the flood gates have opened. Several innocent men were released from prison in 2009. Does this not tell you something is wrong with our judicial system? This is the system you will encounter if you use the gun you are holding. Your holding that gun in your hand implies you do not have any money which means you do not have enough money to guarantee you will be treated fairly by the judicial system. In light of this evidence your using that gun will make you the stupidest man in the world bar none. Not only should you be sent to prison for your stupidity you should never get out. Society should not let anyone this foolish walk our streets there is no telling what you will do if the mood hits you. Your using that gun tells society you have no will power, you have no empathy and you surely do not have any self control. Twelve

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people will be called upon to evaluate your conduct what description of your character can your attorney offer to get the jury to believe in you or to show mercy?

Now consider this for a moment. Say you start a life of crime; petty crimes at first then you graduate to burglary. One day a burglary occurs and a woman is raped and bludgeoned to death. You lived down the street or in the general neighborhood of the victim. A policeman says he suspects you of that crime. What do you think will happen to you? You will be convicted because of your past. This happened to a man, in fact our research showed where several innocent men were convicted because of their past. Remember the man who died on death row in Florida. He was convicted because of his past. He did not commit the rape and murder he was accused. An eye witness had to later admit she was wrong. The man who actually committed the rape and murder went on to rape and murder approximately 20 to 30 more Black women and he is living today. Now imagine two women are raped and murdered in their home and the police suspect you, you can be convicted just like Mr. Robert Lee Miller Jr., 27. He was convicted in Oklahoma. He did not have a criminal record. He became a suspect merely because he was spotted by patrol officers in the area of the murders (The Daily Oklahoman February 25, 1987). Mr. Robert Lee Miller told reporters he was being framed and he's "never done anything like that in my life." "I wasn't even anywhere close to there. In court he pleaded innocent to eight felony counts. No one believed him but he was innocent. The real murderer was convicted in 2001 (See The Deadliest Moment Part Two Chapter 11 Easy Pickings Anna Laura Fowler, 83 and Zelma Cutler, 90).

Mr. Miller was sent to a mental hospital for observation. Imagine being admitted to a mental hospital having your mind probed by someone who thinks you might be capable of rape and murder. Remember if the prosecutor says you are guilty he or she must have evidence proving the assertion. Surely the prosecutor would not charge a man or woman based on supposition or likely

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circumstances. This would be dishonest. Prosecutors are servants of the court they are not suppose to be dishonest. Self interest should not enter into their decisions to take a case to court. Hummmm.

Now did you notice anything about Mr. Miller's speech? Mr. Miler is illiterate. What defense attorney do you think will take the time to decipher what an illiterate man has to say to prove his innocence?

Do you want to join these innocent men in prison? People are convicted everyday because of their past or appearances, what make you think you will fare better than them? What do you think of a society who likes to call women junky whores on television or police officers calling men scum bags?

What you want to do is live your life with the armor of God surrounding you. Remember the Devil wants you convicted so you can enter the prison system and never be returned to your family. He wants your incarceration to be a burden on your family. He wants your son to grow up not knowing you. He wants your mother to die from the stress on her heart. He wants you to suffer when you cannot go to her funeral (few men are escorted from prison to their parent's funeral). This happened to a man. I saw him cry on television when he spoke of not being able to attend his mother's funeral. He was one of the innocent men I spoke of who was held in prison. His attorney said the sheriff failed to investigate properly. God knows. This man loved his mother and he did not get a chance to say goodbye or look into her eyes one last time. What are you going to do when this happens to you after being imprisoned for firing your gun? Tell your mother you are sorry. Your being sorry is suppose to make everything all right to your mother, your son and your family. Please the word sorry is the most over worked word in our language besides the word ok. Your son or daughter does not want to hear the word sorry. They want to hear the words, "Daddy will be home soon son then I will take

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you riding on your bike.” “I do not want you in the street until I get home.” Keep your sorry(s) to yourself and do what you are supposed to do for your family. Children need love and attention. They do not need the word I am sorry because you decided to become a criminal. No child should be left on this earth without the protection of their father. No one said it is easy being a man. But there have been men before you that have stood up and there will be men after you that will stand up. So why do you not join them?

You may feel pressured to fire that gun because you are angry at the circumstances of your life. You may feel there is no way out poverty is a horrible form of rejection waking in the morning see devastation all around you can break a man's spirit. But you cannot let poverty break your spirit. There is hope. The hope can be found in God's promises. You must resist the temptation to do evil to your fellow man. The second greatest commandment is to love thy neighbor as you love yourself. You must resist thinking you are worthless, you must resist thinking you are destined to be poor for the rest of your life and that selling drugs or becoming a hit man is your only way out of the situation you find yourself. Avoid anyone who mentions committing a violent act. I mean run from them. Get as far away as you can from a fool. You rather be a poor man and live outside of prison than to be a smart man living in prison. Some time in the late 1980's or early 1990's 16 to 18 men were convicted in federal court in the District of Columbia for being involved in a criminal conspiracy to sell marijuana and to murder witnesses. All of these men were sentenced to life in prison without parole. These men were young in the prime of their lives. Not one of these men will ever share the joy of a Thanksgiving dinner with the family ever again. They shall visit with their sons from behind bars.

Is this the sentence you want to hand down to your son or daughter?

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