

Superintendent Nelsen
HUB Superintendent Perez
January 9, 2014

To whom this concerns,

I have written before to ask for your consideration for early release for Michelle Lennon. Michele is the daughter of Len and Rita Fintzy, very close friends to me and my family. I understand there has not been a commitment made at this time to re-unite Michelle with her family as part of an early release program. I hope you will take the time to read this letter and see the value in the timely release of this young woman.

The successful re-entry into society after the kind of lengthy incarceration Michelle has endured is extremely complicated. Michele has been out of the main stream of normal life during a time that the world has been changing at lighting speed. The changes in technology and medicine, education and society's sense of acceptance will impact Michele's choices and decision making.

Being aware of the new world that Michelle will face, Len and Rita have assembled a dedicated support group that is both diverse and committed to help Michele be successful. Len and Rita are well liked community activists with support from the public as well as the private sector. The City of WPB where Michele will be residing is the Palm Beach County seat of government. The County offers several programs as support for returning paroles including education programs and group programs.

Not knowing the requirements of the New York State early release program I am not able to speak to the kind of programs necessary for Michele. What ever programs are required I am sure it will be available here in Palm Beach County. I will personally reach out to the County and/or the State of Florida to confirm what programs are available to serve your requirements directly.

As an elected WPB City Commissioner and a long time resident of the area I believe that Michelle will be well served by our community. This is the best opportunity she could possible have for success. I am one of many that have offered support to the Fintzy

family. We do this because Len and Rita have proven to be great friends and neighbors to the citizens of WPB.

I know from personal experience that re-entry is not easy or fast, it is a process. It is very hard come back to society after a long hiatus. Michelle is not the person she was when she started this journey and neither are her parents. Consider the value of having the support being offered from so many people to help with Michelle's transition. Len and Rita are at the perfect place in their lives to be 100% engaged.

I close knowing you will weigh all of the facts available to you. I realize the importance of your careful vetting in this process. I respect your opinion and your decision. Please know that what ever I can do personally, I will.

With respect,

City of WPB Commissioner,

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