

April 1, 2015

Minnesota Department of Corrections – Victim Assistance
Attn: Lydia Newlin
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St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

RE: Life Sentence Review Hearing
Offender: Edward Clark OID# 100675

Dear Ms. Newlin:

I'm contacting you regarding the upcoming Life Sentence Review Hearing for Edward Clark, OID#100675.

In 1974, Edward Clark murdered Mike and Barb Jiminez and was convicted of two (2) first-degree murders. Unfortunately at the time of his convictions, the State of Minnesota didn't have the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Clark has never displayed a second of remorse for his actions and continues to have a complete lack of empathy for murdering Mike & Barb.

Although your decision today isn't based on the following, I believe it's important to consider the possibility. The study of criminal behavior supports the fact that this wasn't Clark's first act of violence. A person doesn't wake up one day and randomly commit two murders. Clark is a predator and I'm certain he was his whole life. If we had the technology and forensic ability in the 1970's that we do now, there is no doubt that his DNA would have been linked with many crimes against society such as rape, violent assault, etc. I'm sure that one of two scenarios occurred; 1. There was a trigger or triggers in his life which were likely the loss of his business, home life and legal issues, that escalated his predatory behavior and he murdered Mike & Barb, and/or 2. This time the situation got out of control for him since Mike was there and would have defended Barb.

Since the last hearing, I read a book he wrote. This was extremely difficult for me and I can honestly say I was depressed for many months after I read it. When my head cleared and I could assess what his book contained, it was clear that he's a psychotic with an unfounded sense of grandeur. The Mayo Clinic describes a psychotic with antisocial personality disorders as having the following traits:

- Disregard for right and wrong
- Persistent lying or deceit to exploit others
- Intense egocentrism, sense of superiority and exhibitionism
- Recurring difficulties with the law
- Repeatedly violating the rights of others
- Hostility, impulsiveness, aggression or violence
- Lack of empathy for other and lack of remorse about harming others
- Unnecessary risk taking and dangerous behavior
- Poor or abusive relationships

- Irresponsible work ethic
- Failure to learn from the negative consequences of their behavior

In addition to being a predator, all of the above traits perfectly describe Clark. There is no place in our society for him other than to be locked up for life. He has had decades to relive the horrendous acts he committed which would bring him pleasure. Additionally, he has had decades to figure out what he did wrong and develop scenarios to follow if he has the chance again.

The murders of Mike & Barb have had a ripple effect that has changed the course of lives in ways that people may not realize. Most certainly Barb & Mike would have had children who would have grown up in a loving family, being able to spend holidays, weekends, and sunny afternoons with their cousins, aunt and uncles.

I'm grown now and have two sons and a new grandson. They never got the opportunity to have Barb in their lives. They will never know how her smile and presence just lit up a room, they will never get a big smile on their faces when she would laugh her infectious laugh.

The list could go on and on. He didn't just murder two wonderful people, his horrendous acts shattered lives and left a hole in hearts that will never heal. The reality is though, none of those matters to him as he's not capable of feeling anything except for himself.

Neither age, health nor the passing of time should constitute a reason for him to ever have the freedoms that law abiding, moral citizens have. As an adult, he made a decision years ago that took his freedom away and there is no justification why he should have freedom returned to him.

I realize you read these letters everyday but I'm asking you to please stop for a moment and consider that you hold many fragile hearts in your hands today. Hearts that were shattered decades ago, have partially healed but never fully. This process is painful enough for the families and loved ones of Mike & Barb. Please don't shattered their hearts and spirits again because of a predatory psychotic who made the decision to murder two people and must pay for what he's done till the end of his life. The only educated and moral decision to make today to protect society is to keep Clark locked up till his death.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Anita Veith', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anita Veith