

Dear Your Honor,

My name is Larry Flores, and I was blessed to have 4 beautiful boys up until April 3, 2006, when I received a call which is every parent's nightmare telling me that my son was shot. I remember that day was like a normal day. I went to work, and the boys were home. I was still working when I received the call from my son Damon telling me that Demetrius had been shot. At first, I did not believe him because the boys like to joke around, when I heard the seriousness in Damon's voice and all the noise in the background, that is when I realize that it was real. At that moment, I jumped into my car to rush to my son to make sure he was okay. I was an hour away, frantically driving and praying that Demetrius was okay when I received another call a few minutes later telling me that Demetrius had died in his twin brother's arms. That moment my life, and his brothers lives, as well as my entire family's lives was changed forever.

On April 3rd, I did not just lose just one son, I lost my son Damon as well. Being an identical twin, Damon lost half of him. Our lives have never been the same since April 3rd. Damon and Demetrius were only 17 at the time of the crime. To have your child taken away from you for a senseless act, is the worse pain to feel because it never goes away and there is a feeling of emptiness that I live with every day. Fifteen years later, the pain is still with me. I often wake up feeling sadness and emptiness because I am missing my son. I was robbed of seeing my son grow into a man because the defendant shot and killed him. I also mourn the loss of so many hopes and dreams. Ill never have a granddaughter or grandson from Demetrius, to cuddle with and buy presents for, or smile because they have my son's eyes, his affection, or personality. I will never be able to celebrate his birthday, Christmas or Father's Day with him or buy him anymore presents. I will never be able to see him grow to be a man or what type of career he would have. Most of all I will never see him or hear his voice again.

Demetrius was deprived of life. He was deprived of being an adult, a man and possibly getting married and have children and seeing his children grow. Damon and Demetrius being identical twins, they shared a special bond, they were inseparable and did everything together. Demetrius was very loyal, sincere, genuine, humble, affectionate, sentimental and most of all loving and a caring son, brother, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend. I could be upset or having a bad day, but Demetrius and Damon would always manage to make me laugh and smile by their goofiness and joking around. Demetrius had a beautiful soul. He was very patient with others and kind. Damon and Demetrius were very athletic, and very determine to succeed. Demetrius loved being with his brothers, cousins and grandparents. Demetrius will never see his brothers get married or be a part of his nieces or nephew's lives. He will never be able to grow old with his brothers because the defendant chose to take his life.

Since the death of Demetrius, my son Damon has never been the same. Damon and Demetrius were as close as two people can be and share 100% of their genes. On the day Demetrius was killed, part of Damon died with him and has never been the same. Damon now suffers severe PTSD and is not able to live on his own. He continues to struggle with the separation of his brother. Damon has been in and out of mental health facilities because of the loss of Demetrius. On April 3, 2006, I lost not only my son Demetrius, but I lost part of my son Damon. Damon is unable to work due to his mental challenges that

was caused from the evil and vicious crime. Damon is unable to have a relationship or companionship with a woman because of his mental stability. Damon was also deprived of having a normal life or a career. Damon's mentality is of a child. Damon is 32 years old today and has a mind of a 10-year-old. Damon was deprived of being a man with a career. He now must have someone with him around the clock and depends on medication to keep him stable and from reliving the nightmare of the day his twin brother died in his arms.

Today and the rest of my life I will forever mourn the loss of my son and the sentence that was given to the defendant is the appropriate sentence. Defendant's actions was vicious, evil and premeditated. He saw Christopher, and my boys walking along the street minding their own business, when he decided to run home, grab a loaded gun, and track down the boys where he would eventually find them walking in the wash. He pointed the gun at my boys and Christopher, who was just 16-years-old, and two defensive 17-year-old boys. He shot Christopher point blank in the head, then turned the gun toward Demetris, as he pleaded for his life, shooting him in the neck severing his spinal cord. When Damon ran to get away from the Defendant, he fired shots at him in attempt to take his life as well. On that day the Defendant, made a choice to pull the trigger not once but multiple times.

I pray that you hear the facts of the case, our voices and our voices on behalf of Demetrius who no longer has a voice and do not overturn the Defendant's life sentence because the Defendant was 17. At that time the Defendant's actions was evil, malicious and he had the intent to kill, and we ask that justice be served on the crime and not the age! Again, this 17-year-old went home, grabbed a gun, and tracked down 3 young men, taking two of their lives because Christopher Trevizo owed him money. My son had nothing to do with the issue. The Defendant has yet accepted the responsibility for his actions and the pain he has endured to all our families. My sons were innocent bystanders, who were at the wrong place at the wrong time. The Defendant killed two people, and even though Damon is alive, part of him died on that day and he will never see or speak to Demetrius again, nor will he be able to live a full and happy life due to his mental status because of the defendant's actions. Why should the Defendant be able to be free and live his life when he chose to murder two human lives leaving all those who loved them with a void that can never be replaced, a sense of emptiness forever in our hearts. He showed no mercy for my sons or Christopher when they begged and pleaded for their lives, please show no mercy on him! Please take a stand and show our community that this malicious act of violence will not be tolerated regardless of age. If you allow the Defendant to walk out of prison after only serving 15 years, you are setting precedents to minors that a life has no value or meaning, and it is okay to murder a human being because they will only serve a minimum sentence up to the age of 25.

Thank you,

Larry Flores