Attention, Attention, People Everywhere! Urgent Request!

My name is Meral Orlando Smith. I was born on October 8, 1950 in St. Croix, Virgin Islands and I was raised up there.

I was Convicted on August 13, 1973 for what has been Known as the "Fountain Valley murders", which took place at the Fountain Valley Golf Course, St. Croix, Virgin Islands, on September 6, 1972, where eight (8) people were Killed.

I was Convicted along with four (4) other men. All of us went to trial together and all the Same charges and we were all Sentenced on August 13, 1973 to Serve eight (8) Consecutive life terms.

I am not here to dispute or argue about anything that was Said or was done in the past, but I must Say that no matter what anyone Said about me in the past, I declare openly that I did not plot or plan with anyone else to Commit any crime at the Fountain Valley Golf Course in 1972, and what happened there, I Could not have Stoped, so whether you believe if I was there or not, Should not be an issue now, after me being in prison for 46 years, Crime free.

The fact is, one of my Co-defendant, Raphael Joseph was granted clemency by Governor Alexander A. Farrelly in 1994 and he was released from Prison December, 1994.

It has been over 23 years Since he was granted release, and I have Petitioned for clemency from Governor Alexander A. Farrelly in 1994, Governor Charles W. Turnbull in 2002 and 2006, Governor John P. De Jongh in 2010 and 2014, but have never even received a reply. Why? This is about a matter of fairness and about having equal access to the clemency process, and receiving adequate reviews, which I have never received.

The way I see it, I am a first offender and I don't have any Juvenile record, so I wonder why or how did my Co-defendant Raphael Joseph, who had prior Conviction, and was a fugitive at the time these crimes took place, could get clemency and I have not. what caterias are used to make determination to grant clemency?

What kind of Justice is this? All of us came to prison for the same crimes with the same amount of time, so what makes me and my other two Co-defendants in prison any different or worse that we haven't received clemency yet, also?

I have spent my time in prison wisely, learning self-employment business skills and I will be 68 years of age in october 2018 and I have legal means to take care of myself in open society and I am not a threat or a danger to anyone.

my main concern here is to appeal to you, the people everywhere, asking for your assistance with calling upon the Governor of the Virgin Islands, Kenneth E. Mapp, to grant me and my other two Co-defendants, Warren E. Ballantine and Beaumont F. Heras, a commutation of sentences to time served and release us from prison by end of the year 2018 or early 2019.

Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer; preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

Psalm 64:1

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